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Titus County EMC

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Good morning, Judge and Commissioners. My name is Jerry Ward, Titus County EMC. I am here to talk about the county's plan for April 8th Solar Eclipse.

Nobody knows what is going to happen, so we just need to try to prepare for what we think could happen. The Eclipse should start around 1:43p.m. to 1:45p.m. and only last about 4 minutes.

We can expect large crowds, traffic delays, shortages of water food and fuel.

Weather temperatures could drop 5 to 10 degrees depending on the humidity that day. The weather forecast for April 8th is sunny with temperatures of 67 for the high.

I have talked with:

Sheriffs' office, DPS and Park Police- they will have extra patrols on duty.

EMS will have 4 ambulances on duty.

Electric and Water Company will be staffed.

State Park and Hotels booked already.

Fort Sherman County Park on FM 3417 stated they will be closed from April 1st thru April 8th. On April 8th they will be open for fishing only.

We think our biggest problem is going to be traffic, as a lot of people will be coming into town to shop and then when heading home.

The county will be providing 4 skids of water, which we will be dividing between all the county VFDs in the next few days to have if needed.

As far as county Emergency Management we will be visiting with VFDs to see if they will have people off work that day to help if needed. The VFDs may need to help with traffic or EMS calls in the County.

Communications of any kind of call that has to do with fires or MVAs will be using MPFR. An email was sent to Mt Pleasant's Chief McRae and City Manager Thatcher asking if the county could use the TCFR so as to stay off their MPFR if needed. McRae's response NO. They now own the FCC Repeater license for TCFR. So, if a disaster happens in the county our EOC of Tri Lakes VFD is inoperable.

We hope everything will be good.

Thank you for your time.

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From: Jerry Ward <jward@co.titus.tx.us>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 11:47 AM
To: 'lmcrae@mpcity.org'
Cc: 'ethatcher@mpcity.org'
Subject: Titus Co Fire repeater

Due to any possible emergency in Titus County during April 7th, 8th and 9th we are requesting use of the Titus County Fire Repeater so there is no interruption with the Mt Pleasant repeater.
We are respectfully requesting your response as soon as possible.

Jerry Ward
Titus County Emergency Management Coordinator

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From: Larry McRae <LMcRae@mpcity.org>
Sent: Friday, March 8, 2024 1:48 PM
To: Jerry Ward
Cc: Ed Thatcher
Subject: RE: Titus Co Fire repeater

The City of Mount Pleasant began planning for this event last year and has had many plan meetings that included representatives from fire, police, EMS, hospital, Chamber of Commerce, parks, streets, civic center, TDEM, airport, MPISD and planning/code enforcement . A communication plan has been included in our Incident Action Plan for the event which includes MPFD V2. MPFD V2 is the name assigned to the frequencies previously assigned to the Titus County Firefighter Association that were relicensed through the FCC to the Mount Pleasant Fire Department. Since MPFD V2 is already included in the City's communications plan it will not be available for use by the County.

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