

District Field Officers & Connections Between Public Health & Emergency Preparedness

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DFOs Can Help Connect the Dots In Preparedness, Response, Recovery & Mitigation Activities

“We aren’t just lights and sirens
(but we like those too)”



Before emergencies

We help local communities by advising & helping coordinate disaster planning, training & exercises.

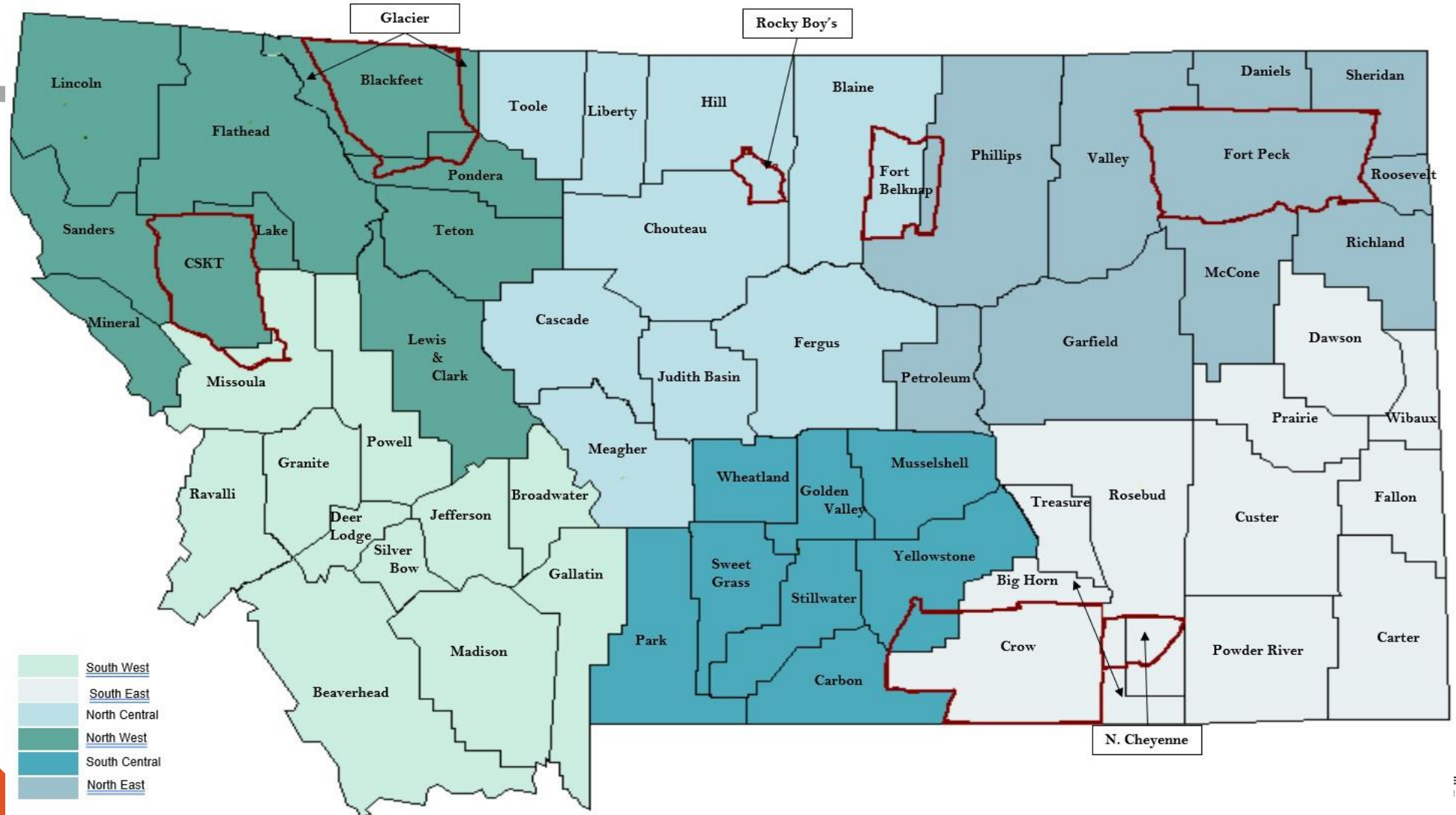
During emergencies

We support local responders with guidance on ICS. We serve as liaisons between the local jurisdiction & the State Emergency Coordination Center (SECC) - providing information and resource coordination support.

