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Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management Restructuring

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho: On October 18th the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners made a restructuring move that places the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) under the office of the Sheriff. Previously, the Office of Emergency Management worked directly for the Board of Commissioners.

Sheriff Ben Wolfinger and OEM Director, Sandy Von Behren told Commissioners that the move will provide additional resources to enhance OEM's capabilities. It will allow staff to coordinate efforts to ensure that as a County we work together to build, sustain and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate all hazards. The Office of Emergency Management is located in the basement of the Sheriff's Office and has been since 1988.

Sheriff Wolfinger welcomes Sandy and her staff to the Sheriff's Office and looks forward to working together.

Ben Wolfinger, Sheriff
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