



Emergency operations plan Public summary

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Introduction

The City of Minneapolis Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is a plan that addresses the following:

- How we can prepare for,
- How we can lessen the impact of,
- How we can respond to, and
- How we can recover from incidents and events such as tornadoes, flooding, and major oil or gas leaks.

This public summary provides a look into how the City responds to hazards and threats. The summary provides information about specific emergency functions. The plan assists the leaders of City government engaged in emergency planning. This plan outlines how the City may assign staff to roles in emergency situations.

Incidents occur every day. These incidents are large and small. Incidents may range from fires to chemical spills to electrical outages and cyber-attacks. Each incident requires a response. The City works together, communicates with and depends on our partners to help before, during and following disasters. Our partners include other city and county organizations, state and federal departments. We also work with the private and non-governmental businesses and organizations.

Multi-Agency coordination

The City may establish multi-agency coordination when a specific event, threat, hazard, or incident might increase the need for resources.

This requires:

- An escalated activation of City resources
- Working with other cities and partners to coordinate an escalated activation of resources

This ranges from:

- Threat/hazard monitoring and informational reporting
- Activating a Multi-Agency Coordination System (MACS)
- Standing up a partial or staffed Emergency Operations Center

The Multi-Agency Coordination System allows the City to coordinate resources in the following ways.

- Activate the Emergency Operations Center
- Provide interagency coordination and decision-making in support of the on-scene incident response
- Grow and shrink the number of resources needed to manage the incident or event

Plan organization

The EOP is based on the National Incident Management System (NIMS). NIMS is a national approach. All levels of government, private agencies, and organizations work together to manage any incident regardless of the size and complexity.

NIMS guides all levels of government, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to work together on the following:

- Prevention
- Protection
- Mitigation
- Response
- Recovery

The EOP integrates with the emergency frameworks and plans developed at the federal, state, local, and non-governmental levels. The main components in the plan include three types of annexes.

Functional annexes

The procedures, operations, and capabilities of core emergency functions which directly respond to the disaster situation and resident needs in emergencies.

Support annexes

Essential functions that are needed to support and sustain responders and their capabilities during disasters.

Hazard-specific annexes

If hazards occur that have no corresponding incident annex, the functional and support annexes will guide response actions.

Operational policies

The City of Minneapolis' operational policies provide an overall picture of how the response organization accomplishes a shared and effective response in the event of a disaster. Protection of life and property and alleviation of human distress are the primary objectives of City government emergency operations.

Disaster management

Training is crucial to emergency operations success for individuals who will perform response and recovery tasks. Most City personnel involved in disaster response and recovery come from other disciplines, therefore initial and refresher emergency management training is necessary. The city provides a training and exercise and evaluation program for personnel that will perform emergency tasks in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Concept of operations

Overview of response to disasters/emergencies

Local government has the primary responsibility for meeting the immediate health and safety needs of its citizens in the event of a major disaster or emergency.

Mitigation phase

Mitigation capabilities are in place to address natural disasters such as tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, floods, severe thunderstorms, and snowstorms that may create potential hazards to life and property in the City of Minneapolis. Examples of mitigation capabilities include developing public outreach programs, implementing disaster warning systems to alert people of a possible threat, and conducting emergency response training.

Response phase

Response phase involves using notification and warning systems, including operational readiness of the Emergency Alert System and joint information centers that provide a central location to gather and share information to people about a threat, hazard or emergency situation. There are multiple methods to disseminate essential information to residents, customers, and business within City limits who are threatened by a potential or existing hazard.

Recovery phase

Short-term recovery starts immediately after an incident happens and response efforts have begun, leading to and supporting long-term operations as needed. Disaster recovery efforts includes Pre-Incident Activities and Post-Incident Activities as mentioned in the table below in this section.

- *Pre-incident activities*
The City will explore multiple methods and create systems to increase the engagement of individuals, families, organizations, and businesses with our emergency management community. Community members can play an important role in preparedness by initiating protective actions such as monitoring emergency communications and preparing a disaster supply kit. (See the recommended City disaster supplies list and other emergency preparedness materials at www.ready.gov.)
- *Post-incident activities*
When a hazard/threat has caused damage to City infrastructure, the City will organize disaster recovery efforts with state and federal partners to determine eligibility for disaster relief.

Plan improvement

The review cycle includes a cross-check of our plan and procedures and formal review method to ensure the City is in line with the state's policies and plans as well as neighboring counties.

In summary, the City of Minneapolis Emergency Operations Plan is consistent with the state and federal guidelines. The plan is a living document and is subject to change to reflect changes and additions to the plan as necessary.