

AGENDA



4:30 P.M.

CITY COUNCIL MEETING

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

NOTES:

· Meeting room is wheelchair accessible. American Disabilities Act (ADA) accommodations and translation services are available upon request. Please phone 928-862-3220 at least two (2) business days in advance.

· City Council Meeting Agenda Packets are available on the City's website at: www.SedonaAZ.gov

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GUIDELINES FOR PUBLIC COMMENT

PURPOSE:

To allow the public to provide input to the City Council on a particular subject scheduled on the agenda. This is not a question/answer session. No disruptive behavior or profane language will be allowed.

The decision to receive Public Comment during Work Sessions/Special City Council meetings is at the discretion of the Mayor.

PROCEDURES:

- *Fill out a "Public Comment Card" and place it in the comment tray.
- *When recognized, use the podium/microphone and state your name and city of residence
- *Limit comments to 3 MINUTES.

1. CALL TO ORDER/PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE/MOMENT OF SILENCE
2. ROLL CALL
3. SPECIAL BUSINESS
 - a. AB 3381 **Discussion/presentation** of an emergency response tabletop exercise to familiarize city council, department heads, and partners, on their roles within the Incident Command System during emergency operations.
 - b. **Discussion/possible action** regarding ideas for future meetings/agenda items.
4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Upon a public majority vote of the members constituting a quorum, the COUNCIL may hold an Executive Session that is not open to the public for the following purposes:

 - a. To consult with legal counsel for advice on matters listed on this agenda per A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and A.R.S § 38-431.03(A)(1).
 - b. Return to open session. Discussion/possible action on executive session items.
5. ADJOURNMENT

Posted: 10/07/2026

By: DJ

JoAnne Cook, CMC, City Clerk

Note: Pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.02 notice is hereby given to the members of the City Council and to the general public that the Council will hold the above open meeting. Members of the City Council will attend either in person or by telephone, video, or internet communications. The Council may vote to go into executive session on any agenda item, pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-431.03(A)(3) and (4) for discussion and consultation for legal advice with the City Attorney. Because various other commissions, committees and/or boards may speak at Council meetings, notice is also given that a quorum of members of these other City commissions, boards, or committees may be in attendance.

A copy of the packet with materials relating to the agenda items is typically available for review by the public in the Clerk's office after 1:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the Council meeting and on the City's website at www.SedonaAZ.gov. The Council Chambers is accessible to people with disabilities, in compliance with the Federal 504 and ADA laws. Those with needs for special typeface print, may request these at the Clerk's Office. All requests should be made forty-eight hours prior to the meeting.

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**CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA BILL**

**AB 3381
October 14, 2026
Special Business**

Agenda Item: 3a

Proposed Action & Subject: Discussion/presentation of an emergency response tabletop exercise.

Department	Police Department
Time to Present	2 hours
Total Time for Item	2 hours
Other Council Meetings	N/A
Exhibits	A. Tabletop Exercise Presentation

Finance Approval	JMC Reviewed 10/1/26	
City Attorney Approval	MKC 10/05/2026	Expenditure Required
		\$ N/A
City Manager's Recommendation	N/A	Amount Budgeted
		\$ N/A
		Account No. (Description)

SUMMARY STATEMENT

Background: The Sedona Police Department will present and facilitate an emergency response tabletop exercise to the City Council and partner departments. The purpose of this presentation is to familiarize city council, department heads, and partners, with their roles within the Incident Command System during emergency operations. This tabletop exercise is consistent with the City's commitment to NIMS compliance as established by Sedona Resolution 2005-34.

This presentation is designed specifically for emergency response staff, department heads, and City Council, providing an overview of the Incident Command System, emergency management principles, and the roles and responsibilities of different groups during emergencies and disasters. The training emphasizes the wholistic approach to disaster and crisis management, highlighting specific functions at both the tactical and strategic levels.

This presentation is part of the City's ongoing emergency preparedness and NIMS training efforts. Police Department personnel and City department heads are currently participating in ICS training appropriate to their respective roles. Providing this course to the City Council extends that training program and helps ensure a common understanding of emergency management principles, interagency coordination, and the City's role in supporting effective incident response and recovery operations.

