"Orion will be the main screen on display if our EOC is activated and will be the screen that does not come down during an event. It will be accessible to every first responder, highway, police, power and public utility department so that we can all see and participate in the big picture.

We will be ahead of the game with Orion."

- Mark Rempe
   Director of Emergency Management
   Custer County, Nebraska

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Orion Disaster Management Software offers Common Operating Picture for Custer County, NE

BACKGROUND

Mark Rempe has directed the emergency management department in Custer County for nearly eight years. As part of his renovation and restructuring of the county EOC, Mark identified the Orion Disaster Management Software as an important tool to streamline efficiency gaps to help Custer County first responders, highway, police, power and public utility departments in Custer County to coordinate with a single software platform to gain a common operating picture for planning, emergencies, and recovery.

APPROACH

Custer County's implementation of Orion began with a live online webinar where both the mobile and dashboard component were presented in an easy-to-understand format with training videos and an online manual available for support during the training process. Further, Custer County plans to continue their Orion training program through an inter-department scenario-based tabletop exercise where the Orion Solution will be utilized during a simulated event. This will ensure that county personnel will have the hands-on training in the field to be ready at any time to use Orion.

RESULT

The mapping and situational awareness provided through Orion allows county personnel to see what is happening during an event and participate by adding to the common operating picture. The Orion mobile app and dashboard are extremely easy to use so that information can be added as it is encountered on a daily basis. As a result, Orion will be used by multiple departments in Custer County to plan for, respond to and recover from incidents and disasters. Year over year data for analysis and reporting to County Supervisors or FEMA will be now be instantaneous and streamlined through the use of the Orion Disaster Management Software.