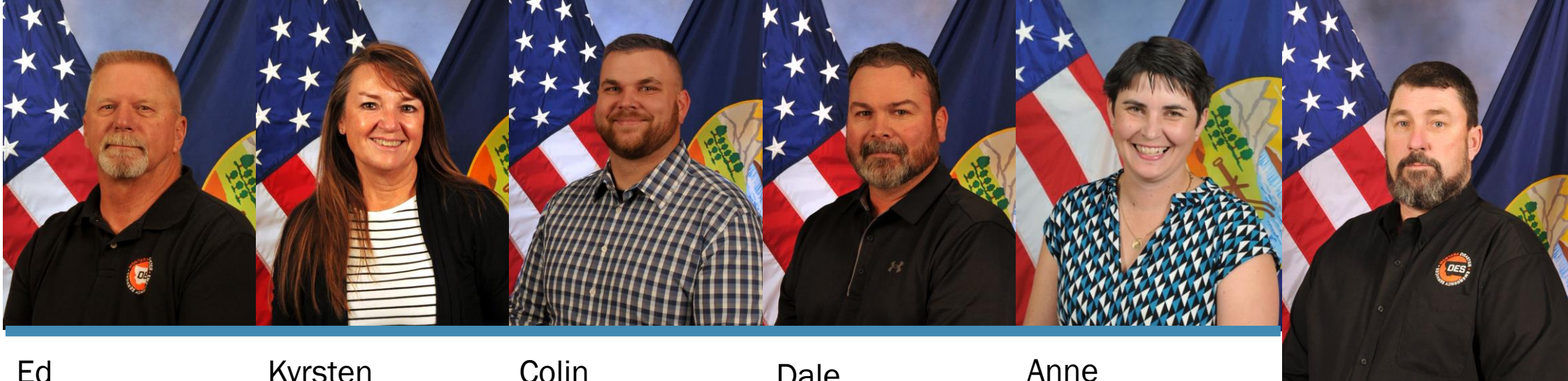
After disasters

DFOs assist in the recovery process - from helping get critical infrastructure back online to aiding in the FEMA reimbursement processes. Often this also includes [Mitigation efforts](#).

6 DF0s, 6 Districts, 3 Regions - West/Central/East



We are a resource for blue & gray sky days



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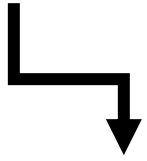
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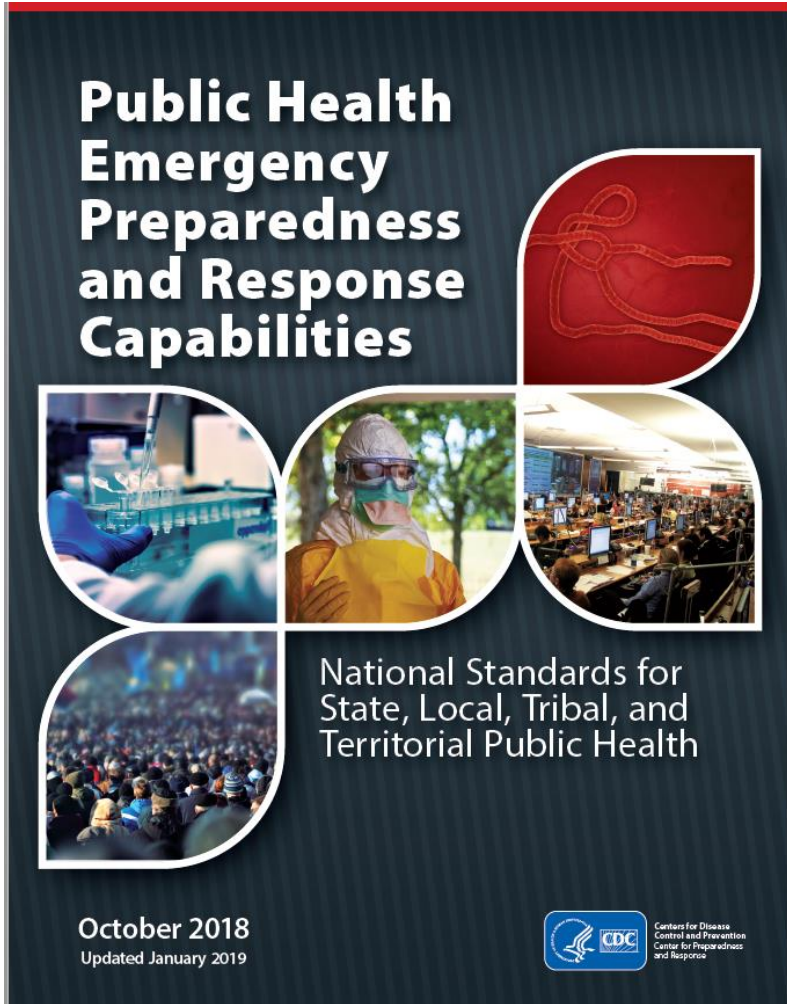
Response Bureau Outreach

- Connect to us through your DES Coordinator/Emergency Manager
- Variety of backgrounds & skillsets
- We enjoy solving problems
- We live & work in our Districts
- If we don't have an answer, we can find a SME
- We take turns answering the 24/7 Duty Officer phone

This (Not SO Little) Book



Mentions “Emergency Management”
94 TIMES!



- **EOPs**
- **Prepare the community for emergencies**
- **LEPCS need BOTH Public Health & DES Representation**
- **We may call things by different names**
- **Both have exercise requirements**
- **PHEP/Public Health has frequently supported large incidents across the state**
- **Both willing to teach**

- ***PHEP personnel have fantastic skillsets that DES can often use in an EOC***
- ***The relationship building during LEPC meetings, exercises and planning really pays off during an incident***

Don't assume local DES immediately knows about something you need help tackling.....

Also, don't assume they aren't asking you for help because they don't want it – they just may not know your capabilities...

***Collaboration In Action – Donation/Volunteer Mgmt
Garfield Co PHEP Working Lodgepole Fire***





Thank you!

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