

Pantex Area Emergency Preparedness 2012 Calendar



ABOUT THE PANTEX PLANT

The Pantex Plant is located 17 miles northeast of Amarillo, Texas, in Carson County, and is responsible for maintaining the safety, security, and reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons stockpile. The facility is managed and operated by B&W Pantex for the U.S. Dept of Energy (DOE)/National Nuclear Security Administration (NNSA). All work at Pantex is accomplished with the security of weapons and information, the safety and health of workers and the public, and the protection of the environment.

Stockpile Stewardship

The Pantex Plant plays a key role in a presidential-directed science-based Stockpile Stewardship Program. The DOE/NNSA is committed to the Stockpile Stewardship Program as its means for insuring the nation has a safe and reliable nuclear weapons deterrent.

To maintain the reliability of the nation's nuclear weapons, a certain number of randomly selected weapons from all active systems are annually removed from the stockpile and returned to Pantex.

The weapons are disassembled, tested, and evaluated to ensure the operability of the weapons components. Most testing is done on site, but test associated with component aging are performed at other laboratories and production agencies. Some weapons are configured as Joint Test Assemblies and provided to the military for fight-testing. Main charge high explosive components and special nuclear material are removed from weapons before this testing.

After testing, some weapons are reassembled and returned to the military, while others are completely dismantled and dispositioned by approved methods. Components not destroyed during testing can be recycled and made available for use in other weapon system assemblies.

Nonproliferation

The Pantex Plant manufactures main charge high explosive (HE) and other small explosive components. Main charge HE surrounds the plutonium pit in a weapon and compresses the pit into a denser mass, causing a nuclear detonation.

Pantex uses a variety of procedures, personal training, and special precautions when working with HE to protect workers and the public. Specialized equipment and tooling is designed to prevent inadvertent reactions, and facilities are designed and built to minimize the effects in the unlikely of an explosion.

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ABOUT THE PANTEX PLANT CONTINUED...

The NNSA is increasing the dismantlement goals for the Nuclear Security Enterprise. The Pantex Plant is the principle site for these operations and they are conducted under the highest levels of safety and security.

During dismantlement operations, extensive steps are taken to ensure the safety and health of the workers, the public, and the protection of the environment.

Pantex workers operate under stringent standards that limit exposure to radiation, chemical, and other hazardous materials to levels well below existing federal regulations. Safety improvements also have been made in handling non-nuclear hazardous materials.

Disassembly occurs in facilities designed to mitigate the effects of the unlikely accidental detonation of the weapon's conventional high explosive component. There is no credible scenario at the Pantex Plant in which an accident can result in a nuclear detonation.

Removal of the conventional high explosive material from the plutonium component (called a pit) is an important part of the dismantlement operation. A non-nuclear, metallic cladding surrounding the pit protects workers from direct exposure to plutonium during dismantlement.

Safeguards and Security

Safeguards and Security (S&S) is vitally important at the Pantex Plant, as the only Category 1A facility in the Nuclear Security Enterprise. Pantex will continue to set the standard for providing the optimal balance of personnel and technologies necessary to provide a highly effective security posture.

The S&S mission/strategy at Pantex includes 24/7 protection of America's nuclear deterrent by training, equipping, and continually performance testing to deny access to critical nuclear materials and information. Leadership development, operational excellence, and teamwork enhancement are areas employed to execute the mission/strategy.

Emergency Management

The Pantex Plant Emergency Management Program provides the site with emergency planning and preparedness activities, as well as continuity of operations, necessary for responding to, mitigating and recovery from emergencies or accidents affecting the site. These activities are designed to minimize the consequences from Operational Emergencies, while protecting the health and safety of the workers and the public, and preventing damage to the environment from hazards associated with the Pantex Plant operations.

WHY DO I RECEIVE THIS CALENDAR EACH YEAR?

The Pantex Area Emergency Preparedness Calendar is provided to you free of charge each year in order to provide safety information to those who live or work within a ten mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). The information can be beneficial in the event of a hazardous materials release or a radiological emergency at the Pantex Plant. Other events that could happen have also been addressed at times such as a tornado, winter storm, or wildfire. It is our hope that while you enjoy the historical theme of the 2012 calendar, you will also take time to review the safety information in each section. In the event you have further questions or need additional copies of this calendar, please phone one of the offices listed in the lower right hand corner. Thank you from the AIP Partners.

New This Year...

The back cover of this calendar can be used in the event of an evacuation. Follow the instructions at the bottom of the page.



Additional Calendars are Available

In the event you know of a neighbor that is not currently receiving the yearly calendars and would like to, please call the AIP Partner in your County. The numbers are listed in the lower right hand corner of the calendar.

JANUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	3 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	4	5 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	6 ACC-Hockey	7 ACC-Hockey ACC-Chamber Music
8 ACC-High Plains Weddings	9 Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	10 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	11	12 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting - Claude	13 AACC-Hockey	14 Armstrong County Livestock Show Tri-State Chili Cook-Off AACC-Hockey
15 Armstrong County Livestock Show	16 MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	17 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	18	19 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 AACC-Hispanic Chamber Banquet	20 AACC-Symphony	21 AACC-Symphony
22	23 Carson County Commissioner's Court	24 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting ACC-Man & Woman of the Year Luncheon 3:00 p.m. Ama Commission Mtg	25	26 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	27 Group W Productions Bull Riding Potter County Stock Show AACC-Outdoor World	28 Group W Productions Bull Riding Potter County Stock Show AACC-Outdoor World AACC-Hockey
29 AACC-Outdoor World AACC-Hockey	30	31 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting				



Weather Radios

NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio (NWR) is a nationwide network of radio broadcasting continuous weather information directly from the nearest National Weather Service office. NWR broadcasts official Weather Service warnings, watches, forecasts and other hazard information 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

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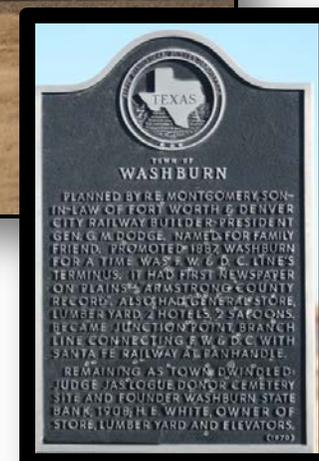
Note: ACC = Amarillo Civic Center

WHAT DO I PUT IN MY EMERGENCY SUPPLIES KIT?

Emergency Supplies Kit

To Prepare for a Disaster or Evacuation, you should have an Emergency Supplies Kit which includes:

- 3-day supply of bottled water, assuming at least one gallon a day per person
- 3-day supply of foods that require no refrigeration, little preparation, and little or no water (canned meat, dried fruit, canned juice, dry food, granola bars, etc.) for each person and a can opener. Ensure you have food for infants and pets.
- Basic sanitation supplies, including soap, toilet paper, baby wipes, and similar items.
- A first aid kit.
- A flashlight & spare batteries.
- A battery-powered radio (preferably a tone-alert model) & spare batteries.
- Bedding—a sleeping bag or 2 blankets for each person.
- A change of clothing, rain gear, and sturdy shoes for each person.
- Vital medicines and spare eye glasses.
- A list of key items you may need if you have to leave home such as your address book, insurance policies, names/phone numbers of doctors, checkbook, credit cards, and cash, and extra set of house and car keys.



FEBRUARY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 GROUND HOG DAY 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 AACC-Harlem Globetrotters AACC-Go Red for Women	3 Cycle City Promotions – Monster Trucks AACC-Hockey AACC-Opera	4 Cycle City Promotions – Monster Trucks AACC-Hockey AACC-Denim & Diamonds Gala AACC-Prom Fashion Show
5	6 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	7 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	8	9 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting AACC-Circus Gattis	10 AACC-Circus Gattis	11 ACC-Circus Gattis ACC-Ballet
12 LINCOLN'S BIRTHDAY ACC-Circus Gattis	13 Carson County Commissioner's Court Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	14 VALENTINE'S DAY  3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	15	16 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719	17 ACC-Antique Show ACC-Tattoo Festival ACC-Symphony	18 ACC-Antique Show ACC-Tattoo Festival ACC-Pioneer Gun Show ACC-Symphony
19 ACC-Antique Show ACC-Tattoo Festival ACC-Pioneer Gun Show	20 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	21 PRESIDENT'S DAY 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	22 GEORGE WASHINGTON'S BIRTHDAY ACC-Stomp Broadway Show	23 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Stomp Broadway Show	24 ACC-Hockey	25 ACC-Remodeler's Council Home Improvement Show ACC-Symphony Ball ACC-Hockey
26 ACC-Remodeler's Council Home Improvement Show	27 Carson County Commissioner's Court	28 3:00 p.m. Ama Comm Mtg 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	29			



WINTER STORMS

Terms to know

Freezing Rain

Rain that freezes when it hits the ground

Sleet

Rain that turns to ice pellets before reaching the ground

Winter Storm Watch

A winter storm is possible in your area

Winter Storm Warning

A winter storm is occurring, or will soon occur in your area

Blizzard Warning

Sustained winds or frequent gusts to 35 miles per hour or greater and considerable amounts of falling or blowing snow are expected to prevail for a period of three hours or longer

Frost/Freeze Warning

Below freezing temperatures are expected

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WHAT ABOUT MY LIVESTOCK?

IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO SHELTER IN PLACE

Ranchers and farmers may be advised to take special precautions for livestock during an emergency.

If it can be done easily and quickly, move livestock into barns, sheds, or other structures on your property.

Do not risk contaminating yourself if it will take more than a few minutes attempting to round up livestock.

If you have insufficient buildings to house all of the animals, place them in pens or corrals in order to restrict open grazing.

To the extent possible, leave animals with stored feed.

Where possible, water animals from ground water sources, such as wells, instead of from open ponds.

IF YOU ARE ADVISED TO EVACUATE

If you are told to evacuate, livestock must be left on your farm or ranch.



