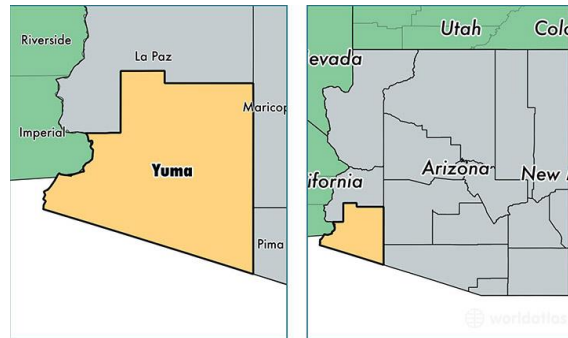


Yuma County: Office of Emergency Management

Tony Badilla
Emergency Management Director





- Yuma County has a population of 200,000 people with a winter population of winter visitors and migrant agriculture workers doubling our population.
- There are two military bases, several petroleum lines and is on the international border.
- There are several federal agencies located in Yuma County to include a U.S. Border patrol, Federal Courthouse, Customs and Border protection at the International Port of Entry and Commercial International Port of Entry.
- There is the Union Pacific railroad line and Interstate 8.
- Yuma County Agriculture Industry produces 90% of the world's green leafy vegetables and other produce during the months of October through April. Peak production of more than two million pounds of lettuce each day! This makes agriculture in Yuma County not only important to the local community, but is also important on the national and international level.

Yuma County



Yuma Area Haz-Mat Fire Departments



- Yuma Fire Department

- 33 Haz-Mat Technicians
- 5 Administrative Technicians



- Marine Corps Air Station Fire Department

- 44 Haz-Mat Technicians



- Army/Yuma Proving Grounds Fire Department

- 52 personnel are Haz-Mat Technicians

- Somerton/Cocopah Department

- 6 Haz-Mat Technicians



- San Luis Fire Department

- 22 Haz-Mat Technicians



- Rural Metro Fire Department

- 16 Haz-Mat Technicians



What has Happen in Yuma County



- During 1997 a 96% nitric acid release from a 40-50,000 gallon tanker in the rail yard kept hazmat personnel busy for 8 days.



- June 16, 2005 Harrier Jet from MCAS crashed into a Yuma Neighborhood after pilot safely ejects.



- October 2005 a sulfuric acid tanker collided with a car on Pacific Avenue.



- August 4, 2009
- Desert Depot, an agricultural supply warehouse commercial building
- Firefighters responded to a billowing black smoke and flames coming
- Four sprinkler heads had activated on the inside bay doors on the loading dock preventing the fire from entering the building.



- December 2011
- Equipment failure on a condenser at a cooling facility
- A large amount of anhydrous ammonia was released
- One person severely injured by the plume of ammonia that was released.



- April 2015, Union Pacific railroad train hits a parked military tanker truck





Why are we successful

- Community driven meetings
- Wide variety of membership and attendees
- LEPC related presentations
- Permanent LEPC Coordinator and Secretary/Treasure
- Willingness by LEPC membership to act as Chair and Vice Chair
- Partnerships for all LEPC members to attend area trainings
- Consistent timely meetings
- Active participation
- LEPC Membership has input on LEPC Plan and on updates



Yuma County LEPC

- The LEPC meets on the second Thursday of every other month at **9:00 a.m.**
- The role of the LEPC is to form partnerships with: local governments, communities, academia and industries as a resource for enhancing hazardous materials preparedness.
- LEPC updates the local plan for managing hazardous material emergencies and disasters.
- LEPC is based on the Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA).





LEPC Purpose-Goals

Purpose

- Encourage and support local emergency planning and response to chemical incidents.
- Provide local governments and the public with information about possible chemical hazards in their communities.

Goals

- Facilitate and promote planning for chemical emergencies at the state and local levels.
- Provide information to the public about the chemicals used, stored, and released in the community.
- Follow EPCRA establishes requirements regarding emergency planning and “Community Right-to-Know” reporting on hazardous chemicals.