Climate Action Plan/Sustainability Consistent: ☒ Yes - ☐ No - ☐ Not Applicable

National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) training supports the City's Climate Action Plan by enhancing emergency preparedness, interagency coordination, and organizational resilience during climate-related emergencies. Specifically, this training aligns with the Climate Action Plan's Emergency Management Capacity (page 32) and Wildfire/Flood Emergency Preparedness goals (page 34) by ensuring that elected officials, department leadership, and public safety personnel understand their roles and responsibilities during emergency incidents and can effectively coordinate response and recovery efforts.

Board/Commission Recommendation: ☐ Applicable - ☒ Not Applicable

Alternative(s):

MOTION

I move to: For discussion and presentation only.

A photograph of a snowy Sedona landscape. In the foreground, a dense forest of trees is heavily covered in snow. In the background, the iconic red rock buttes of Sedona are visible, also partially covered in snow. The sky is overcast and grey, suggesting a winter day.

2026 SEDONA TABLETOP EXERCISE

Snow On The Buttes

***“Strategy without tactics is the
slowest route to victory.***

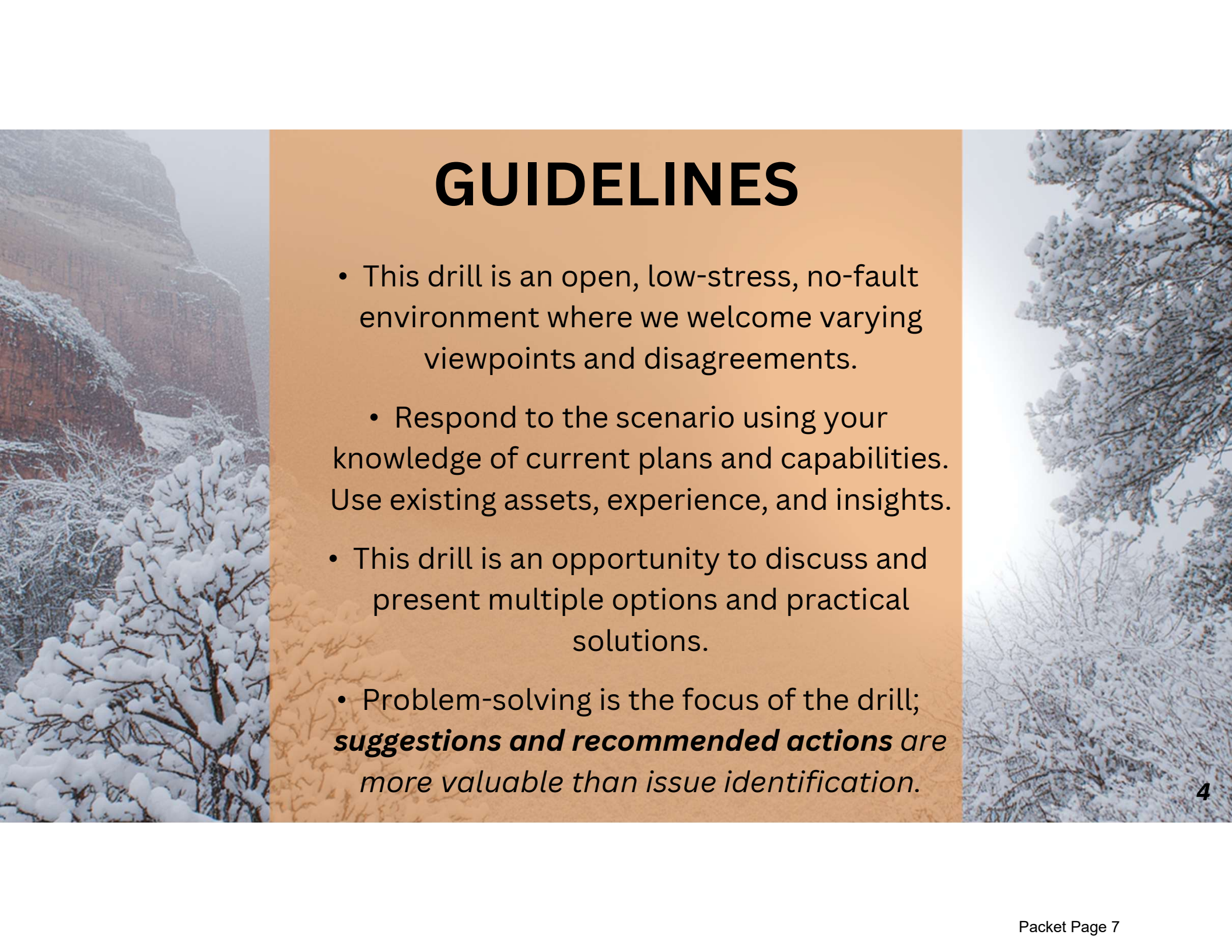
***Tactics without strategy is the
noise before defeat.”***