MARCH 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 Restaurant Roundup 2012 ACC-In the Pink Luncheon	2 Cycle City Promotions – Arena Cross ACC-Showcase of Music	3 Cycle City Promotions – Arena Cross ACC-Make-A-Wish Car Show
4 ACC-Make-A-Wish Car Show	5 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	6 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	7	8 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	9 ACC-Country Peddler ACC-Hockey ACC-Symphony	10 ACC-Country Peddler ACC-Hockey ACC-Symphony
11 ACC-Country Peddler	12 Carson County Commissioner's Court Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	13 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	14	15 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719	16 ACC-Amarillo's Largest Garage Sale ACC-Hockey	17 ST PATRICK'S DAY ACC-Amarillo's Largest Garage Sale ACC-Hockey ACC-Friends of the NRA Banquet
Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break...Spring Break						
18	19 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	20 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	21 ACC-101 Years of Broadway-Broadway Show	22 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-101 Years of Broadway-Broadway Show	23 ACC-Western Collectibles ACC-Hockey	24 ACC-Western Collectibles ACC-Tx Gun & Knife Show ACC-Cat Show ACC-Hockey
25 ACC-Tx Gun & Knife Show	26 Carson County Commissioner's Court	27 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	28	29	30 ACC-Lite Luncheon	31 ACC-Opera

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Individual and Family Disaster Preparedness

A community emergency management program is only as good as the preparedness of its citizens. Make emergency preparedness a priority for you and your family. There are a number of simple actions that you and your family can take to better prepare for a potential emergency:

1. Make a family communications and emergency plan.
2. Build an emergency preparedness kit.
3. Get trained in basic first aid and CPR.
4. Volunteer to assist in time of disaster.

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WHAT SHOULD I TAKE WITH ME?

Emergency Supplies Which Includes...

It is recommended you keep enough supplies in your home to meet your needs for at least three days. These supplies should be part of your family disaster supplies kit and they should consist of these basic elements:

Water – Bottled water in plastic containers. Store one gallon of water per person per day.

Food – Choose ready to eat food items that are non-perishable and compact or light weight. Don't forget baby food and formula if needed.

First Aid Kit – Many are available commercially or you may pack this yourself.

Clothing and Bedding – At least one change of clothing and footwear for each person, pillows and blankets or sleeping bags. Rain gear may also be needed.

Tools and Emergency Supplies – You never know when a wrench, pliers, duct tape and other items might be needed.

Pets - Plan to take small pets. Bring a leash or carrier. If you can't take your pets leave food and water for them.

Other Items - may include medications, checkbook, credit cards, and/or cash, games for entertainment, important family documents to make your time away from home less stressful.

You may have to be away from home for a few days.

If possible, take along the following items:

Flashlight, this calendar as a reference, toilet articles (soap, toothbrush, etc), eyeglasses and hearing aids, proper identification, any special supplies for the elderly or infants, Portable radio (with extra batteries), Important numbers such as physicians, relatives, and friends.



APRIL 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 ACC-Opera	2 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	3 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	4	5 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	6	7
8	9 Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	10 ACC-Job Fair 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	11	12 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Golden Nail	13	14
15 TAX DAY	16 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	17 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	18 ACC-Shrek	19 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 ACC-Shrek ACC-CareNet Pregnancy Center Banquet	20 ACC-Golden Dragon Acrobats ACC-To Die For Murder Mystery	21 ACC-Life After 50 Expo ACC-Healthy Kids Day ACC-Immaculate Ilibagiza Lecture
22	23 Carson County Commissioner's Court	24 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	25 ADMINISTRATIVE PROFESSIONAL'S DAY	26 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting US Team Roping Championships	27 US Team Roping Championships ACC-Just Between Friends Consignment Sale ACC-Symphony ACC-Best of Texas Festival	28 US Team Roping Championships ACC-Just Between Friends Consignment Sale ACC-Symphony ACC-Best of Texas Festival
29 ACC-Just Between Friends Consignment Sale ACC-Amarillo Youth Choice Spring Concert	30					



Did you know your house contains hazardous materials and chemical too?

- ✘ **Cleaning Products**
- bleach, oven cleaners, tub & tile cleaners...
- ✘ **Automotive Products**
- motor oil, antifreeze, fuel additives...
- ✘ **Indoor Pesticides** - spray, repellants...
- ✘ **Workshop/Painting Supplies**
- adhesives, glues, stains & finishes, paint...
- ✘ **Miscellaneous**
- batteries, fluorescent light bulbs, mercury thermometers, propane tanks, lighter fluid

Knowing how to handle these products and how to react if an emergency were to occur can reduce the risk of injury.

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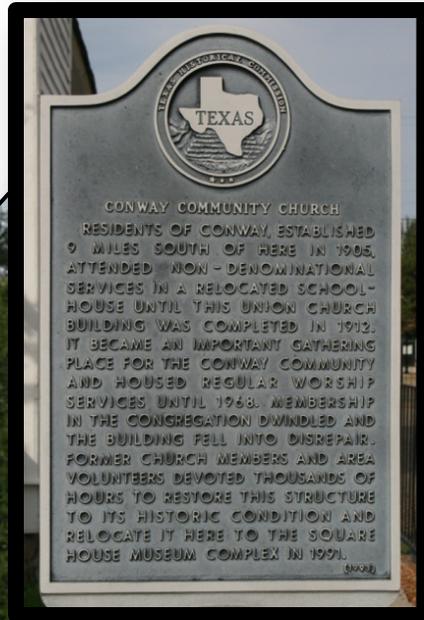
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HOW CAN I EXPECT TO RECEIVE THE NOTIFICATION?

- If there is an emergency which requires you to take action, you will hear outdoor warning sirens, be warned by a NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio, be alerted by law enforcement personnel, or receive information on your radio or television stations. Local officials are responsible for sounding the outdoor warning sirens and issuing warnings through the Emergency Alerting System (EAS).
- Outdoor warning sirens cover most populated areas of the Pantex Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ). When activated, the outdoor warning sirens will sound for approximately 3 to 5 minutes with a steady tone and will be repeated frequently in the initial stages of an emergency that poses a serious threat to local residents.
- If you hear outdoor warning sirens, turn your radio or television to one of the local stations which normally broadcasts EAS emergency announcements for information and instructions. Official information will be broadcast on local stations and will provide the latest updated information from local officials and advice on what actions you should take. Closely follow any instructions given for people in your emergency response sector.



