

Kanawha Putnam  
HVA  
Results

# Top Hazards Poll Taken December 2018

- 1. Fire
- 2. Drug Abuse / Homelessness
- 3. Weather Issues (storms, severe weather)
- 4. Seasonal Influenza
- 5. Active Shooter
- 6. Hazardous Materials

# Fire Number One Hazard



- We are one of the states where you are more likely to die in a house fire.

# Compare Our Area with a recent fire in California

- Camp Fire in Paradise CA
- Not the biggest fire nor the most wind
- Not in the top 15 fires for area burned
- Why was it the worst

# Compare Paradise to Our Area

- Paradise population over 65 25.1 %
- WV population over 65 20%
- Paradise disabled population 18.4 %
- Kanawha disabled population 13.9 %

# Drug Abuse / Homeless

- Huge attack on our society
- We may have issues attracting industry due to lack of workers
- Shortening Life Spans
- Grandparents now raising many of our children

# Seasonal Flu

- Health Department has a robust program for vaccinations
- Lots of public information out on prevention
- Health Care providers make a lot of effort to make we are vaccinated

# Active Shooter

- Some preparedness activities we are already doing
- Stop the Bleed Training both in the schools and out in the public
- Active Shooter Training and drill
- Critical Decision Making for Complex and Coordinated Attack Training  
September
- Active Threat Integrated Response October



# Flooding our most costly disaster

WV most costly disaster is flooding

This photo is of a nursing home in the morning before the Elk River Flood.

This is not in the Elk River area



# Hazardous Materials

In addition to our industry we have a lot of transportation of hazardous materials through our area.

In this event the fire departments were prepared and had worked with CSX and local industry to get training



# Where do we go now?

- Warning systems
- We have a new generation who do not know what the outdoor warning sirens are for.
- Many do not know about shelter in place
- Millennials and many others do not drive so evacuation may be an issue
- Many get their information from cell phones