Sun Tzu (544 BC - 496 BC)



ACRONYMS

- **AQS – Arizona Qualification System**
- **EOC – Emergency Operations Center**
- **EOP – Emergency Operations Plan**
- **HSPD-5 – Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5**
- **IC – Incident Command(er)**
- **ICS – Incident Command System**
- **IPAWS – Integrated Public Alert and Warning System**
- **JIC – Joint Information Center**
- **JIS – Joint Information System**
- **MAC Group – Multi-Agency Coordination Group (Policy Group)**
- **NIMS – National Incident Management System**
- **PPD-8 – Presidential Policy Directive 8**
- **PIO – Public Information Officer**
- **UC – Unified Command**

A winter landscape with snow-covered trees and a rocky cliff. The image is split into three vertical sections. The left section shows a snow-covered tree in the foreground and a rocky cliff in the background. The middle section is a solid orange color with the title and bullet points. The right section shows a snow-covered tree in the foreground and a rocky cliff in the background.

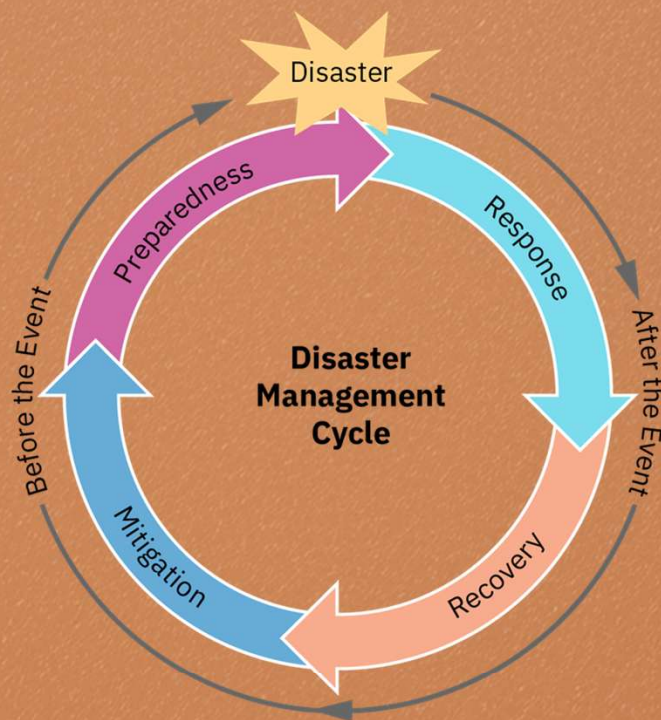
GUIDELINES

- This drill is an open, low-stress, no-fault environment where we welcome varying viewpoints and disagreements.
 - Respond to the scenario using your knowledge of current plans and capabilities. Use existing assets, experience, and insights.
- This drill is an opportunity to discuss and present multiple options and practical solutions.
- Problem-solving is the focus of the drill; ***suggestions and recommended actions*** are more valuable than issue identification.

