

6. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

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6.1 Federal

Please refer to the NRF for more details.

6.2 State Government and Region

Please refer to the State Emergency Response Plan for more details.

6.2.1 The Emergency Management Organization of Los Angeles County

County Emergency Code 2.68.060-County Emergency Organization

A. The county emergency organization shall be comprised of all officers and employees of the county, volunteer forces registered to aid the county during a duly proclaimed emergency, and all groups, organizations and persons who may by agreement or operation of law (including persons impressed into service under the provisions of Section 2.68.220(C) of this chapter), be charged with duties incident to the protection of life and property in County of Los Angeles during such emergency. The county emergency organization includes the ARC, the Salvation Army, the County of Los Angeles Medical Association, Healthcare Association of Southern California, National Defense Transportation Association, Associated General Contractors of California, Engineering Contractors Association, American Society of Civil Engineers, Civil Air Patrol, and such other organizations and groups as may offer and have their services accepted prior to, during or after an emergency.

B. Under the direction of the emergency management council, the county emergency organization shall be exercised in whole or in part, at least annually. (Ord. 2003-0005 § 3, 2003: Ord. 89-0106 § 3, 1989: Ord. 87-0020 § 4, 1987: Ord. 10493 § 20, 1972.)

6.2.2 Los Angeles County Operational Area

The OA Coordinator has responsibility for activating the OA and will coordinate inter-jurisdictional emergency operations in accordance with SEMS. The OA Coordinator has delegated operational responsibilities to the Sheriff and the CEO. The Sheriff will coordinate emergency operations following an emergency, and the CEO will coordinate the County Emergency Organization and resource management.

The Sheriff, as the Director of Emergency Operations, is responsible for coordinating emergency operations following activation of the CEOC/OAEOC. Following a whole or partial activation, the Director of Emergency Operations is empowered to

- Implement OAERP
- Establish and maintain the CEOC/OAEOC to serve the OA
- Coordinate the utilization of County, other local government, State and Federal resources within the OA
- Support operations conducted by local governments within the County in accordance with SEMS and approved mutual aid and operations plans

The CEO, as Director of the County Emergency Organization and Director of the OEM, has responsibility for organizing, directing and coordinating the preparedness efforts of the Emergency Management Organization of County of Los Angeles. This includes training, exercising, directing the development and approval of all departmental emergency response plans, review and approval of all Board-ordered departmental emergency response plans, and all emergency preparedness activities, consistent with the Sheriff's emergency operations responsibilities.

In the event of an emergency, the CEO is also empowered to:

- Requisition personnel or property as necessary for the conduct of emergency operations
- Initiate, coordinate and direct, as otherwise provided, all activities made necessary as a result of an emergency which directly affects the county government and requires organized community action with Los Angeles County. Once the Initial Recovery Phase of the disaster begins, the CEO becomes the Director of Recovery Operations and the County Recovery Coordination Center (RCC) is established and located in the CEOC/OAEOC.

The County of Los Angeles Emergency Management Council (EMC) oversees the preparedness activities of the various county departments, ensuring unity of purpose. This includes preparation and approval of plans, training of county employees for emergency and disaster related functions and related emergency preparedness activities. When requested, the EMC shall assist the Board when the county emergency organization is mobilized" When the County Emergency Organization is mobilized, the EMC's principal roles are to:

- Provide a forum for to resolve relevant policy issues and coordinate emergency operations with the overall needs of the County
- Make recommendations to the Director of Emergency Operations and the CEO. This would include recommendations such as the need and timing for transition from Emergency Response to Initial Recovery