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Speaker Bio:

Christy Ciccotelli earned a Bachelor of Science in Community Health Education in 2002 and a Master of Science in Crisis and Emergency Management from the University of Nevada, Las Vegas in 2022. In 2022, Christine joined the Clark County Fire Department with the Office of Emergency Management. Christine's current role as Public Outreach and Volunteer Coordinator at the City of Henderson's Department of Emergency Management, Division of Emergency Preparedness, began in October 2023. In this capacity, Christine is responsible for building and maintaining relationships with community members, organizations, and volunteers to enhance the city's emergency preparedness efforts. She coordinates public outreach initiatives and works to increase community awareness of emergency management best practices. In February 2024, Christine was appointed Vice President of the Nevada Emergency Preparedness Association (NEPA), and she earned the designation of Associate Emergency Manager (AEM) from the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM).

Presentation:

Legos, Cookies, and Whole Community

Every Lego box has instructions for how to make the perfect creation, but those pieces can be used to make pretty much anything.

Cookies are an American favorite. Most cookies come from the same basic base, and it is what you add or take away from it that makes it unique.

The FEMA document, "A Whole Community Approach to Emergency Management: Principles, Themes, and Pathways for Action," is like that Lego instruction book or that base cookie dough. When it comes to preparedness, we have all the pieces and all the ingredients, we just need to find a way to make them work for us.

While we can help with the education of preparedness, unless you are in a position that allows you to work closely with individuals on a frequent and personal basis, we do not have the capacity to make a significant impact on them. Who better to help citizens with preparedness than the people they live with, work with, pray with, and trust.

None of us can meet the ideal alone, but we do have the instructions and recipe for the perfect creation. It is just a matter of finding a way to use the pieces and ingredients to make something that works for your community.