MAY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 ACC-Downtown Women's Center Luncheon 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	2 Agri-Food Masters-4 th Grade Students	3 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 Agri-Food Masters-4 th Grade Students ACC-Greater Southwest Music Festival	4 ACC-Greater Southwest Music Festival	5 ACC-Greater Southwest Music Festival ACC-Mommy & Me
6	7 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	8 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	9	10 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Business Connection	11	12
13 MOTHER'S DAY	14 Carson County Commissioner's Court Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	15 ACC-Homeland Security Conference 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	16 ACC-Homeland Security Conference	17 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 ACC-Athlete of the Year Banquet	18 ACC-Ballet	19 ACC-Pioneer Gun Show ACC-Ballet ACC-Roller Derby
20 ACC-Pioneer Gun Show ACC-Ballet	21 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	22 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	23	24 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	25	26
27 Claude High School Graduation	28 MEMORIAL DAY	29 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	30	31		



MOBILE HOME RESIDENTS

Mobile homes are not safe during tornadoes or other severe winds. Do not seek shelter in a hallway or bathroom of a mobile home. If you have access to a sturdy shelter or a vehicle, abandon your mobile home immediately. Go to the nearest sturdy building or shelter immediately using your seatbelt if driving.

DO NOT WAIT UNTIL YOU SEE THE TORNADO.

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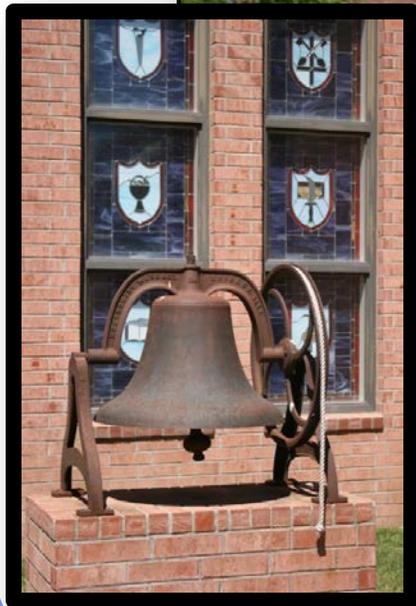
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WHAT IS A NOAA ALL HAZARDS WEATHER RADIO?

If you live or work within the 10-mile Emergency Planning Zone (EPZ) around the Pantex Plant (EPZ), you may have been provided a NOAA All Hazards Weather Radio. This radio is preprogrammed for the EPZ. In the event of an emergency requiring you to take the personal protective actions described in this publication, the radio will be activated to warn you. It is important to keep the radio turned on, in good repair, and the battery in good condition. If you are told to evacuate take the radio with you. The battery will keep it running for several hours and updated public information can be transmitted while you are in route to your destination.



JUNE 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1 Cowboy Club Coors Ranch Rodeo – Tri- State Fairgrounds	2 Cowboy Club Coors Ranch Rodeo – Tri- State Fair Grounds
3	4 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds	5 Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	6 Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds	7 Panhandle City Council 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show	8 Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds	9 ACC Roller Derby Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds
10 Texas State Junior Shorthorn Show Tri-State Fairgrounds	11 Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	12 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	13	14 FLAG DAY 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 	15	16 ACC-Baxter Black Lecture
17 FATHER'S DAY 	18 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	19 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	20	21 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	22	23
24	25 Carson County Commissioner's Court	26 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	27	28	29	30

Terms to know

Tornado Watch

Tornadoes are possible. Remain alert for approaching storms. Stay tuned to radio or TV and watch the sky.

Tornado Warning

A tornado has been sighted or indicated by weather radar. Take shelter immediately.

When Tornadoes strike and you are at home/office....

The best place to seek shelter is in a basement, storm shelter, or safe room.

If one is not available, use a small interior room, closet, or hallway on the ground floor of your home or business.

Mobile homes offer little or no protection in a tornado. If you do live in a mobile home, find a sturdy building nearby.

