

**Collaboration and Goal Alignment:
Fostering Partnerships to Better Serve the Community**

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Presentation Abstract:

The City of the Fort Collins Utilities department is responsible for implementing the City's Municipal Separate Stormwater Sewer System (MS4) permit. Part of the responsibility is responding to small spills that have potential to enter the storm water system. This includes a variety of substances including spilled restaurant grease, sanitary sewer overflows, fuel spills, to leaking transformers. These events often do not involve lights and sirens but are still a community emergency and need a response. The community expects that someone will respond to take care of the problem, but who is that someone?

Fort Collins Utilities is also responsible for the planning and implementing the City's two one-day collection events for Household Hazardous Waste in alignment with pollution prevention goals. From just over 600 participants in 2010 to averaging 1,840 participants every year since, the City has collected and diverted over one million pounds of hazardous materials from improper disposal at the landfill and watershed.

With growth and success, there are both challenges and opportunities to appropriately manage both programs. Collaborating with other City departments, leveraging existing resources, fostering public-private partnerships, and aligning with community driven goals are all key components in the evolution of the

programs and must include emergency management professionals and environmental professionals working together.

I will explore how emergency management and environmental professional's can benefit from each other's expertise and how Fort Collins Utilities learned to work symbiotic with the Office of Emergency Management and the local fire authority hazardous materials response team to plan for, respond and recover (short term and long term) to a variety of events and incidents.

I look forward to sharing my experiences, roadblocks, wins, and what the future holds for the continued development of these programs in Fort Collins.

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Speaker Bio:

Errin is an Environmental Regulatory Specialist with the City of Fort Collins. Her areas of expertise include:

Hazardous materials management

Universal and regulated waste management

Solid waste management

Spill Prevention Control and Countermeasure Plans (SPCC)

Management of contaminated sites

Environmental compliance auditing

Emergency Response

ISO 14001

Errin has over 15 years of experience managing hazardous materials. Errin also provides support to the storm water program and the tank management program. Errin is able to get the job done by collaborating with all of the City departments and networking with the regional partners.

Errin is a Certified Hazardous Materials Manager (CHMM), and a Registered Environmental Manager (REM), and an IAEM member since 2018