TTX OBJECTIVES

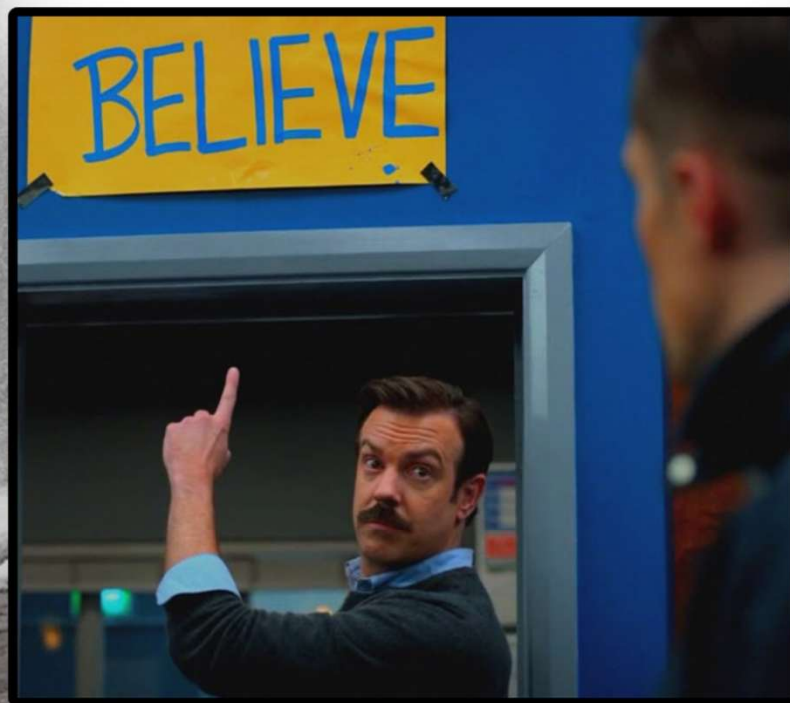
- Resident, Visitor, and Employee Life Safety
 - Coordinate Within ICS
 - Efficiently Communicate Horizontally and Vertically
 - Continuity of Operations
- ***Choose-Your-Own-Objective***

Questions?



***Train, Respond, Improve
Candid Conversation***

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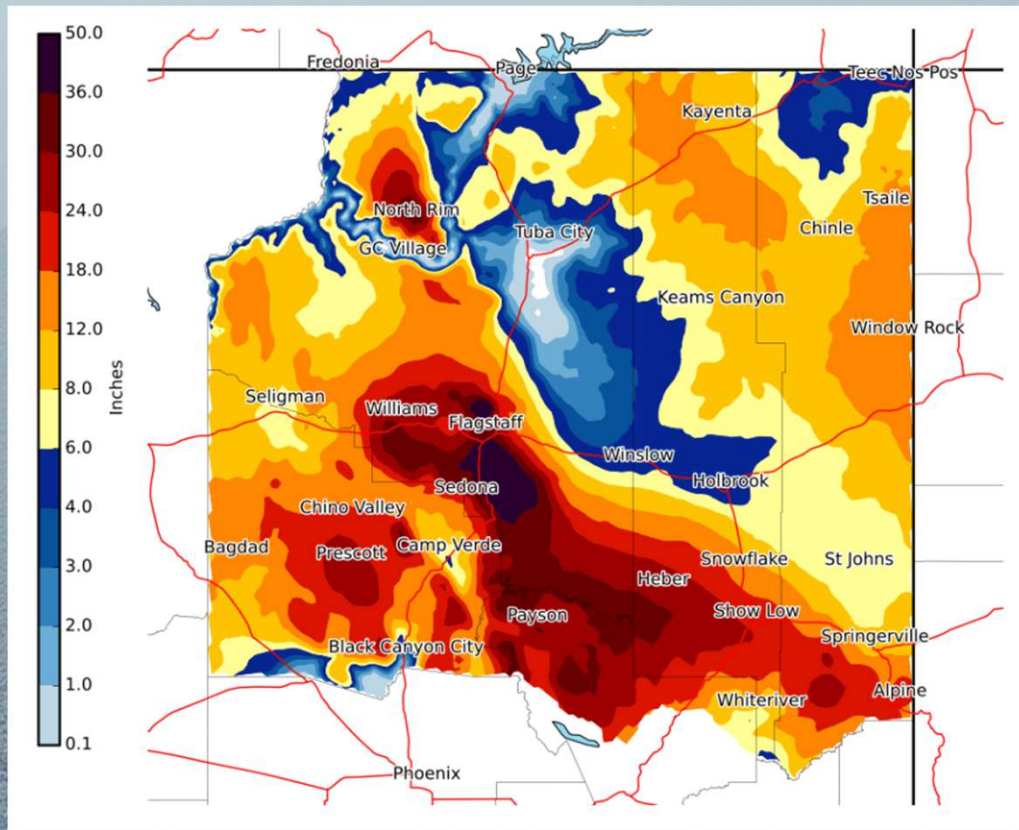