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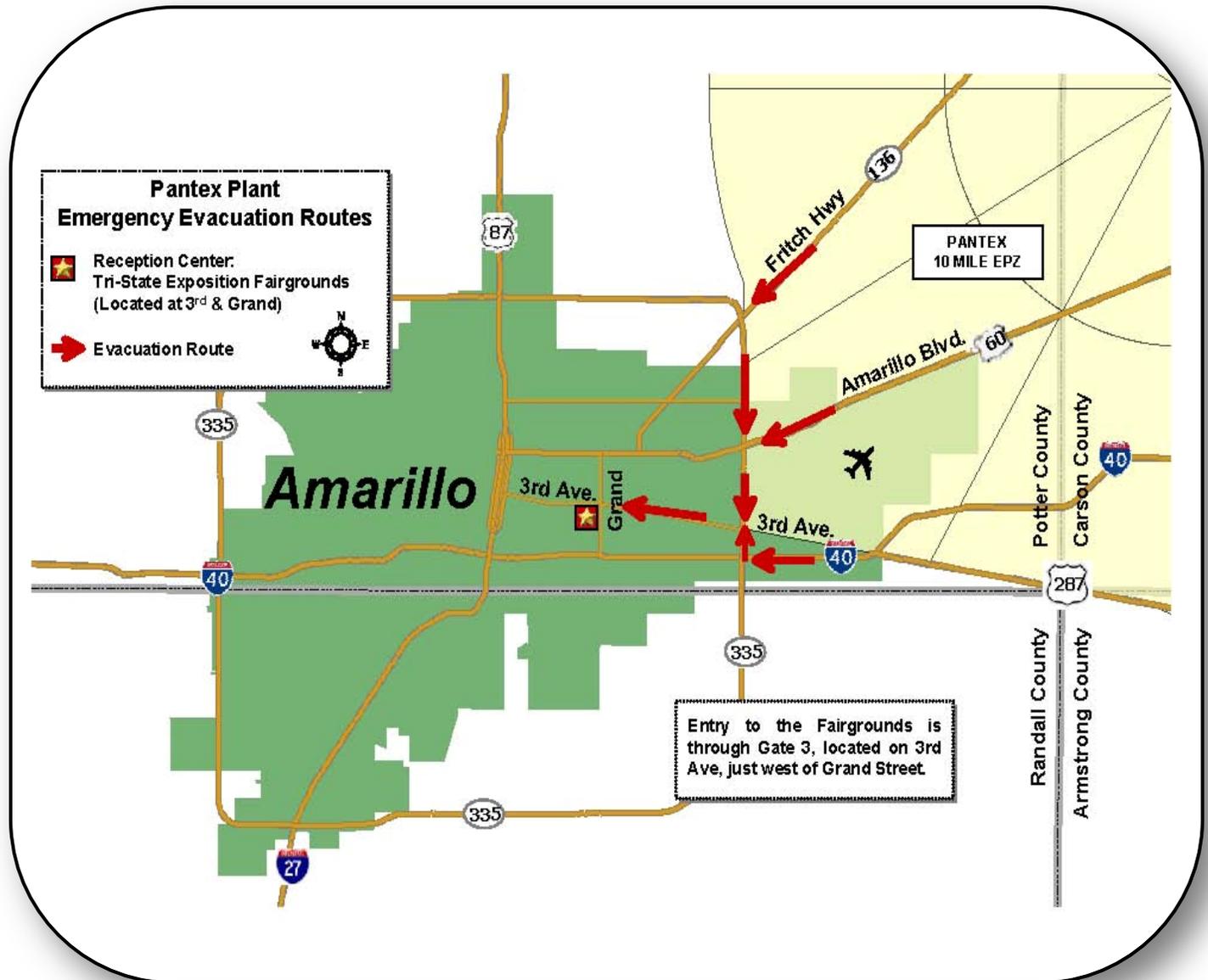
THE RECEPTION CENTER

The Reception Center

The Reception Center is located at the Tri-State Exposition Fairgrounds on East 3rd Avenue just West of Grand Street in Amarillo.

The Reception Center was developed in order to provide a single place to receive and assist citizens who have been displaced by a radiological emergency. The grounds and facilities of the Tri-State Exposition have been modified in order to host the activities. Congregate care functions (shelter, food, and clothing) may become necessary. These functions may include family assistance, mental health, and general coordination of volunteers.

In the event of a radiological incident or accident, emergency response personnel will monitor potentially contaminated individuals and, when necessary, decontaminate those individuals in the Rex Baxter building.



How Do I SHELTER-IN-PLACE?

If an emergency involves the release of hazardous materials or radiological material you may be asked to **SHELTER-IN-PLACE**. This means to remain confined to your house, business, or other facility. In many cases, sheltering-in-place is the best defense against accidental exposure to the release. Keep in mind sheltering-in-place is similar to the actions you would follow for a severe weather event. If you are advised to shelter-in-place:

- **Avoid physical contact with radioactive materials** and avoid inhaling or ingesting them.
- **Stay indoors in your home, workplace, or a nearby building.** Once inside, do not leave unless you are told it is safe to go out, or are advised by your emergency management officials or law enforcement personnel to evacuate.
- **Close and lock all windows, doors, and fireplace dampers.** This keeps outside air from entering your home or workplace. Close off any nonessential rooms.
- **Assemble items you may need** in case you are advised to evacuate.
- **Keep your radio or TV turned on** and tuned to one of the local stations which normally broadcasts EAS emergency announcements and listen for updated information and instructions.
- **If you have been outside** during the period just before you were warned to take shelter, take a shower or at least wash your face and hands thoroughly with a washcloth using soap and lukewarm water. Change into clean clothes; seal the clothing you were wearing and the washcloth or other items used into a plastic bag.
- **Turn off any heating or cooling system that draws in air from the outside.** If it becomes uncomfortable, use fans to circulate the air inside. It may be necessary to seal gaps under doorways and windows with wet towels and duct tape.



JULY 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	3 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	4 Panhandle Celebration 	5 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	6	7
8	9 Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	10 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	11	12 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Panhandle Safety Conference & Job Expo ACC-Summer Youth Musical	13 ACC-Panhandle Safety Conference & Job Expo ACC-Summer Youth Musical	14 Caprock Round-up and Rodeo
15	16 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	17 7:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	18	19 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Show-Boom Circuit	20 Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Show-Boom Circuit	21 Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Show-Boom Circuit ACC-Texas Gun & Knife
22 Panhandle Golden Spread Quarter Horse Show-Boom Circuit ACC-Texas Gun & Knife	23 Carson County Commissioner's Court	24 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	25	26 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	27	28 Heifer Steer Show- Steer Jackpot White Deer Rodeo
29 Heifer Steer Show- Steer Jackpot White Deer Rodeo	30	31 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting				

Extreme Heat

Conserve Power – During heat waves there are usually power shortages since everyone is trying to cool off. Stay indoors as much as possible.

