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The initial meeting of the Wyoming Public Safety Region 46 planning committee for 700 MHz will be held February 15, 2001, at 10:00 A.M. at the Wyoming Department of Transportation Auditorium, 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, Wyoming.

The FCC adopted a regional approach to spectrum management for public safety channels in the 700 MHz two-way radio band in "WT Docket No. 96-86 First Report and Order and Third Notice of Proposed Rule Making." Adopted: Aug. 6, 1998, Released: Sept. 29, 1998.

For more information, contact the convener for the meeting, Bill Smith, Communications System Supervisor for the Wyoming DOT. Write him at 5300 Bishop Blvd., Cheyenne, WY 82009. Call him at (307) 777-4440. Fax him at (307) 777-4764. Direct e-mail to bsmith1@state.wy.us.

We encourage anyone with public safety interest in Region 46 to attend.

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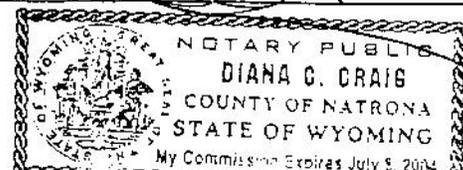
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Liz DeBerk

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That is the lesson here. All centers must plan for contingencies. You must know what you will do if the tornado hits, the floodwaters rise – or the history-making event focuses all eyes on you. And you cannot ever count on everything else being perfect so that you are optimally situated to handle “the big one” when it arrives. Chances are everything else will be far from perfect.

The trick here is to be well-trained enough, well-planned enough and well-policied enough to handle a big acute crisis on top of some chronic ones, if necessary. An old adage among pilots says the first emergency is not usually what causes the plane crash. It is a small emergency – an equipment failure, a sudden attack of nausea, a distraction – followed by another problem or series of problems. The last problem becomes unsurmountable because of an inability to handle them all at once. Then the plane crashes or, in the case of comm centers, the liabilities mount up. The pilot who survives – or in this case the comm center that copes – is the one that plans for adversity arriving in an already imperfect world.

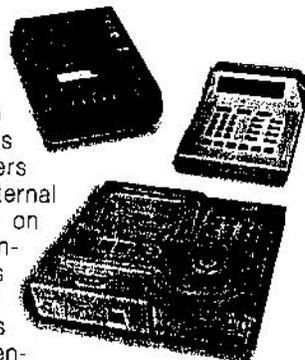
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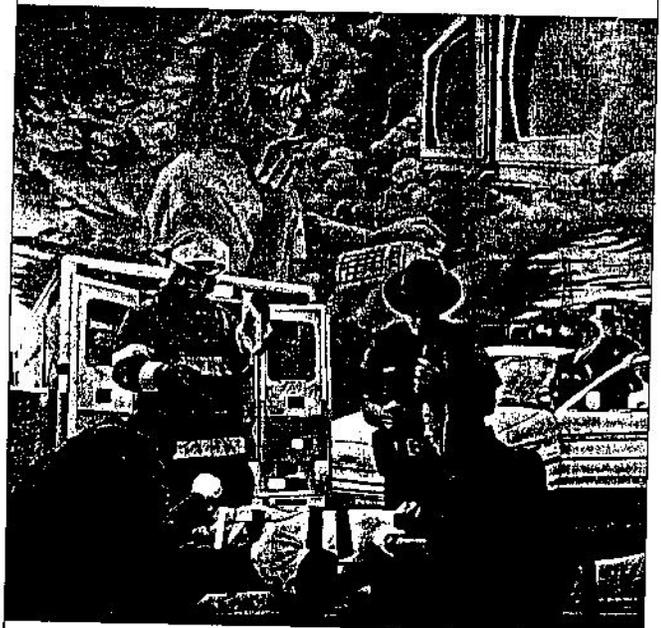
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