**April 25, 2024 DVE Wildfire Evacuation Drill Update 3/13/2024**

* Scenario – Drill starts mid-morning. 11:00 briefing at EOC (Emergency Operations Center) and OEM (Office of Emergency Management). Will send out the “emergency” evacuation notice at **1 PM** (drill only, pre-scheduled launch).  OEM will come out early to help set-up and greet evacuees at the collection point.
* Potentially – Upper Pine River Fire Department (UPRFPD) will be the lead fire agency. County will encourage them (UPRFP) to check, test and use the two fire protection cisterns in the DVE (leaving them full), and perform some fire protection exercises around a few houses (if we get volunteers).
* USFS – Invitation has been extended to local crews from Bayfield to participate, both in public education at collection point and in the exercise if they can.  They will bring out a map showing RX burn projects and answer any questions.
* Collection Point Location – The Plan is to use the grassy area between Hwy 160 and the gate. Les and Mark will provide a BBQ grill and tables. OEM to provide food (burgers, dogs, sides and drinks).  OEM will provide an EZ Up and additional tables and chairs.
* Fire Safety Site Assessments – EOM will craft an email that Les can forward out as an invitation to participate.  We’re looking for 3 homeowners to volunteer for a site assessment, 3 for firefighting activities like hose deployment, etc.… and 5 for damage assessments (picture posted in front at driveway). These can be the same homes if we don’t get enough of offers. Les and Mark have volunteered their homes so far. Have some additional potential home, but will confirm.
* The La Plata Country Sherrif’s Department will also be participating and will have a representative(s) on site.
* Follow Up on The Initial Code RED Test – Great participation!! The system made 143 phone alerts with 54% answered live and 45% to voicemail It also sent out 90 text messages and 66 emails.
* Fine tuning and additional information to come the first of April.