

# WE ALL HAVE A ROLE!

## ROLES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WHEN A MAJOR EMERGENCY OCCURS EVERYONE MUST:

### YOU & YOUR COMMUNITY RESPONDERS



- ✓ Follow your emergency plan.
- ✓ Act quickly.

- ✓ Monitor local news, radio, and government websites & social media
- ✓ Follow official instructions.

- ✓ Proceed with caution.
- ✓ Check on and help others, it can take hours before first responders can reach you during a major disaster
- ✓ Call 911 for life threatening emergencies and 211 for everything else.
- ✓ Check in with your work and volunteer organizations.

- ✓ Contact your insurance company.
- ✓ Rebuild/replace damaged property.
- ✓ Manage your mental & physical health.
- ✓ Check on and help others.



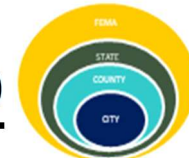
### STAY SAFE



### STAY ALERT



### RESPOND



### RECOVER



### GOVERNMENT & FIRST



- ✓ Protect life, property & the environment.
- ✓ Follow emergency plans.

- ✓ Coordinate information with partners.
- ✓ Alert the public regarding life safety.





- ✓ Assess damage and prioritize needs BEFORE responding.
- ✓ Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate information, response, and resources.
- ✓ Response starts locally and moves up to larger government bodies as resources run out.

- ✓ Rebuild government facilities
  - ✓ Provide some recovery assistance
- Note:** Recovery assistance is meant as a backup and as such is not guaranteed, is often limited, and must be applied for.

# GOVERNMENT ROLES IN EMERGENCIES

During a disaster, the top priority of responders is to protect life, property, then the Environment. Responders will work to address the disaster and assist those impacted, without discrimination and regardless of citizenship status. Read below to learn about different government roles in response.

## LEVELS OF GOVERNMENT AND THEIR ROLES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

 <p><b>FEDERAL GOVERNMENT</b> manages national and international operations &amp; assists states through funding, policies, and guidelines.</p>	 <p><b>STATE GOVERNMENT</b> runs state operations &amp; assists local governments through funding, policies, guidelines, the National Guard, and state &amp; regional Emergency Operations Centers (EOCs).</p>	 <p><b>COUNTY GOVERNMENT</b> manages operations for the unincorporated county and activates the operational area EOC when asked by cities/special districts or multiple jurisdictions are impacted.</p>	 <p><b>CITY GOVERNMENT</b> manages all local emergency operations</p>
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## GOVERNMENT DEPARTMENT & ORGANIZATION'S ROLES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

 <p><b>Emergency Operation Centers</b> coordinate disaster response information and resources</p>	 <p><b>Law Enforcement</b> manage evacuations and public safety</p>	 <p><b>Fire Departments</b> manage fire mitigation and response operations</p>	 <p><b>Coroner's Offices</b> manage mass fatality response</p>	 <p><b>Public Works</b> conducts debris removal and management of the jurisdiction's roads</p>	 <p><b>Resource Management Agency</b> conducts building damage assessments</p>
 <p><b>Elected Officials</b> make policies &amp; declare or proclaim emergencies (impacts regulations &amp; funding)</p>	 <p><b>Housing &amp; Community or Planning Departments</b> (based on jurisdiction) regulate building permits, code enforcement &amp; development planning</p>	 <p><b>The Red Cross or Social Services</b> (based on disaster) run evacuation facilities and mass care operations</p>	 <p><b>SPCA</b> manages animal evacuation and emergency sheltering</p>	 <p><b>Health Departments</b> manage health emergencies and increased health care needs during disasters</p>	 <p><b>Environmental Health</b> ensures water &amp; food safety, air quality &amp; waste management policies and enforces environmental regulations</p>

**Other organizations that may support emergency operations include:** Public Transportation Agencies, United Way, Utility Companies, Water Districts, Water Resources Agency, Agricultural Commissioner's Office, Chambers of Commerce, National Weather Service, Coast Guard, Schools, Libraries, Churches, Community Center, USGS, Community Foundations, and more, depending on the incident.