LEPC Must Have in our Membership

- **Group I Elected State or Local Officials:** Yuma County Sheriff, Yuma County Board of Supervisor, City of Yuma Mayor.
- **Group II Law Enforcement, Civil Defense, Emergency Management, Firefighter, Emergency Medical, First Aid, Local Environment, Hospital and Transportation:** Yuma County Sheriff's Office, Yuma Fire, Somerton/Cocopah Fire, San Luis Fire, Cocopah Indian Tribe Emergency Management, Quechan Tribe Emergency Management, Yuma County Public Health, Yuma Regional Medical Center, Yuma County Area Transit Yuma Proving Grounds (army), Marine Corps Air Station and Yuma County Office of Emergency Management.
- **Group III Broadcast and Print Media :** Yuma Daily Sun (newspaper), and Yuma County Channel 77 (Television).
- **Group IV Community Members:** Yuma Auxiliary Communications (Ham Radios), Az Scuba Shack and Red Cross.
- **Group V Owners and Operators of Facilities subject to the requirements of EPCRA:** Yuma Cogeneration Associates, Helena Chemicals, Gowan Chemicals, Southwest Gas, U.S. Bureau of Reclamation, Western Pre-Cooling, City of Yuma Water Division.

Non members who attend

- U.S. National Weather Service
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality
- Arizona Department of Emergency Management
- Arizona Department of Public Safety
- Community Emergency Response Team
- Kinder Morgan Corporation
- Arizona Public Service
- Union Pacific Rail Road
- Fort Yuma Indian Hospital
- AirMedCare Network



Meetings

- Agenda driven meetings.
- Must have a quorum of membership.
- Presentation/training is always at each meeting.
- Annual tabletop exercise to review the LEPC Hazardous Material Emergency Response and Recovery Plan.
- On-going partnerships with other government agencies, local responders and industry

Topics



- Union Pacific Rail Road Events
- Tier II Reporting
- AZSERC and LEPC information
- AZ Department of Public safety Hazmat Response Team
- Arizona Department of Environmental Quality Hazmat Response
- Local Fire Agencies Hazmat Response
- Arizona National Guard 91st Civil Support Team Analytical Lab System,
- Hazards of Electric Vehicles in Accidents
- Red Cross Ready Rating Program
- Integrated Public Alert Warning System (IPAWS)
- Petroleum Truck Awareness



YAASD

- Yuma Area Ammonia Safety Days:
 - One Day First Responder training
 - Ammonia Safety Training Institute
 - Classroom training
 - Live Ammonia drill
 - One Day Industry Training
 - Various trainings
 - Vendors



Other Trainings

- Lithium-Ion Battery IQ-Noble
- Union Pacific-TransCaer training
- 250-Hour Hazardous Technician Certification
- U.S. Bureau of Reclamation Booming training
- 200-Hour Technical Rescue Team training
- 32 Hours Ammonia Safety
- Southwest Gas First Responder Awareness course
- Community Emergency Response Training (CERT) training
- National Association of State Title III Program Officials Conferences
- National Homeland Security Conference