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Jan. 14, 2027

Expected Weather
Conditions

- Below Freezing
- 3000ft Snow Level
- 25-30 Mph Winds
- 2-3 Day Event
- High Confidence



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AZ Pulse Check

24 Hour Notice

- SEOC Activated (Monitoring)
- YCEOC & CCEOC Activated
- Sedona EOC?

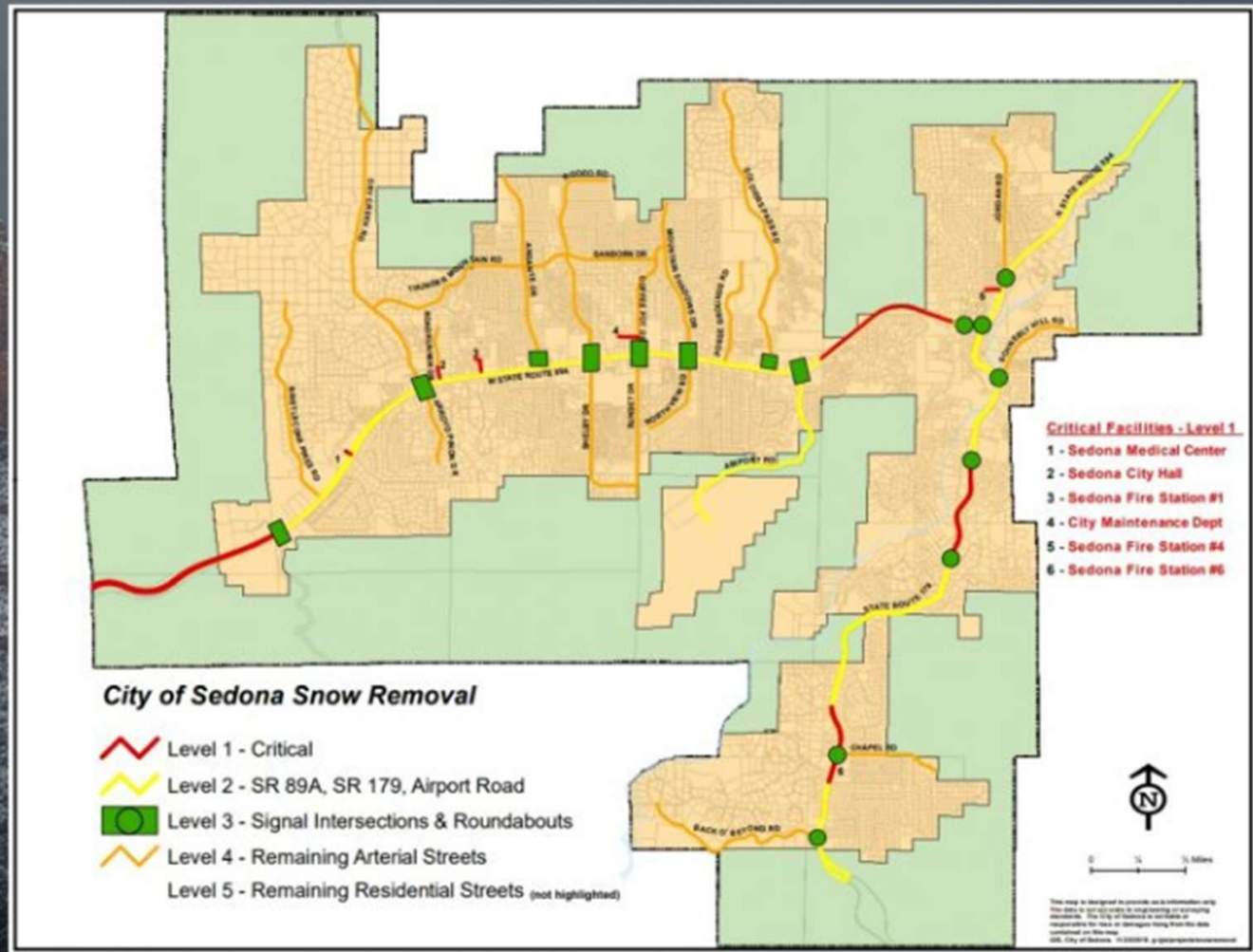


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Potential Impacts

- Limited Access?
- Intermittent Communications?
- Backup Generators & Sustainment?
- Modified Staffing?
- Continuity of Government?





Concerns, Considerations, Contingency Plans?

SCENARIO

Thursday, Jan. 14 - 0600

