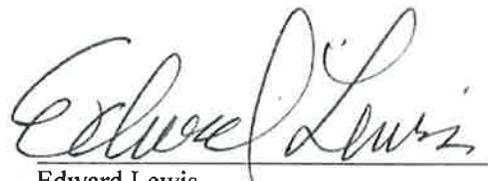


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Greater Spokane Emergency Management sincerely appreciates the cooperation and support from those agencies, departments, and local jurisdictions that have contributed to the revision and publication of the 2015 Greater Spokane Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). Coordination of the Plan represents a committed and concerted effort by agencies and local jurisdictions to emergency management. The Plan demonstrates the ability of a large number of agencies to work together to achieve a common goal. The CEMP is intended as a comprehensive framework for local mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. The Greater Spokane Emergency Management Office coordinated with local groups to provide a forum for those with identified responsibilities in the CEMP. They participated in planning and coordinating emergency management activities in order to identify, develop, maintain, and enhance local emergency management capabilities. The CEMP is one of the many efforts to prepare all people in Spokane and Washington State for emergencies or disasters. The CEMP is formatted to be consistent with the National Response Framework (NRF) complete with Emergency Support Functions (ESFs), or single function activity. This is to standardize plans and to provide interoperability between local, state, and federal levels of government. The Plan stresses the four phases of emergency management to accentuate that we are at all times emergency managers. The CEMP moves us one step closer to being able to minimize the impacts of emergencies and disasters on people, property, economy, and the environment of Spokane.


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