



The Glide Community Emergency Communication Plan establishes a vital alternative communication network utilizing simple GMRS and FRS radios to connect isolated neighborhoods directly with the Glide Rural Fire Protection District when conventional infrastructure fails.

By training local residents to aggregate neighborhood statuses and relay them to the fire department, the plan ensures critical information reaches Douglas County Emergency Management even during catastrophic events like a Cascadia Subduction Zone earthquake, severe winter storms, or wildfires.

Key Components of the Plan

- **Alternative Hardware:** Uses General Mobile Radio Service (GMRS) and Family Radio Service (FRS) radios, which operate independently of cell towers, internet routing, and landlines.
- **Layered Communication Flow:** Information moves from individual homes, neighborhood hubs, Glide Fire Department (GFD), Douglas County emergency services.
- **Neighborhood Isolation Resilience:** Specifically designed for disaster scenarios—like the 2019 "Snowmageddon" and the 2020 Archie Creek Fire—where physical roads are blocked and power grids are entirely offline.

Upcoming Fall Outreach Initiatives

To operationalize this framework before the next major emergency, GFD's upcoming autumn outreach campaign will focus on:

1. **Radio Education:** Teaching residents basic radio operation, channel discipline, and how to maximize signal range in rural terrain.
2. **Hub Identification:** Establishing designated community communication hubs within individual neighborhoods to serve as regional collection points.
3. **Protocol Training:** Training neighborhood volunteers on how to accurately summarize local damage, medical needs, and utility statuses before transmitting them to GFD.