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Local Response to California Tragedy

Along with the rest of the nation, Grand Traverse County Emergency Management and Homeland Security division is deeply saddened and concerned about the event which recently took place in San Bernardino, California. Our hearts go out to those in the community who are affected by the senseless tragedy.

According to Gregg Bird, the County's Emergency Management Supervisor, "Mass shootings have unfortunately become a reality that people everywhere should be prepared to face." Our County government, along with all Grand Traverse County schools, has emergency operations policies, procedures, and a plan in place to respond to such violent incidents.

In addition to the emergency operation plan, monthly routine meetings among essential public safety agencies, emergency response teams, local government officials, and additional area partners, take place. This same team of emergency professionals also engages in regularly scheduled training and drills to ensure that all responders are prepared, if the need arises. Additional training and drills are being scheduled for this team and other county employees on a continued basis. Furthermore, the County's Emergency Management and Homeland Security staff constantly monitors events nationwide and locally to evaluate the effects on our community, and coordinate with any and all necessary parties to address anticipated issues.

The best way for individuals in our community to keep abreast of information in an emergency situation is to sign up for CodeRED, our County's community emergency notification system (please refer to the link below), or by tuning in to radio stations 103.5/93.5 FM or 580 AM. Emergency response communication also can be found on social media and general emergency information is available on the County's Emergency Management and Homeland Security website.

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