

Clark County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP):

2013 Revision of the Basic Plan

Updated and Prepared by CRESA Emergency Management



Always Here, Always Ready

Why Are We Before You?

- 4-year Plan ReviewTo Be Submitted to State by 12/31/13
- To Collect Your Feedback or Answer Any Concerns
- To Refresh Your Role As Commissioners During Emergencies
- Enhance Understanding of Tactical vs. Policy Decisions

What is the CEMP?



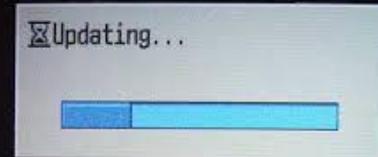
- Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- Many Hazards, One Method....Incident Command System
- Disaster and Emergency responsibilities during crisis
- Establishes the emergency management organizational structure that will manage the response.
- Identifies those divisions, departments tasked with specific responsibility for carrying out the plans and operations defined with the Annexes of this plan
- Outlines the process of disseminating emergency information and instructions to the population.

Why We Have It?

- Order of the Clark County Board of Commissioners and the City of Vancouver City Manager, governed by RCW 38.52.070 and WAC 118.30.04 directs each political subdivision of the State of Washington to have a CEMP.
- Under Clark County Code 2.48 and Vancouver Municipal Code M-3513, the CRESA Director is responsible for the preparation and implementation of this plan.
- Best Practices. Having a plan is better than no plan. An ounce of prevention goes a long way



When do we Update?



- This Plan is a dynamic document which is reviewed following every exercise and real-life activation of the Emergency Operation Center.
- Beyond exercises, the base plan is updated on a 4 year cycle.
- The last major change was in 2009 which combined the CEMP for Clark County and the City of Vancouver.
- Reviews & Edits are vetted with our major Partnering Agencies which include Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Health, and Public Works.

What are the Changes?



Shift in Emphasis...

- Beyond Response to include pre-planning and readiness roles (before AND during crisis)
- Defining Responsibilities for each response discipline
- Affirming Relationships, not only between agencies but also cities and counties and mutual aid partners
- Outlining Resources to acquire what may be needed in a coordinated fashion during an emergency.

What are the Changes?

New Sections:

- Information Collection and Dissemination
- Communications
- Administration, Finance and Logistics



New Administrative Features:

- Plan Development & Maintenance
- Enhanced Authorities and Reference to include County and COV codes, CRESA Interlocal, and ADA Compliance
- Basic Cosmetic Updates (based on changes in County structures)

Roles and Responsibilities...

During an Emergency:

- **Stay informed of the Situation**
 - ~ Participate in Regular Policy-Level Briefings
 - ~ Be a Spokesperson as requested by Joint Information Centers or Public Information Officers (Note: Always be in contact with PIOs)
- **Make Necessary Policy Decisions**
 - ~ Issue Emergency Proclamations
 - ~ Appropriate Money to Meet Disaster Related Expenditures
 - ~ Issue Emergency Orders and Approve Emergency Ordinances
 - ~ Delegate Authority and Establish Administrative Objectives for Incident Management Teams (IMTs) or for State/Federal Resources
 - ~ Participate in Regional Policy Coordination Efforts



Roles and Responsibilities...

During an Emergency:

- **Ensure the Continuity of Government**
 - ~ Make Decisions on the discontinuation of non-essential government operations
 - ~ Re-Direct County Staff to Participate in Emergency-Related Coordination tasks
 - ~ Appoint Officials to fill vacancies created by the Disaster
 - ~ Provide Liaison to Local, State, and Congressional elected Officials.

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Outside of Emergencies:



Model Emergency Readiness

- Prepare Your Family & Friends to Be Self-Sufficient for 3-10 days
- Participate in Emergency Training & Exercises
- Know Your Facility Safety Procedures & Ensure that County Employees are exercising regularly
- Ensure the County has an effective Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) so that it is ready to manage during our next emergency.

Comments / Questions?



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