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“Emergency Management Director speaks to Harrisburg Boy Scouts”

Director of the Saline County Emergency Management Agency, Allan C. Ninness, was invited to speak to Harrisburg Boy Scout troop #23. Troop #23, chartered to the 1st Presbyterian Church of Harrisburg, has been working towards their Emergency Preparedness merit badge and chose Ninness to come speak at their meeting.

Ninness is no stranger to the Boy Scouts. He is an avid enthusiast and Scoutmaster of the Eldorado Boy Scout troop. Harrisburg Scoutmaster Bob Dick and Assistant Justin Fulkerson formally invited Director Ninness to the engagement and he was happy to oblige.

The meeting was a great way to demonstrate the role of emergency management in our community to the up and coming youth. The scouts were given examples based on real-life situations which they themselves were relatively familiar with because of the Harrisburg tornado just 8 months ago. Ninness told the scouts “Emergency management works in five phases Protection, Preparedness, Response, Recovery, and Mitigation. Saline County EMA has been very busy in all these phases over the last 5 years experiencing 6 significant disaster events.”

This merit badge is another step completed on the course towards becoming an Eagle Scout. It is Allan’s hope that they all reach that goal and use their emergency preparedness skills to help their family and community to be more prepared.

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