

Ravalli County Commissioners Office

From: Chris H <hockman_cw@hotmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, June 10, 2014 9:52 AM
To: Ravalli County Commissioners Office
Subject: Local Government Safety Exercise

Dear Commissioners,

I am writing to comment on your intent to conduct a public safety exercise involving the County Administration Building this coming July. This exercise seems a prudent measure in line with the intent of the National Infrastructure Protection Plan (http://www.dhs.gov/xlibrary/assets/NIPP_Plan.pdf) to prepare our county government employees to respond to a deliberate attack on our local government infrastructure. As with the local public safety services exercise at the Corvallis High School earlier this year, the public will not be privy to the tactical details of how the local government plans to respond. Understandably, the facility will be inaccessible to the public during the scheduled exercise.

In the case of the upcoming County Government exercise, Commissioners will be involved. In the event that more than two commissioners are collocated outside of the public view, I hope that the public respects the reasonable need to make an exception to the often cited public meeting law. With wide-spread robust notice and prior explanation, I believe the public will employ good judgement and consider an exercise incorporating commissioners conducted outside of the public view as a responsible effort to protect the county employees and the continuity of government they provide.

Sincerely,
Chris Hockman
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