- NWS upgrades Winter Storm Watch to a Warning, forecasting up to 30 inches of snow over 3 days with sustained winds.
- SOCSD announce closures.
Parents begin asking whether city services remain operational.

WATCH **BE PREPARED**

We have the ingredients to make tacos. Keep an eye out for one!



WARNING **TAKE ACTION**

Tacos are happening in your area right now. Find your seat!



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January 14th - 0800

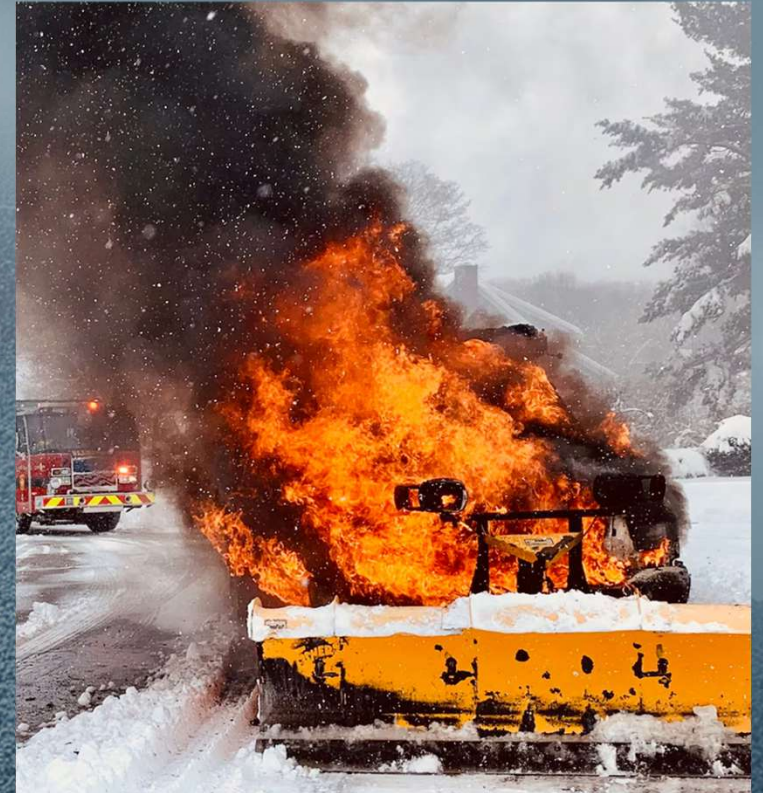
- ADOT reports I-17 experiencing multiple spinouts north of Camp Verde. Traffic begins diverting onto SR-179.
- Snow begins accumulating faster than forecast. Currently 1-2" per hour.
- Four councilors currently at a LACT retreat are unable to return.



