

MARYLAND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY



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What is The Maryland Emergency Management Agency?

- It is the State agency charged with protecting the lives and property of Maryland citizens
- We use an integrated and coordinated program of *mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery*



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The Maryland Emergency Management Agency



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- MISSION: To protect lives, property and the environment using an "all hazards" planning and preparedness approach.

MEMA's History



- 1949 Maryland Civil Defense Agency
 - Part of Executive Department
 - Prepare for Nuclear Attack
- 1989 Maryland Emergency Management Agency was created
 - Part of Maryland Military Department
 - Emergency Planning and Preparedness

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What We Do

- Support local Emergency Managers
- Coordinate among Military, State and local partners
- Exercise and Training Program
- Grant Management Program
- Liaison to DHS and FEMA



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MEMA's Authority



- MEMA established by Title 14 of the Annotated Code of Maryland
 - Md. PUBLIC SAFETY Code Ann. § 14-103*
 - Created Executive Order which designates MEMA as the State Agency with primary responsibility & authority for emergency management
- Title 14 also established:
- Local Jurisdiction Emergency Management & Plans
 - Emergency Management Powers of the Governor

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State Declaration

Provides for Governor's Emergency Powers

- *Waive CDL Requirements*
- *Waive Weight Requirements*
- *Execute Emergency Contracts*

State Declaration

- Activation of / Access To National Guard Assets
- Pathway to Presidential Declaration
- Pathway to Funding/Reimbursements
- Signed/promulgated by Governor as an Executive Order

State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC)

- Coordinates the State response to emergency situations
- More than 40 state, federal and non-governmental organizations have representatives at the SEOC



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Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)

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|---------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1- Transportation | 8- Health & Medical |
| 2- Communications | 9- Search & Rescue |
| 3- Public Works | 10- Hazardous Materials |
| 4- Firefighting | 11- Food |
| 5- Information & Planning | 12- Utilities & Energy |
| 6- Mass Care & Sheltering | 13- Law Enforcement |
| 7- Resource Management | 14- Debris Management |
| | 15- Donations Management |
| | 16- Animal Protection |

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Maryland Joint Operations Center (MJOC)

- The MJOC was the 1st joint military/civilian operations center in the country
- Staffed by Maryland National Guard and Emergency Management professionals
- Functions as the State's center for emergency related communications, information coordination and resource management.



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How Emergencies are Managed

- An event or emergency may occur at any time and with no warning
- Emergencies are predominately local events
- However, an event may overwhelm response and resource capabilities of a local jurisdiction
- As a result, response and recovery operations may require a partnership that includes local, state, regional or federal assistance



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How Emergencies are Managed

- ❑ Counties can request assistance from neighboring jurisdictions
- ❑ Counties can request help from other parts of the state via the Maryland Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- ❑ If the municipal & county resources are overwhelmed, the State brings its resources



How Emergencies are Managed

- ❑ The SEOC coordinates the State's resources
- ❑ MEMA can request resources through the Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) from other states
- ❑ If the State is overwhelmed, assistance can be requested from federal agencies thru FEMA




MEMA's Preparedness Mitigation and Recovery

- Pre – and Post – Disaster Mitigation Grant Programs
- State and Local Hazard Mitigation Plans
- Long Term Recovery Working Group
- Public Assistance Program
- Individual Assistance Program

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CORE PLAN

Emergency Management Plan



- Comprehensive Emergency Management Program.
- Replaces former State Emergency Operations Plan.
- Is base document for emergency management in Maryland.
- Establishes purpose, scope, roles and responsibilities for all partners.

MEMA's Planning

- All-Hazards
- Applicable Annexes ie; hurricanes
- Maryland Hazards-After Action Reports
- Local Plans
- Long-term Recovery

