

City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

Public Service Answering Point (PSAP) Systems Upgrade

Out with the old, and in with new is what is going on with many of the systems at the PSAP center. The PSAP, a joint cooperative effort that started in 2013 between the City and Dodge County, provides emergency 911 response and dispatch services for both the City and Dodge County.

Shelly Holzerland, Director of the PSAP center said nearly all of the seven-year old equipment and systems are being upgraded. This includes the server for the administrative phone system for the police and sheriff departments, a new computer-aided dispatch (CAD) system that provides PSAP dispatchers with information about the status of emergency responders being dispatched, and the server for the 911 system that allows the PSAP to be an Internet Protocol-based system.

By upgrading these systems, the PSAP will be in a position to serve as a regional 911 call center too. Currently another county is discussing the prospect of joining Fremont and Dodge County to create a regional 911 center in Fremont. In addition, Shelly is actively recruiting other municipals and counties in northeast Nebraska to join our PSAP center, so all the participants in the center can save money. Our PSAP center, due much in part to her hard work, is one of the few centers in the area capable of being a regional 911 call center.

Tight Quarters

Jeremy Young, an intern in the Information Systems (IT) Department is shown in the picture (on the right) running some new cable at the PSAP Center. This picture is a good example of some of the tight quarters that IT employees work in. In this case, Jeremy was tasked with running new cables to the workstations for monitors.



What Weather will This Winter Bring?

According to the Winter Weather Outlook on the right from DTN, a global company that focuses on predicting the weather, this winter will be mild to start and much colder later for our region. The chances for the polar vortex to creep southward may come to fruition in January and February, according to DTN.

Likewise, the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) reported that without either El Niño or La Niña conditions, short-term climate patterns are driven by the Arctic Oscillation, which

will drive winter weather. They said this will result in large swings in temperatures and precipitation. Pretty much as we have seen so far!

2020 Legislative Session

With the tap of the gavel, Speaker Jim Scheer of Norfolk, kicked off the Nebraska 106th Legislature session on Wednesday. This session, a 60-day session, begins with a 10-day period to introduce new bills. The new bills will be scheduled for public hearings, while senators will spend their mornings in floor debate working on the backlog of 481 carryover bills and 11 Legislative Resolutions. We are expecting several flood recovery bills that might provide some much-needed relief to flood ravaged homes in Fremont.

We have asked Fremont Senator, Lynne Walz, to introduce a bill to amend the Community Development Law regarding extremely blighted areas, so we can use the designation in much of the area impacted by the March flood.

DTN 2019-20 Winter Season

U.S. Outlook Highlights

- Neutral ENSO conditions expected through the winter
- Above average temperatures likely for the West
- Increased risks for cold in the East
- Reduced precipitation for large areas except for the Gulf and East Coasts



1 North Central



Temperature

- Warmer start to winter
- Mid-late winter cold
- Short-lived extreme cold

Precipitation

- Reduced precipitation most areas
- More seasonable totals western part of the region
- Lower snowfall compared to last year and average

2 Northwest



Temperature

- Mainly warmer winter
- Brief cold periods
- Delayed start to winter

Precipitation

- Drier start to winter
- Wetter pattern evolves through winter
- Seasonable mountain snowpack expected

3 Southwest



Temperature

- Abundant warmth
- Warmer than last winter
- Limited cooler periods

Precipitation

- Somewhat below average rain/snow expected
- Regional dryness/drought
- Much drier than last year

4 Northeast



Temperature

- Colder winter coming
- Sharp cold shots anticipated
- Warm interludes

Precipitation

- Drier than normal away from coastal areas
- Higher coastal storm risks
- Intense bursts of lake effect snow with cold events

5 Southeast



Temperature

- Seasonable temperatures
- Occasional cold periods
- Greatest cold risks north

Precipitation

- Enhanced rainfall coastal areas
- Reduced rainfall totals further inland
- More wintry precipitation threats north

6 South Central



Temperature

- Large temperature swings
- Seasonable temperatures overall
- Brief cold periods

Precipitation

- Wetter near the Gulf Coast
- Wintry precipitation extends south
- Texas drought persists/expands

There is no job so important and no service so urgent that we cannot take the time to do the work safely!