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January 14th - 1200

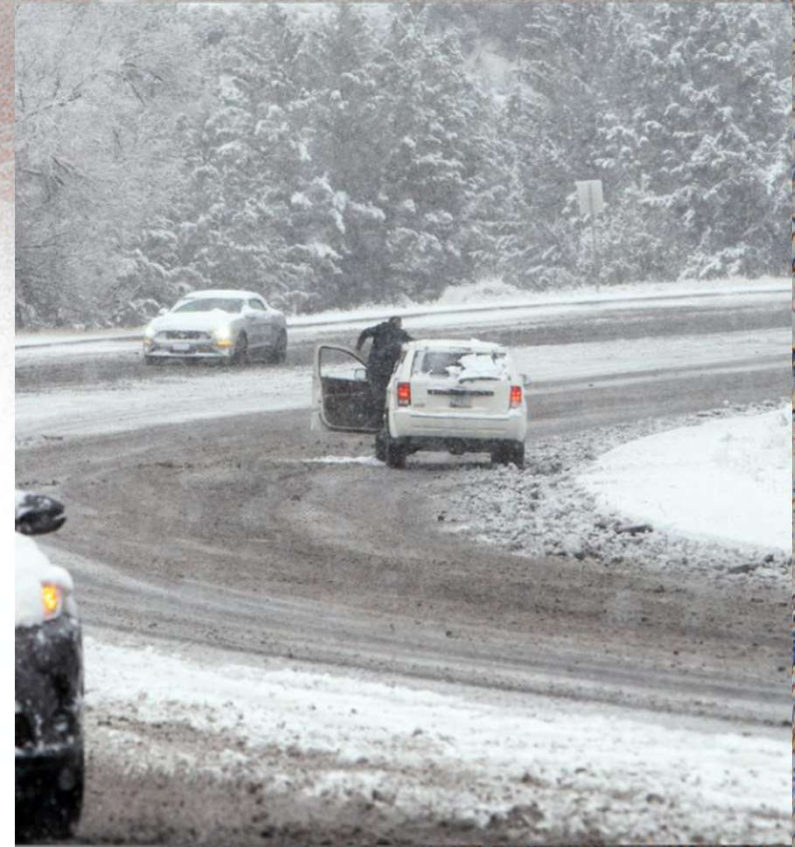
- A tourist bus becomes stranded on SR-89A near Oak Creek Canyon with 42 passengers.
- City snowplow experiences a catastrophic failure and ignites on Cook's Hill.
- Residents are wanting to know when their streets are going to be plowed.



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January 14th - 1700

- Snow accumulation reaches 12 inches. Vehicles begin to be abandoned.
- A semi-truck diverted from I-17 gets stuck at the Chapel roundabout, requesting assistance.
- Due to freezing temperatures, a water main break floods an intersection and quickly freezes into solid ice at Coffeepot / 89A.



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January 14th - 2000

- Rumors spread that the city is preparing mandatory evacuations despite no official announcement.
- APS reports impacts to power infrastructure across the region, including outages. Disruptions likely to increase.



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January 18th - 0400

- Snow depth exceeds 24 inches. Many secondary roads are impassable.
- Rime ice forms on radio repeaters, rendering them inoperable.
- Fuel deliveries to local gas stations are delayed indefinitely. ADOT closures on I-17, SR-89A, and other major highways.



SCENARIO

January 18th - 0800

- Several employees cannot report for duty due to impassable roads and hazardous conditions.
- Additional barricades, fuel, generators, and traffic control devices are needed to support operations.
- Consider Proclamation of Emergency? Can we demonstrate that we are “overwhelmed”?



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January 18th - 1200

- Accumulated snowfall reaches three feet.
- Roofs begin to sag and existing vehicles are trapped in their spots.
- An elderly person with dementia wanders away from home during the storm.
- A local business wants the city to promote that they are still open for business.