Protect windows – Hang shades, drapes, sheets, or awnings on windows to reduce heat from entering homes by as much as 80%.

Keep yourself cool - If you don't have air conditioning, try to stay on the lowest floor out of the sunshine and use electric fans.

Conserve water

Children & Pets - Never leave children or pets in vehicles on warm or hot days.

Drink plenty of water

Use sunscreen - Apply sunscreen at least 20 minutes before going out especially around the face and neck areas.

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WHAT IF I AM TOLD TO EVACUATE?

Local officials may advise those who live or work in specific emergency response sectors to evacuate. If you have not already done so, take a minute now to determine in which emergency response sector your home and/or work place is located by referring to the zone map in the center section of this calendar.

Do not evacuate unless local officials have advised people in your emergency response sector to do so.

Communications Plan

If an evacuation is ordered, a good family communication plan will require some degree of advanced preparation. Your family may not be together at the onset of an emergency event. Some basic steps and logical preparation will provide a well thought out plan that is tailor made for your family. Select a primary contact person for your family and a secondary person in the event the first one is unavailable.

- Prepare a contact card for each family member.
- Make arrangements to contact extended family members.
- Create a plan to let neighbors know where you will be and how to contact you.
- Do your children know what to do if you can't come home?



AUGUST 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	3	4 Groom Day Celebration
5 Groom Day Celebration	6 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	7 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	8	9 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	10 ACC-Musica Vereada ACC-Amarillo's Largest Garage Sale ACC-Sporting Clay's Auction	11 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn ACC-Amarillo's Largest Garage Sale ACC-Coin & Collectible Show
12 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn ACC-Coin & Collectible Show ACC-High Plains Weddings	13 Carson County Commissioner's Armstrong County Commissioner's 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn	14 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	15 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn	16 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn	17 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn	18 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn ACC-Roller Derby
19 West Texas Futurity Cutting Horse Assn	20 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	21 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	22	23 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	24	25 ACC-Girl Power
26	27 AGHA Adequan Select Carson County Commissioner's Court	28 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting AGHA Adequan Select	29 AGHA Adequan Select ACC-United Way Kickoff Luncheon	30 AGHA Adequan Select	31 AGHA Adequan Select	



Wildfires

Wildfires are usually caused by careless actions or by lightning. The most common causes of wildfires are cigarettes, campfires, or children playing with matches or lighters.

Red Flag Warnings are issued when temperatures, humidity, and winds that contribute to extreme fire weather conditions are occurring or are forecasted to occur.

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IS THERE ANYONE TO ASSIST ME?

If You Need Assistance Evacuating

If you, or someone you know, is hearing impaired, blind, or is physically unable and would need assistance in evacuating in case of an emergency, please call your local emergency management office at one of the phone numbers provided below so your needs can be included in pre-emergency planning. If you are unable to drive or do not have transportation, you should also call your local emergency management office at the numbers listed below so your needs can be included in pre-emergency planning. A Special Needs Registry has been developed in order to assist residents during emergency situations.

Residents who require transportation to and from a designated evacuation facility or require assistance during an evacuation due to a medical related condition are eligible to register. First responders may also use the registry information during search and rescue operations.

2-1-1 Texas maintains comprehensive databases of resources in the Panhandle. Reserve 9-1-1 phone lines for medical emergencies. 2-1-1 can be dialed from any telephone in the event you need answers to questions following an emergency incident.



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SEPTEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 AGHA Adequan Select
2 AGHA Adequan Select	3 LABOR DAY	4 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	5	6 Panhandle City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	7	8 Armstrong County Fair Tri-State Fair & Rodeo Gala ACC-Rabies Clinic ACC-Roller Derby ACC-Amarillo Pops Orchestra
9	10 Carson County Commissioner's Armstrong County Commissioner's 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	11 PATRIOTS DAY 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	12 ACC-Dog Show	13 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Dog Show	14 Tri-State Fair ACC-Dog Show	15 Tri-State Fair ACC-Dog Show
16 Tri-State Fair ACC-Dog Show	17 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting Tri-State Fair	18 Tri-State Fair 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	19	20 Panhandle City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 Tri-State Fair & PRCA Rodeo	21 Tri-State Fair & PRCA Rodeo	22 Tri-State Fair & PRCA Rodeo
23	24 Carson County Commissioner's Court	25 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	26	27 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	28	29 ACC-Madame Butterfly-Opera
30 ACC-Madame Butterfly-Opera						

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Patriots Day



Patriots Day ...

Sept. 11, 2001 is now known as Patriots Day. Every year since Sept. 11, 2001, Americans have marked the date with somber remembrances and tributes to the brave men and women who have answered the call in the fight against terrorism, and to those who perished on that horrible day.

A 10 Year Anniversary Ceremony at City Hall was held on the morning of Sept 11, 2011 to honor the 10th anniversary of the attack at the World Trade Center, Pentagon, and the heroic efforts on Flight 93.

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WHAT ABOUT MY CHILDREN AT SCHOOL?



If your children are at school

Special care will be taken to protect school children. Emergency Management and school officials have plans in place for the sheltering and evacuation of students during school hours.

