

St. Anthony Hospital Lightning Data Center

Lightning Task Force of Colorado met on April 3, 1992 at St. Anthony Hospital.

Members present were: Jodi Chambers, Michael Cherington, Debbi Clark, Steven Clark, Jerry Estep, Ron Holle, Ken Langford, and Raul Lopez. Ron Larson and Richard Collier were present at the beginning of the meeting but had to leave to attend another meeting elsewhere.

Several subjects were discussed including the following:

1. Members approved the Questionnaire and covering letter which will be sent in the next week or two to 170 Emergency Medical Centers and Clinics in the state of Colorado. Debbi Clark will arrange for the materials to be addressed and mailed.
2. Ron Holle and Raul Lopez will review their lightning newspaper reports for the past 3 years from the Denver Post and Boulder Camera. The data will be extracted from those articles and transferred to the Questionnaire form. We anticipate that some of the articles will have a paucity of information; other articles may have information not provided on the Questionnaire (e.g. rain conditions, etc.) and this information will also be collected. Raul Lopez stated that he and Ron may have the assistance from High School Volunteer program. The students may skim the newspapers from those 3 years to see if any articles may have been omitted.
3. Ken Langford will review his newsclippings from the past 3 years of the Rocky Mountain News.
4. We hope to evaluate the information obtained from the above efforts at our next meeting.
5. Michael Cherington reported on communications from several granting sources listed on the agenda. So far two agencies have responded: John G. Duncan Charitable Trust and Mabel Y. Hughes Charitable Trust. Both applications must be submitted by November. Debbi Clark stated that there may be personnel in the SAH System that can help in the preparation of Grant applications. She will report on this at the next meeting.
6. Members viewed a videotape of lightning photography and comments of survivors of lightning strikes.
7. It was decided that the next meeting will be held at St. Anthony Hospital 3 - North Sunporch on May 8, 1992 Friday at 11:30 am.

Respectfully submitted:

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