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January 18th - 1600

- Reports of carbon monoxide incidents from confined space generator use.
- Several large trees collapse under snow and wind on SR-89A, closed indefinitely.
- Increased remote work overwhelms the city's VPN capacity.



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January 18th - 1800

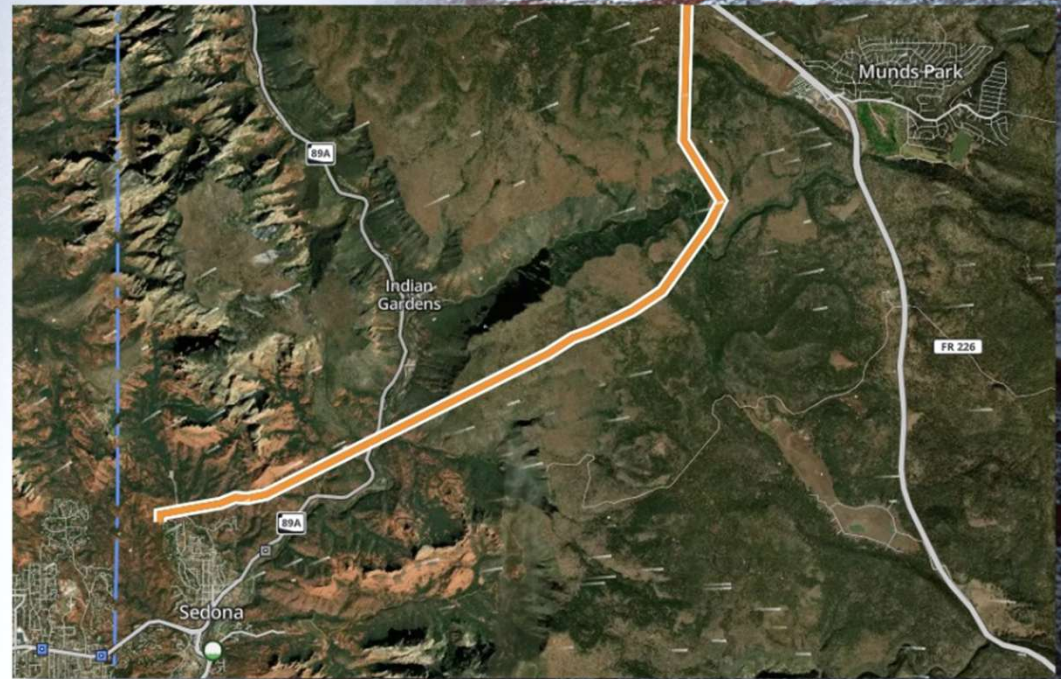
- Dozens of businesses seek emergency occupancy inspections after roof damage.
- Visitors insist a yeti has been seen on Airport Mesa. Police receive multiple reports from different callers.
- City receives complaints of price gouging for snow shovels, generators, and firewood.



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January 18th - 2200

- APS transmission line trips near Munds Canyon, city w/o power.
- An amateur meteorologist on social media claims another three feet of snow is coming, causing panic buying despite official forecasts showing clearing weather.



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January 19th - 0800

- Storm effects have subsided, and only flurries are expected throughout the day.
- APS begins power restoration and anticipates completion within a few hours.
- Significant snow and discarded debris remains in the streets from the storm.



SCENARIO

January 19th - 1200

- NWS forecasts warming temperatures next week could be in the mid-50's and 60's.
- Regional requests continue for support in locating missing persons and snow removal.
- Businesses report cancellations and request a coordinated recovery message.



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HISTORY

DECEMBER 1967

- December 12th-20th - Snowfall Totals
 - Flagstaff - 86"
 - Payson - 77"
 - Prescott - 46"
 - Jerome - 40"
 - Sedona - 36"
 - Cottonwood - 26"





HOTWASH / DEBRIEF

- Identify Strengths & Areas for Improvement
- Biggest takeaway from today?
- Consider what you will:
 - Keep doing
 - Stop doing
 - Do differently
 - Start doing
- Follow-up Discussion