

NEWSLETTER

HELLO!

Welcome to the first instalment of what will become a regular update to our Civil Defence Emergency Management partners and supporters.

This new online newsletter signals an enhanced way for us to provide updates on the many local changes alongside any changes in the broader CDEM sector. Our contact details are included and we really welcome your feedback and ideas.

MEET THE TEAM

AFTER A BUSY SECOND QUARTER THE TARANAKI EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT OFFICE (TEMO) NOW HAS THE NEW TEAM ON BOARD.



CRAIG CAMPBELL-SMART
CDEM MANAGER

CRAIG COMES FROM A MANAGEMENT POSITION AT NEW PLYMOUTH DISTRICT COUNCIL AND BRINGS EXPERIENCE IN CHANGE LEADERSHIP AND STAKEHOLDER RELATIONS. HE'S BEEN ONE OF TWO GROUP RECOVERY MANAGERS FOR THE TARANAKI CDEM GROUP SINCE 2015. CRAIG WILL BECOME A GROUP CONTROLLER IN 2018.



TERESA GORDON
CDEM ANALYST

TERESA COMES FROM THE NEW PLYMOUTH INJURY SAFE TRUST, HAS A BACKGROUND IN PLANNING AND HAS MANY EXISTING RELATIONSHIPS WITH KEY AGENCIES IN THE SECTOR. HER WORK INVOLVES DEVELOPING A RANGE OF POLICY, PLANS AND RISK REDUCTION ACTIONS.



KATIE HOGG
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISER

KATIE COMES FROM RED CROSS WHERE SHE UNDERTOOK MANY OPERATIONAL DEPLOYMENTS AS PART OF THE RED CROSS NATIONAL RESPONSE TEAM INCLUDING THE EDGECUMBE FLOODS AND THE KAIKOURA EARTHQUAKE. SHE WILL UNDERTAKE THE ROLE OF RESPONSE MANAGER DURING AN EVENT.



TODD VELVIN
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ADVISER

TODD IS WELL KNOWN IN THE TARANAKI COMMUNITY WITH HIS VOLUNTEER ROLES IN SURF LIFESAVING AND SEARCH AND RESCUE, AND HAS WORKED IN VARIOUS OIL AND GAS RELATED INDUSTRIES. TODD WILL UNDERTAKE THE ROLE OF RESPONSE MANAGER DURING AN EVENT.



NADINE ORD
RESILIENCE ADVISER

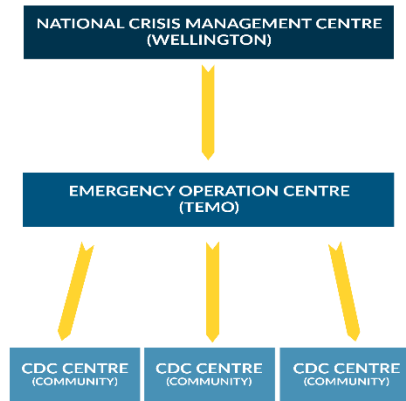
NADINE IS THE NEWEST EDITION TO THE TEAM. SHE HAS HELD A VARIETY OF ROLES WHICH HAVE INVOLVED COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT & PROJECT MANAGEMENT. NADINE'S NEW ROLE INVOLVES COMMUNITY RESILIENCE ACROSS THE 4 R'S AND VOLUNTEER MANAGEMENT.



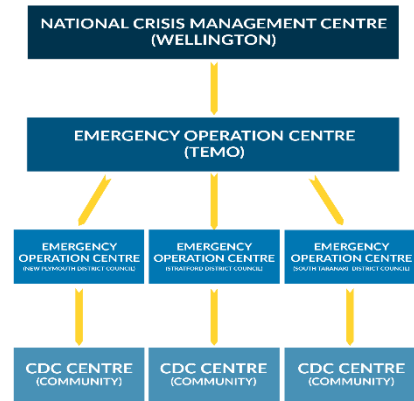
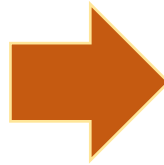
FATIMA MERCHANT-KHAN
ADMINISTRATION OFFICER

FATIMA IS ONE OF THE NEWER EDITIONS TO THE TEAM AND PROVIDES FANTASTIC ADMIN SUPPORT FOR THE TEAM, ADVISORY GROUPS AND WORKS ON KEEPING OUR OPERATIONAL SYSTEMS UP TO DATE

NEW WAYS OF BEING



OLD MODEL



NEW MODEL

There have been big changes here at TEMO aside from the new team. The Taranaki CDEM Group will be moving from a central operational model to a more localised operational model with each District Council in the region taking on responsibilities for operations in their areas. This will take place on the 1st of July 2018. This change will enable councils to work more closely with their community after an event, providing a better and more targeted response. Currently work is being done to establish three Emergency Operations Centres (EOC) based at the District Councils. These centres will deal with operational matters, while the Group Office will have responsibility for the overall coordination, priority settings and interface with the Ministry of Civil Defence & Emergency Management in the National Crisis Management Centre located under the Beehive.

GROUP PLAN

The new Taranaki Group Plan (2017-2023) has just been released to the public for consultation. You can find the plan on our website www.cdemtaranaki.govt.nz.



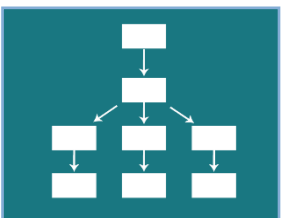
We would love to hear your feedback via the form online. Here are some key points from the plan:



Revised list of priority hazards. Potential volcanic activity from Mt Taranaki remains a central focus.



