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Mutual Aid West Backup Generator

On hold till snow melts to access the tower sites!

Estimates from Dakota Energy and Hughes Electric. Need to have them both visit both tower sites as one site may need more work than the other. Also I need to contact the owner of the Vayland Tower and make sure it is ok to add the generator. Backup generators should be installed at both towers, Vayland tower and the Ree Heights. The Ree Heights tower (Mutual Aid West) relies on the Vayland tower to relay the signal to it. So if the Vayland Tower loses power the Ree Heights tower will not function. For now I have verbal agreements with Residents near the Towers that have generators willing to get power to them if needed.

Projects In Progress

Working with Doug DeBoer on Mutual Aid Central to make communications better. We have made a few changes and are testing them now. So far we have been able to over double our coverage area with Mutual Aid Central. Coverage has increased from 5 miles to 15 mile radius of the tower. Temporally the repeater is on the city water tower. I have met with the Miller City Council and they are willing to let us put our antenna on their water tower. They have agreed to do this rent free. I am currently working on cost of the project. The School has agreed to let us use their coax cable which will save the project some money. I hope to have the project put together for the April Commissioners meeting.

AlertSense is up to 510 people signed up for public notifications.

Reminder:

June 2 will be my annual full scale exercise. This year we will be doing our exercise near Ree Heights and Hyde County (Highmore) will be joining us as a join exercise. I have started meeting with local responders and with the Hyde County EM to start the planning process. It would be great to have county commissioners participate.

Currently needing action taken

- None