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Village Activates Virtual Emergency Operations Center

Western Springs, March 19, 2020 – The Village of Western Springs activated the Emergency Operations Center on Thursday, March 18, 2020. As outlined in the Village’s Emergency Operations Plan (EOC) below, there are various levels of activation. The current activation level is a Level 2 - a partial virtual activation:

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EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GUIDE

- Various natural disasters and terrorism threats may provide advance warning either through monitoring systems or through verbal notification.
- When the incidents complexity and/or size escalate beyond the capabilities of the Village’s resources, the Village EOC will be activated to provide coordinated response among agencies with jurisdictional authority or functional responsibility.

The Village has established four levels of activation that are consistent with the Village EOC levels of activation:

- Level 4 Normal Operations**
 - This is the normal day-to-day operational level for the Village, which are continuously monitoring local, regional, national, and international events, evaluating threats, and analyzing their impact on the Village.
- Level 3 Monitoring**
 - General day-to-day operation with a heightened awareness due to a potential event.
- Level 2 Partial**
 - A threat has been identified and limited resources are directed toward situational assessment and monitoring. The EOC may be partially activated in expectation of an impending event or in response to an event. This activation may be a virtual EOC. The EOC Director may determine the operational times and the necessary staff needed at the EOC. The EOC Director may begin to coordinate preparation, response actions, and activate ICS structures as needed. The Planning Section may be activated to disseminate information and develop an Incident Action Plan. The Public Information Officer may be activated if necessary.
- Level 1**
 - Full Pre-identified staffing and representatives from partnering organizations will be required in the EOC. All primary and support agencies are notified. The operation is carried out for a full 24 hours.

Village representatives will hold a daily conference call to discuss and manage any issues directly impacted by the pandemic, including the coordination of staff and resources. The EOC group will initially be limited to all departmental Directors (or their designee), the Village President, and the Communications Manager. The group may be expanded or contracted, as necessary.

The Village will continue to keep its residents informed via the website page dedicated to Covid-19 resources: www.wsprings.com/covid19.

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