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Hurricane Check List

HURRICANE/TROPICAL SYSTEMS EVACUATION AND SHELTERING ACTIONS			
#	ACTIVITY	RESPONSIBILITY	DATE/TIME
DAY 5 120 to 96 hours			
1	Monitoring of all weather warning points for severe storm alerts, including 1) Review updated forecast and National Weather Service (NWS) product for implications on Maryland track forecast, rainfall, storm surge, flood products, tide gauges 2) Maintain dialogue with NWS to gauge confidence level in forecast watch warnings for implications on MD 3) If Tropical Depression, Tropical Storm, or Hurricane, use HURREVAC to establish 2-Step Order of Evac.	SEDC / MIOC	
2	Do weather conference call with NOAA/NHC/Local jurisdictions/State Agencies/adjacent States. Monitor 24/7 Emergency Cell	SEDC / MIOC	
3	Consider activating SEOC to Level 2 - Initial alerts to EOP's 1, 5, 6, 7, & 8	Duty	SEDC / MIOC
4	Officials alert MEMA Director and PIO of potential activation level change		
5	Briefing meeting with Senior Policy Group to provide information of current decision making and make executive decisions.	MEMA / Senior Policy Group	
6	Draft Executive Order for State of Emergency and Pre-Event Presidential Disaster Declaration letter. Review by MD Assistant Attorney General.	MEMA	
7	Communicate with FEMA Region III Regional Response Coordination Center (RRCC) on its deployment of State Liaison Officer and ERT-A.		
8	Review arrangements for evacuation based on event	ESF 5	
9	Activate EOP Standard Operating Procedures for mass care planning.	ESF 6	
DAY 4 96 to 72 hours			
1	Do weather conference call with NOAA/NHC/Local jurisdictions/State Agencies. Identify counties as Risk, High, or Resource jurisdictions. Outstanding needs identified. Determine evacuation, protective actions, and mass sheltering decisions.	SEDC / MIOC	
2	Consider activation of SEOC Level 2 or 3 (Presumably EOP's 1, 3, 5, 6, 7, & 8)	Duty	SEDC
3	Officials alert MEMA Director and PIO of potential activation level change.		
4	Integrate State Liaison Officer and ERT-A Management Cell (Approximately 10 Persons) into SEOC		MEMA
5	Begin 24/7/365 MCI Run on forecast track		MEMA
6	Briefing meeting with Senior Policy Group to provide information of current decision making, make executive decisions, approval for State Declaration, and Presidential Pre-Event Declaration. Discuss (Pre-Event) projected mass transport, evacuation routes.	MEMA / Senior Policy Group	
7	Issue Executive Order for State of Emergency	GOV	

Exercise and Training

□ Training

Coordinated 100+ Emergency Management and 1st Responder Trainings in the last fiscal year

□ Exercises

Developed and delivered exercises for all hazards to include Hurricanes, tsunamis, and terrorism.
12-Local; 13-State; 2-Cabinet; 5-Regional

□ NIMS Compliancy

Coordinate NIMS Compliance statewide. One of 17 states to be NIMS compliant in '08.

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Exercise Examples

Maryland Cabinet
2009 Presidential
Inauguration Tabletop
Exercise



Operation Purple
Haze



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Initiatives

■ Evacuation & Sheltering (i.e. Eastern Shore)



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■ Governor has identified Core Goals for a Better Prepared Maryland MEMA has 5.

- PPE
- Back up Power & Communications
- Training & Exercise
- Planning
- COOP

It's your business on the OC Boardwalk...
March 30, 2008 ... 8 weeks before the start of
the summer season.... What do you do ?



COOP

Continuity of Operations Planning

- Agencies should conduct a risk assessment of their facilities to determine their unique level of vulnerability to hurricanes, storm surges, flooding and illness.
- The most likely COOP concerns involving most emergencies will implicate loss of facility and possible equipment and systems failure (IT and communications).

COOP

Your risks are mitigated by forward thinking and planning appropriately :

- Pre-arranged alternate worksites
- Off-site back-up IT systems
- Staffing plans
- Memoranda of Understanding (MOUs) with other agencies/entities as appropriate to serve your needs.

COOP

Do you have a continuity plan

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COOP - Hurricane

Damages your business or operation?



- *Do you have a continuity of operations plan ?*
- *Where do employees go to work? Back-up site?*
- *What are your priorities?*
- *What would you do to recover ?*
- *Do you have back up IT ?*
- *Does anyone have access to files off site?*

COOP & Swine Flu

- *What do you do if lose 40% of your staff?*
- *What functions are critical ?*
- *What services can be cut?*
- *What happens if your employees refuse to come to work*
- *Can they work from home?*



**Just remember COOP Planning
can be applied anywhere...**

- Do you have an alternative plan?



**Maryland's
Civic Guard**

- Launched on July 16, 2009
- Coordinated effort between MEMA and the University of Maryland's Center for Health and Homeland Security
- Will engage local governments, private groups, businesses, corporations, and nonprofit organizations to enhance the system of cooperation during emergencies.

**Maryland's
Civic Guard**

- The MCG will seek to build on the strength of current partnerships between local governments, volunteer organizations, private businesses, and our state government.
- Sign up at www.mema.state.md.us

Public Outreach

Where can you go for help and information?



www.mema.state.md.us
www.flu.maryland.gov
www.ready.gov
[www.twitter.com/mema_feeds](https://twitter.com/mema_feeds)

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Questions or Comments?



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