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Yavapai County Hosts Multi-Jurisdictional Genasys Protect Training

YAVAPAI COUNTY, Arizona. – The Yavapai County Office of Emergency Management (YCOEM) is proud to announce a two-day multi-jurisdictional Genasys Protect training event on Wednesday, August 28th, and Thursday, August 29th, 2024. This comprehensive training will focus on the Genasys Protect Evacuation Platform, recently acquired by several local jurisdictions within Yavapai County including: the City of Prescott, the City of Cottonwood, the Town of Clarkdale, the Town of Chino Valley, the Town of Camp Verde, the Town of Dewey-Humboldt, the Town of Jerome, and the Town of Prescott Valley is in process. The City of Sedona uses an internal evacuation zone product. Yavapai County aims to be the first county in Arizona to have evacuation zones in every jurisdiction.

The first day of training will concentrate on familiarizing participants with the Genasys Protect system. The second day will feature a multi-agency exercise involving fire departments, law enforcement, dispatch centers, emergency management teams, and other critical agencies. This exercise will simulate real-life emergency conditions, with some participants operating from their vehicles and communication being conducted via radio and telephone.

YCOEM is excited to collaborate with Genasys to provide this vital training opportunity. The event will offer local jurisdictions a chance to learn the evacuation platform in-depth while also practicing coordination and cooperation under realistic conditions.

"This countywide training will greatly enhance our preparedness and response capabilities, ensuring our team is well-versed in utilizing the Genasys platform," stated Emergency Manager Ashley Ahlquist.

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