

# **Emergency Readiness Emergency Evacuation Plan**

## **Town of Minturn Emergency Evacuation Plan**

### **Introduction:**

The purpose of the Minturn Emergency Evacuation Plan is to educate the citizens and guests of Minturn on how to respond to an emergency requiring evacuation and also serves as a guide for the Town of Minturn emergency responders. The Emergency Evacuation Plan includes plans for both a partial and full evacuation of the Town.

### **Notification:**

The residents of Minturn should be presented with the information in this plan twice a year, in June and December. The Public Safety Information Officer will provide the information through local media and the Town of Minturn website ([www.minturn.org](http://www.minturn.org)). The information provided will include emergency broadcast information, recorded information available by phone, neighborhood pick-up locations, evacuation center locations, shelter locations and a notification for citizens with special needs. This will ensure the community understands how to obtain information and understand the critical steps to the evacuation process.

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When implementing the Emergency Evacuation Plan, the Vail Communications Center will utilize the emergency Phone Notification, also known as Reverse 911, the Emergency Alert System via AM/FM radio stations and Roam Secure text messages to the homes, hotels and businesses in the affected area(s). The message will contain emergency and evacuation instructions. When time and personnel allow, first responders will drive through neighborhoods and make public notification on the emergency vehicle loud speakers or go door-to-door.

## **Recorded Information:**

The Town of Minturn will provide the public with a telephone hotline to receive updated information. Whenever possible, the updated information will also be posted on the Town of Minturn website ([www.minturn.org](http://www.minturn.org)) and on the Eagle County website ([www.eaglecounty.us](http://www.eaglecounty.us)).



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## C. Shelter in Place:

1. During some types of incidents, such as a hazardous materials spill, or communicable disease, the public may be asked to stay inside and not evacuate, or due to the rapid spread of a wildfire, they may not be able to leave. For these reasons, citizens should be prepared to stay in their homes for a minimum of 72 hours and have enough supplies on hand to support the number of residents living there. See [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more details. Homes should be made Firewise to increase the safety of sheltering in place during a fast moving wildfire. See [www.firewise.org](http://www.firewise.org) for more details.

Citizen who self-evacuate or evacuate by public transportation will be asked to indicate that they have already evacuated their residence by displaying a large, white object, such as a sheet inside the residence, in a visible, conspicuous location, in the front, street-side of their home and to turn on their porch light.

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## Evacuation Centers and Procedures:

### **Evacuation Center Check-In Locations** (one or more may be designated):

1. Minturn Municipal Building

#### **Alternative locations:**

2. Minturn Middle School
3. Battle Mountain High School
4. United States Forest Service (USFS) District Office at Meadow Mountain

## **Evacuation Instructions:**

### **A. Self-Evacuation by Vehicle:**

1. Exit the area/neighborhood in the safest direction.
2. Respond to the pre-determined Evacuation Center Check-In location.

### **B. Evacuation by Public Transportation:**

1. Respond to the nearest neighborhood ECO-Transit bus stop.
  - a. Persons will then be transported to the Evacuation Center to Check-In.



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## Neighborhood Bus Stops:

The current neighborhood pick-up locations are the ECO-Transit bus stops. If possible, the buses will follow their regular route. If a resident or guest is unable to make it to their neighborhood bus stop location, then they should respond to the nearest alternative bus stop or alternative pick-up location for a safe evacuation, see below.

## Alternative Pick-up Locations:

1. Fire Station
2. Municipal Parking Lot
3. St. Patrick Parish Center

## Pets:

Domestic pets may accompany evacuees as long as they are on a leash or contained so they will not injure other evacuees or their pets. Pets will not be allowed at public shelters and the Town will work with the Eagle County Animal control to house pets of individuals that are housed in shelters.

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## **Evacuation Center Check-In:**

There will be a system in which evacuees will check-in and be assigned to a temporary shelter, or be released to take care of their own needs. The required check-in information will consist of the person's name, birth date, home address, cell phone numbers,, and, if needed, which temporary shelter the person will be placed. Evacuees will be assigned to shelters based upon the area of their residence. Buses will then transport evacuees from the check-in location to their assigned temporary shelter. The Red Cross or Salvation Army will conduct check-in operations and set up a phone system whenever possible to assist those needing to locate family members.

## **Special Needs Population:**

These are citizens and guests that will require assistance leaving their residence or those who have medical needs that require electricity in case of a power outage. This is only for those who do not have transportation and cannot make it to the designated evacuation center or neighborhood pick-up bus stop location. The citizen provided information will be relayed to the Minturn Police Department and Eagle County Ambulance District in order to pre-plan and determine how many special needs persons require assistance, their location and how best to transport them appropriately during an evacuation.



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## Evacuation Incident Command Structure:

Evacuations will be organized through the Incident Command System (ICS).

### **Involved Departments:**

#### **Primary Responsibility**

Police Department

#### **Secondary Responsibility**

Fire Department

Public Works Department

Eagle County Ambulance District

#### **Staffing Evacuation Center Check-In Locations**

Town Administration Staff

#### **Shelter Operations**

Salvation Army

Red Cross

Vail Valley Cares

St. Patrick's Parish Staff

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## **Section Number 1: Transportation**

### **Evacuation Transportation**

**Some buses have handicap access.**

- ECO Transit Buses
- Eagle County Senior Citizen Bus
- Eagle County School District Buses



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## **Section Number Two: Pick-up Location**

### **Emergency Evacuation Pick-up Locations**

The pick-up locations are the current ECO-Transit bus stop routes located along Main Street/Highway Number 24.

1. 1900 block Main Street vicinity Steam Master bldg.
2. 0900 block Main Street vicinity Battle Mountain Trading Post
3. 0600 block Main Street vicinity Cemetery Bridge .
4. 0400 block Main Street vicinity 1STBANK/Shop & Hop
5. 0100 block Main Street vicinity Minturn Country Club.
6. 23698 Hwy Number 24 vicinity Meadow Mountain Business Park.
7. 24747 Hwy Number 24 vicinity USFS District Office at Meadow Mountain.

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## Section Number Three: Shelter Locations

### Shelter Locations

#### **In Minturn:**

- St. Patrick's Parish Center
- Minturn Municipal Building
- Minturn Middle School

#### **East of Minturn:**

- Vail Chapel
- Red Sandstone Elementary School
- Donovan Pavilion
- Vail Municipal Building
- Copper Mountain Chapel



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## **Shelter Locations Continued**

### **West of Minturn:**

- Battle Mountain High School
- Avon Elementary School
- Vail Bible School, Eagle-Vail
- Trinity Church, Edwards
- Avon Municipal Building
- Eagle River Presbyterian Church, Eagle-Vail

### **South of Minturn:**

- Red Cliff Municipal Building
- Lake County Schools