



**Emergency Management  
Tribal Newsletter Article  
June-July 2015 Report**

**A. Tribal storm shelter program.**

As of June 30, there have been 57 shelters completed for tribal members. The wet weather has slowed down progress for the past couple of months. Once the shelters have been completed, the homeowner will need to **register their shelter with their local fire department.** Notices have gone out to each homeowner as a reminder to take this important step. If you need help finding your local fire department contact the Emergency Manager at 405-740-1562.

**B. Red Cross**

We had a disaster declaration resulting from the May/June heavy rain and flooding. The Red Cross from Pottawatomie County was able to help tribal members with food, water, and temporary housing.

These and other activities are a part of the Implementation Plan developed as a part of our MOU with Red Cross. The weather radios were a part of the implementation plan to serve our tribal communities. Training opportunities will also be available through the MOU.

**C. Community Outreach.**

Intertribal Emergency Management Coalition (ITEMC) - The ITEMC Annual Summit was held June 9-11 at the CPN Arena building. The Absentee Shawnee Tribe Emergency Management was able to support this event by providing the bags for the participants and items for the bags. The Summit had speakers from National Weather Service, FEMA Region VI, American Relay Radio League (ham radio operators organization), USGS-Earthquake Presentation, Department of Environmental Quality, Save the Children, OK Department of Homeland Security, OK County Department of Health-Ebola Presentation, Therapy Dogs International, and the Southern Baptist Disaster Relief services.

The next ITEMC meeting will be in August hosted by Muskogee Creek Nation in Okmulgee, OK. FEMA Tribal Liaison will give a presentation on training available for tribal emergency management.

Pottawatomie County Emergency Management – Participation in the “Whole Community” meeting as a partner by invitation of Don Lynch, Emergency Manager to Absentee Shawnee Tribe and Citizen Potawatomi Tribe. Several meetings are scheduled for input on updating of Pottawatomie County’s Hazard Mitigation Plan.

#### **D. Disaster Declaration/FEMA/OK State Emergency Management**

FEMA declaration for the May 3-June 4 rain/flooding event allowed the Tribe to apply for reimbursement for damages incurred. The FEMA/OK EM held the applicant briefing and kickoff meetings to begin process for tribes and counties to apply for reimbursement.

The tribe had flood damage to buildings on the complex and the AST Housing Authority had 5 homes in Burning Wood Addition were damaged by flood. The tribe has applied for Public Assistance to receive assistance from FEMA. We also had two tribal member homes that were damaged by flood that have applied for individual assistance.

#### **E. Training/Meetings/Events.**

- FEMA Applicant Briefing, Disaster OK-DR-4222, June 15
- FEMA Kickoff Meeting, Disaster OK-DR-4222, June 29
- Pottawatomie County Emergency Management, Hazard Mitigation Update Meeting, June 30
- AST Tribal Pow-Wow July 3-4 – EM/PD Security and EM Services (worked with LA Tribal Clinic to have cooling station at Plus Care Clinic)
- FEMA Region VI - 4<sup>th</sup> Annual Preparedness Workshop/Regional Interagency Steering Committee Meeting, Rose State College, July 14-16
- Little Axe Health Fair, July 31, Red Cross Disaster Preparedness Team Attending