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## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT TABLETOP EXERCISE DEEMED A SUCCESS

On July 6, 2021, municipal partners within Mountain View County attended a virtual regional tabletop exercise, as part of their membership in the Mountain View Regional Emergency Management Agency (MVREMA).

The intent of this tabletop exercise was to review and update contacts listed within the Mountain View Regional Emergency Management Plan to ensure that, in the event of an actual emergency, the proper resources can be accessed. Additionally, this exercise offered training to participants in the Incident Command System (ICS) used within emergency management, as part of the agency's commitment to ongoing training for all municipal partners and their staff.

Facilitated by Brian Boutin of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency (AEMA), with the Province of Alberta, and with over 15 people in attendance, this tabletop exercise was deemed a success by all in attendance.

Craig Fox, Director of Emergency Management with the Town of Didsbury and Chair of the MVREMA, is very pleased with both the participation and the results of this exercise, saying that "tabletop exercises, like the one held today, are critical for emergency management on both a local and regional level. A commitment to training, current information and resources, and building and maintaining relationships with our municipal neighbours are the keys to success of both the MVREMA and our ability to address emergent situations that might arise within Mountain View County."

The role of the MVREMA is to address emergency management situations that may arise locally, or regionally, and offer highly-trained personnel to ensure consistent command of these situations. The MVREMA is comprised of the Directors of Emergency Management, and other emergency management staff, from the Village of Cremona, Towns of Carstairs, Didsbury, Olds and Sundre, and Mountain View County. This regional team meets quarterly to discuss ongoing communications, training and information updates for the agency.

For further information on the Mountain View Regional Emergency Management Agency (MVREMA), please contact your local municipal office:

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