Armstrong and Carson Counties

There are currently no schools in the Carson County or Armstrong County portions of the Pantex Emergency Planning Zone. All schools are outside the Emergency Planning Zone, but some school children live within the zone. Schools will not return students to homes in emergency response sectors where local officials have recommended that residents shelter-in-place or evacuate. Those students will remain at their schools under adult supervision until parents can pick them up.

Parents who live in sectors where sheltering-in-place is recommended should remain in their homes until local officials announce it is safe to leave and then pick up children at their schools.

Parents who live in sectors where evacuation is recommended should go to the Reception Center at the Tri-State Fairgrounds in Amarillo first to be checked for possible contamination and then registered. The Emergency Operations Center will give directions for a safe travel route to pick up children at school as soon as the information becomes available.

Amarillo and Potter County

There are several schools in the Potter County emergency response sectors of the Pantex Emergency Planning Zones.

When local officials recommend that people in the Potter County emergency response sectors shelter-in-place, schools in the affected sectors will shelter students at the school. Do not come to the school to pick up students until it is safe to do so. When local officials recommend that people in the Potter County emergency response sectors evacuate, schools in affected sectors will evacuate students to the Reception Center in Amarillo by bus. They will remain at the Reception Center under adult supervision until picked up by their parents.

Do not attempt to pick up students at school.

OCTOBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	2 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	3	4 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 ACC-Disney on Ice	5 ACC-Disney on Ice	6 Cycle City Promotions – Arena Cross ACC-Disney on Ice
7 ACC-Disney on Ice	8 Columbus Day Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	9 ACC-Job Fair 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	10	11 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	12 ACC-Peddler Show	13 ACC-Peddler Show
14 ACC-Peddler Show	15	16 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	17	18 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719 ACC-Senior Fall Festival ACC-Best of Amarillo Trade Show	19 ACC-Symphony	20 ACC-Pioneer Gun Show ACC-Roller Derby ACC-Symphony
21 ACC-Pioneer Gun Show	22 Carson County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	23 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting	24	25 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-Annual Chamber Banquet	26	27 ACC-Christmas in October
28 ACC-Christmas in October	29	30 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	31 Halloween 			

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Power Outages



Power outages can occur for a variety of reasons including damage to power lines or overloading of electricity main circuits. If the power goes out unexpectedly, here are some things you need to know:

- To prevent carbon monoxide poisoning, use generators, pressure washers, grills, and similar items outdoors only.
- If the power is out longer than 2 hours, throw away food that has a temperature higher than 40 degrees F.
- Check with local authorities to be sure your water is safe.
- In hot weather, stay cool and drink plenty of fluids to prevent heat-related illnesses.
- Avoid power lines and electric tools and appliances safely to prevent electrical shock.

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How Do I GET SPECIAL INFORMATION?



Listen to your radio or TV

To obtain weather and emergency information, listen to your radio or television. Have a battery-powered radio with spare batteries. Be alert for signs of frostbite or hypothermia. Travel only if absolutely necessary. If you must travel, travel during daylight, don't go alone, and let someone know where you are going. Take your emergency kit with you.

Call 2-1-1 for information

Call 2-1-1 for information 24 hours a day. This easy to remember three digit calling code will provide non-emergency information to citizens. Some cell phone users may need to dial 806.373.2662 in order to access the 2-1-1 information line

NOVEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344	2 ACC-Christmas Roundup	3 ACC-Christmas Roundup ACC-Gem & Mineral Show
4 ACC-Christmas Roundup ACC-Gem & Mineral Show ACC-Youth Orchestra Concert	5 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	6 ELECTION DAY 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	7	8 Panhandle City Council Meeting 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting ACC-NRCA	9 ACC-NRCA	10 ACC-NRCA
11 VETERAN'S DAY  ACC-NRCA	12 Carson County Commissioner's Court 9:00 a.m. Armstrong County Commissioner's Court 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	13 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	14 ACC-United Way Victory Luncheon	15 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719	16 ACC-Symphony	17 ACC-Artistry in Wood ACC-Symphony ACC-Nutcracker Ball
18 ACC-Artistry in Wood	19 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	20 ACC-Community Prayer Breakfast 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	21	22 THANKSGIVING DAY 	23	24
25	26 Carson County Commissioner's Court	27 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting 7:00 p.m. Armstrong County Museum Board Meeting ACC-Farm Show	28 Farm Show – Amarillo Civic Center	29 Farm Show - Amarillo Civic Center	30 ACC-Empty Stocking Fund Concert	

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FIRE

Every year 350,000 homes in the U.S. are struck by fire, resulting in over 4000 deaths and more than 25,000 injuries. Many of the fires could have been avoided by taking some precautionary steps. If a fire were to occur in your home, it is important that you and your family develop escape plans that will allow you and your family to get out quickly and safely.

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WHAT WILL HAPPEN AT THE RECEPTION CENTER?



The Reception Center is located at the Tri-State Exposition Fairgrounds on East 3rd Avenue just West of Grand Street in Amarillo.

Upon Arrival

When you arrive at the Reception Center, you and your car will be checked for possible contamination, and you will be asked to fill out a registration form.

Prohibited Items

Firearms, alcohol, and illegal drugs are not permitted in the Reception Center.

Pets

Pets should be kept on a leash or in a carrier or cage. They will be housed in a separate location at the Reception Center.

After Processing

After being checked and registered, you may go to the home of a friend or relative who lives outside the area affected by the emergency. If you don't have relatives or friends to stay with, you may be directed to a hotel, motel, or a public shelter.