Commitment to working with local iwi through strengthening relationships to respond better to our community.



Outlines the new local delivery structure – putting more responsibility on local councils to provide tailored response.



Commitment to developing and strengthening relationships within the community in order to provide a better response.



Recognition and emphasis on the importance of recovery after an emergency event.

FAREWELL TO LYNSEY

It is with much sadness that we say goodbye to long time team member, Lynsey Wilcox. Lynsey is moving back to the UK with her family to follow new opportunities.

In her time with Taranaki Civil Defence, Lynsey has held several roles including Administrator and more recently, Resilience Adviser and Group Welfare Manager.



She has worked closely with the community to establish Community Emergency Plans as well as helped guide some of our Advisory Groups.

Her contributions to Civil Defence Emergency Management in Taranaki has made a big difference and we are better for having her work with us. She will be missed greatly by all who know and work with her.

PUBLIC EDUCATION

PREP HACKS

TEMO has launched a new readiness campaign aimed at making emergency preparation easy and cost effective for the public. The new 'Prep Hack' campaign identifies key actions that the public can do that will make a big difference in their resilience levels.

This campaign which was launched at the Hawera A&P show has so far proved popular and effective with members of the public responding well to the tips.



SOCIAL MEDIA

As part of the new Taranaki Group Vision (outlined in the new Group Plan) using social media as a tool to reach and educate the public has been identified as a key aspect of education. In order to make emergency preparedness relatable but also educational, TEMO has hired its newest little workers: Lego Men.

The new Lego team has come on board to demonstrate disaster readiness activities such as Drop, Cover, Hold and evacuation planning to the public in a way that is entertaining but also demonstrates the importance of preparing and practicing for an emergency event.



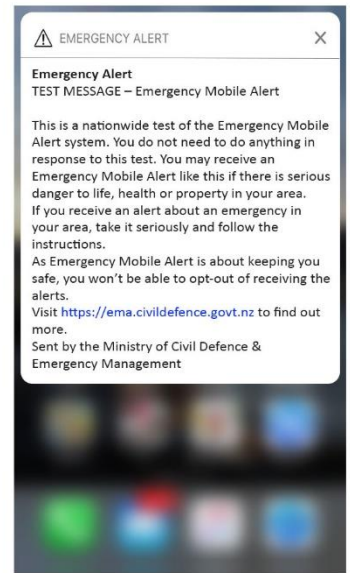
EMERGENCY MOBILE ALERT

The new Emergency Mobile Alert system was launched in New Zealand on the 26th of November 2017 with a Nationwide Test. The test alert went live at 6.15pm with over one million phones receiving the test message. Many more phones are expected to be capable of receiving the message as phone software is updated and old handsets are phased out.

In the future, the system will be used to send alert messages in situations with real and serious threats to life, health and property such as an expected Tsunami or water contamination event.

It must be noted that the EMA system is only one way of receiving information about emergencies so we recommend you stay connected via other avenues such as radio, social media, our website and act upon any natural signs of an emergency such as the Long and Strong, Get Gone advice after an earthquake by the coast.

You can read more about the alerts at www.civildefence.govt.nz



If your phone isn't yet capable of receiving the alerts we recommend downloading the Red Cross Hazard App as we can also send alerts through that platform



IN AN EMERGENCY
STAY SAFE
STAY INFORMED



KNOW YOUR NEIGHBOURS



RADIO



ONLINE



EMERGENCY MOBILE ALERT

THANK YOU

We'd like to say a massive thank you to all our dedicated volunteers who spend their valuable time working to get their communities ready for an emergency.

You are a valued part of our mission to get Taranaki ready for whatever is thrown at us and we couldn't do it without you.

TRAINING

There are more changes ahead in the new year for Taranaki Civil Defence with the Group Office ramping up their community involvement to build a better prepared and more resilient Taranaki.

Recently, the Group has been awarded \$76,756.00 from the Adult and Community Education (ACE) fund which will be used to train selected members of the community in skills such as Comprehensive First Aid, co-ordinating a CDEM response for a community, supervising a welfare (CDC) centre during an emergency, plus many others.

This funding will be allocated to a number of community volunteers that are either part of Community Emergency Plan Groups, CDEM partners or general members of the public.

We have high hopes that this funding along with the other training we are arranging will enable Taranaki to weather an emergency strongly.

We'll be contacting our volunteers in the new year to let them know of spaces on the courses once we have finished making arrangements.

If you would like more information about volunteering in one of the Community Emergency Plan Groups please visit our website.

NEW ZEALAND RED CROSS TO SET UP NEW TEAM IN TARANAKI

The New Zealand Red Cross is setting up a brand new volunteer Community Relief Team in Taranaki in an effort to provide a greater response capability in the event of a disaster. The team will respond immediately after an event to support and work under the direction of Civil Defence. Red Cross currently has 19 Disaster Welfare Support Teams around the country that respond in an emergency and with the added Community Relief Teams being established, Red Cross will be able to make more of a difference to affected people than ever.

A capable volunteer team leader is currently being sought so if you think you might be interested, give the New Plymouth Red Cross Service Centre a call at (06) 759 4697.



ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

Are you involved in your local Civil Defence Centre or Community Emergency Plan?

One of our staff will be in contact with you in the new year to confirm your contact details and ask you a few questions about volunteering for CDEM. Your response will feed into our planning for the coming year.



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