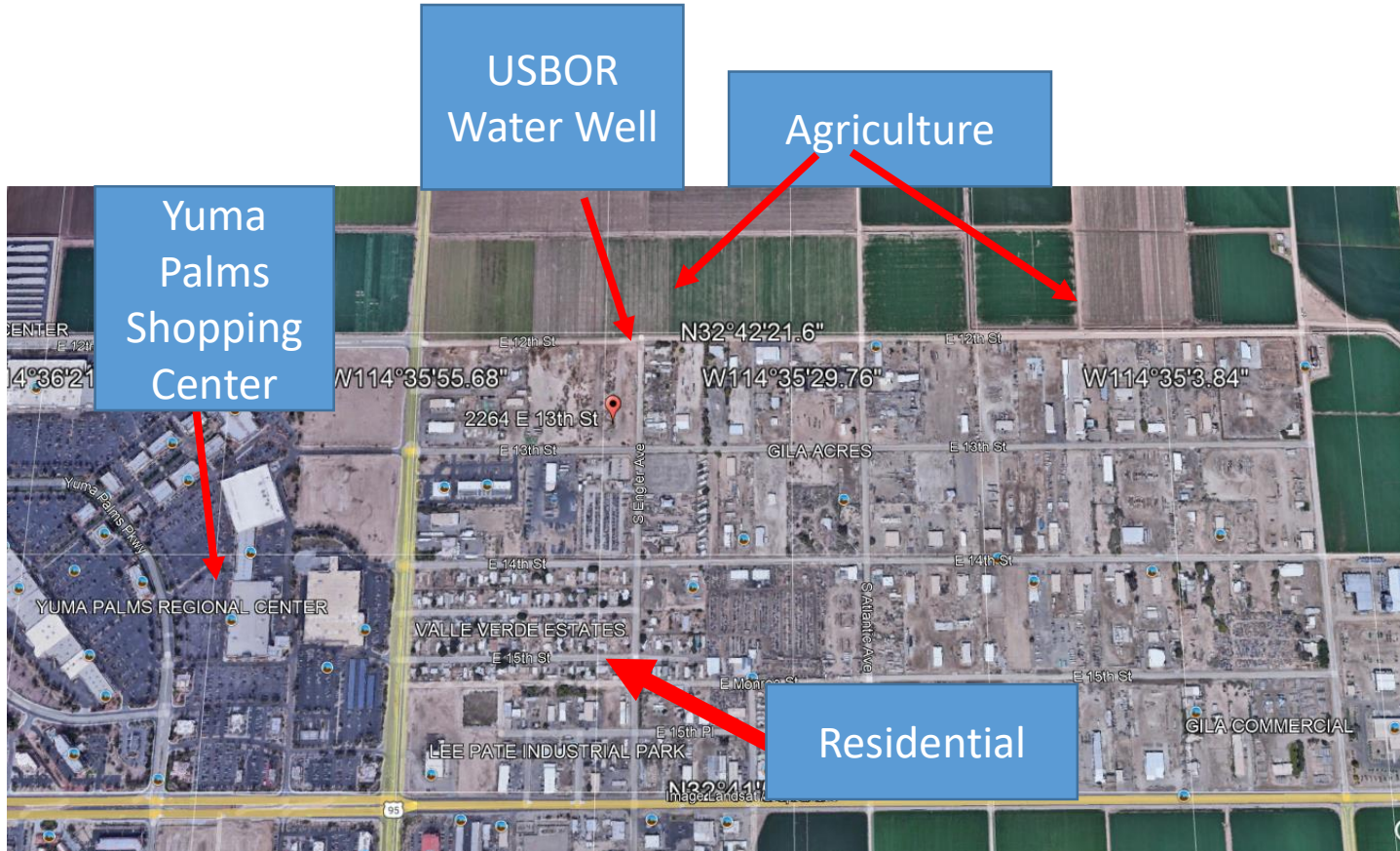
Current Trend- California

- Sending Hazmat to Arizona for disposal
- SYDCOL

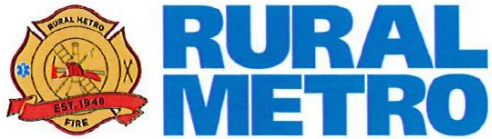


Figure 3 – Proposed Hazardous Waste Storage in HWMU3

Sydcol Area



Fire Report



FIRE INVESTIGATION REPORT

INCIDENT NUMBER:	2308482
INCIDENT DATE:	7/18/2023
INCIDENT TIME:	19:51
INCIDENT LOCATION:	2264 E 13 th ST
TYPE OF INCIDENT:	OUTDOOR FIRE
PROPERTY OCCUPANT:	AA SYDCOL
PROPERTY OWNER:	CHARLES TEMPLER
INSURANCE COMPANY:	UNKNOWN
INVESTIGATOR:	CORI SCHULTZ





Sydcot August 2023

- Canceled the permit August 4, 2023
- Cancelled appearing for the zoning request at the Yuma County Board of Supervisor meeting August 7, 2023



YUMA County LEPC

- Supports Industry
- Coordinates with companies, EPA, ADEQ, First responders and other agencies

Any questions?

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