A registry of all persons who have been registered at the Reception Center will aid relatives and friends in locating people who have evacuated from their homes.

DECEMBER 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 ACC-World of Wrestling
2 ACC-World of Wrestling	3 7:00 p.m. 4-H, Claude & Washburn	4 5:30 p.m.-Amarillo City Commission Meeting	5	6 Panhandle City Council Meeting 7:00 p.m. Harold Gist American Legion Post #344 ACC-Nutcracker ACC-Poinsettia Luncheon	7 ACC-Nutcracker	8 ACC-Nutcracker ACC-Texas Gun & Knife
9 ACC-Nutcracker ACC-Texas Gun & Knife	10 Carson County Commissioner's Armstrong County Commissioner's 7:00 p.m. Claude City Council	11 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	12	13 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	14	15
16	17 7:00 p.m. Claude Chamber of Commerce Meeting	18 3:00 p.m. Amarillo City Commission Meeting	19	20 Panhandle City Council Meeting 7:30 p.m. Claude Masonic Lodge #719	21	22
23	24 CHRISTMAS EVE 	25 CHRISTMAS DAY 	26	27 6:00 p.m. Mid Century Club Meeting	28	29
30	31 NEW YEAR'S EVE 					

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**OUTDOOR
WARNING
SYSTEM**



Emergency Management currently operates over 90 outdoor warning sirens that are designed to alert people who are outdoors of a potential emergency in the area. Outdoor Warning Sirens are NOT designed to be heard indoors. In the event of an emergency, the outdoor warning sirens will be activated on a steady tone for 5 minutes. When sounded, you should immediately move to shelter and listen to local radio or television stations for emergency warning information.

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WHAT ARE THE EMERGENCY CLASSIFICATIONS?

Emergency Classifications

There are three classifications of emergencies at the Pantex Plant. Each calls for a certain response from plant and government personnel. Local emergency management officials and the news media may use these terms in discussing an emergency at the Pantex Plant. In order of increasing severity, the emergency classifications are Alert, Site Area Emergency, General Emergency

Alert	Site Area Emergency	General Emergency
It is unlikely you will have to do anything.	You may have to take action	Some residents will be advised to take action.
An Alert is issued when there is a minor problem at the plant. The problem does not pose an immediate threat to the plant and should not affect areas outside the plant boundary. Federal, State, and local officials will be told of the Alert and will be informed of developments.	A Site Area Emergency is declared when there is a more serious problem at the plant that may require protective action for persons at the plant. The plant will implement actions to protect onsite personnel and activate emergency response personnel and equipment. Offsite authorities will be informed of developments. Offsite emergency personnel and equipment may be mobilized to be ready for emergency response.	A General Emergency is declared when a very serious problem exists at the plant that will require protection of the public in affected areas. Federal, State and local emergency organizations will respond to the situation.
Sirens will not be activated. However, the EAS system and NOAA weather alerting radios may be used to inform people of the Alert.	NOAA weather alerting radios, outdoor warning sirens, the Emergency Alert System, and other warning systems may be activated. Turn on your radio or TV and tune it to a local station which normally broadcasts emergency announcements for more information. Local emergency management officials will advise what actions you should take. Listen closely and follow the instructions given.	Initial warning and protective action information will be provided through the NOAA weather alerting radios and outdoor warning sirens. Turn on your radio or TV and tune it to a local station that normally broadcasts emergency announcements for more information. Local emergency management officials will provide emergency instructions, event updates, and additional information. Listen closely and follow the instructions given.

Important Phone Numbers

Police/Sheriff/Fire/Ambulance 9-1-1 or _____

Police/Sheriff (Non-Emergency) _____

Fire Department (Non Emergency) _____

Emergency Medical Care (Clinic/Hospital) _____

Electric Company (Emergency Service) _____

Gas/Fuel Company (Emergency Service) _____

Doctors:

Pharmacy: _____

Dentist: _____

Work Numbers for Parents: _____

Children's School/Day Care: _____

Veterinarian: _____

Other: _____

Family Communication Plan

Good family communications requires some degree of advanced preparation, basic steps and logical thinking. This section will provide you with a format to use as an outline to start your own Family Communication Plan.

Consider the structure of your family. Do you have a traditional family structure with two parents, or are you a single parent? Is one of the parents out-of-town or are both here? Do you have extended family members that need to be included in your plan? Do you have pets that are considered family members?

Select a primary contact person for your family. The primary contact should be the person with the most stable schedule and least amount of out-of-town travel. A secondary contact should also be designated if the primary contact person is not available.

Identify individual family role in preparation for an emergency situation. Determine who will perform the following duties on behalf of the entire family:

- Prepare a contact card for each family member.
- Identify a meeting place or meeting plan.
- Make arrangements to contact extended family members.
- Devise a plan to let neighbors know where you will be and how to contact you.



Call 9-1-1 for an emergency only!

During a widespread emergency, keep your radio or television tuned to local stations for official information and instructions. Do not call 9-1-1 unless you have an actual emergency.

If you must call 9-1-1 with an emergency remember to remain calm when speaking to a 9-1-1 operator and do not hang up until instructed to do so.

***WE HAVE
EVACUATED***

If you have been notified of an emergency requiring evacuation, place this back page of the calendar in a front window where emergency workers can easily see it. This will alert everyone that you are no longer on the property.

If you are unable to evacuate and need assistance, do not place this in the window.