



Presentation for the Lane Preparedness Coalition

**February 2019 Snow Storm
Response**

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- Central Aid Agency was first contacted for capability assessment related to 4-wheel drive vehicles on 2/25
- Much of our leadership was out of the area
- We only had one 4-wheel drive capable vehicle and operator at the time, operator out of the area
- We were not able to deploy resources until 2/26
- Our first assignment was providing transportation to hospital workers of McKenzie-Willamette
- A second snow storm hit the night of 2/26 bringing an additional 3-5 inches of snow to the valley floor



2/26 staged outside Sector 2 HQ



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2/26 - 2/27 Springfield



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2/27 5th Street Public Market



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The crew for much of the response



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- From 2/26-2/28 we primarily provided transportation for hospital personnel
- On 2/28 we received a request from Lane County Search and Rescue to assist with welfare checks in the Oakridge area
- We activated two teams on 2/28, one for Oakridge and one to finish up transports for hospital personnel
- The Oakridge team got redirected to locate and do a welfare check for a couple in an RV who had not been heard from since the storm began

2/28 Downtown Oakridge



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2/28 Bonneville Power Crew clearing West Boundary Road



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February 2019 Snow Storm Results

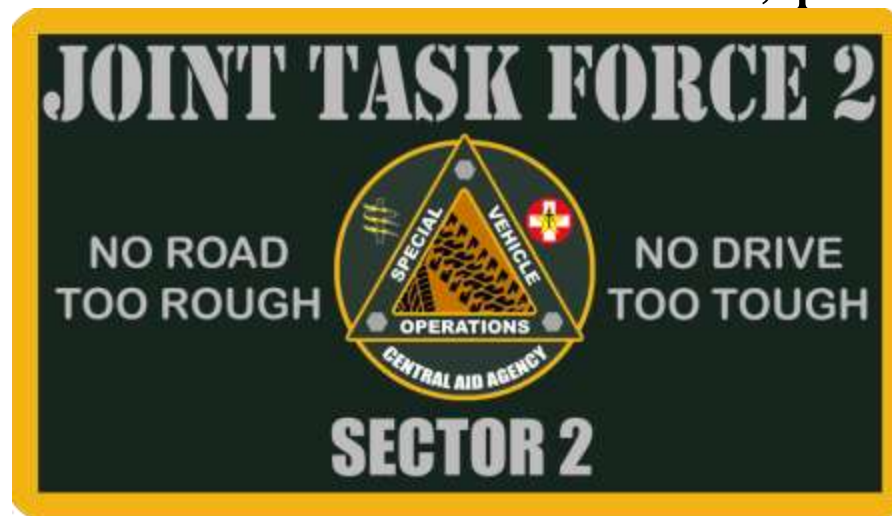
- In total, 6 personnel were involved directly or indirectly with the response: **Executive Director Ben Bower, Chief Warrant Officer 2 Nic Agoff, Staff Sergeant Liz Clark, Senior Corporal Sarah Bower, Specialist 3 Jo Leaton, and Cadet Sergeant Grace Thiel**
- C.A.A. was activated from 2/25 to 2/28 (field operations from 2/26 to 2/28)
- 36 total transports
- 4 welfare checks
- 119.75 total man hours
- 694.7 total miles driven

2019 Snow Storm Lessons Learned

- Prior to this event, no protocol in place for personnel assignment related to mounted operations, leading to the creation of a new unit level the Pair
- New model: Two people per vehicle (one Pair), one driver, one scribe/comms
- We developed a model for dispatching multiple vehicles using cellphones and ham radio
- We developed a model for managing incoming calls across shifts, using a single primary contact number

Creation of Task Force 2

- This was a capability gap in our Emergency Response mission identified by this storm event
- The purpose is to bring together anyone in C.A.A. with offroad vehicles, train drivers, and crew
- Have since expanded our 4x4 vehicle capability from one vehicle to four vehicles, plus additional crew



Goals for 2019 - 2020

- Complete rollout of Task Force 2 (Policies, procedures, and training still under development)
- We are currently in the process of increasing our volunteer base for Emergency Response
- Complete ESF resource typing for all C.A.A. units
- We are small non-profit, funding is always one of the biggest inhibitors to our growth
- We have started offering regular training classes (like CPR) to the public through our Affiliate Company: Training Solutions International
- The goal is to create a more reliable funding base to support operations like Emergency Response

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Questions

- Any Questions?