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Subject: Hazard Mitigation Planning Workshop

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What: Open House, Carson City Fire Department, Thursday, October 1, 2015, 4pm to 7pm

Natural hazards have the potential to cause property loss, loss of life, economic hardship, and threats to public health and safety. While an important aspect of emergency management deals with disaster recovery (the actions that a community takes to repair damages), an equally important aspect of emergency management involves hazard mitigation - sustained actions taken to reduce long-term risk to life and property. They are things we do today to be more protected in the future.

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) requires cities to update their plans every five years in order to frequently assess and address the changing threat of natural hazards. A planning group, comprised of City and State agencies, private organizations, other agencies, including utilities, has selected a list of potential hazards that could occur within the City. Some of the hazards include: Flooding, Severe Weather, Earthquakes, Wildfire.

October 1st marks the 100th anniversary of the historic 1915 Nevada earthquake and Carson City Emergency Management and the Carson City Fire Department are hosting a planning workshop to explain the community Hazard Mitigation Plan and review current maps. The open house begins at 4pm with special guest speakers addressing several of the key hazards identified. Earthquake expert Craig DePolo, from UNR will talk about past Earthquake events and future predictions.

Join us between 4pm and 7 pm, October 1, 2015 at Fire Station 51, 777 S. Stewart Street, Carson City and provide feedback to the planning team, helping to build a more resilient Carson City. Speakers begin at 5pm.

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