

# CITY OF LONGVIEW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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Longview Fire Department  
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# City of Longview Emergency Readiness and Response Plan

- **Mitigation:** activities which eliminate or reduce the probability of disaster or reduce the amount of damage inflicted if a disaster occurs
- **Preparedness:** activities which governments, organizations and individuals develop to save lives and minimize damage to property
- **Response:** prevent loss of lives and property, protect the environment and provide emergency assistance
- **Recovery:** short and long-term activities, which return all systems to normal or improved standards

# Basic Plan

## Basic Plan Purpose

- Provide a coordinated governmental response and recovery
- Reconstitute governmental services that may become impaired
- Develop an increased level of emergency preparedness among all segments of the population (72 hour kits)
- Promote mitigation strategies that improve survivability of critical infrastructure
- Support regular training

# City of Longview Emergency Readiness Committee

- City Manager
- Police Chief
- Finance Director
- Public Works Director
- Fire Chief
- Human Resource Director
- IT Director

# Regional Department Interaction

- Amateur Volunteer and Support Agencies
- Cowlitz DEM
- American Red Cross
- Cowlitz PUD
- School Districts
- Salvation Army
- General Public
- Other Governmental Agencies

# EMZ Activation

- Emergency demands on the lead agency become overtaxing
- Containment Breach
- Council's "emergency powers" are needed
- Three Levels of Activation
  - Level I
  - Level II
  - Level III

# Continuity of Government

- Public Employees should plan ahead and be prepared to have family needs cared for prior to a disaster
- Attain maximum capacity to continue government operations (each department maintain and keep emergency preparedness plan)
- Department lines of succession (3 deep)
- Backup of essential records
- Develop the means to overcome or restore interrupted services

# Position Checklists and EMZ Positions

- Elected Officials
- Agency Administrator
- Department Heads
- Incident Commander and Staff

# Elected Official Checklist

- Upon notification from City Manager, council members should review Longview ERRP
- Review the city's municipal ordinance and interagency for Emergency Management Services
- Be prepared to meet frequently for incident briefings from City Manager
- Be prepared to meet frequently to establish and/or authorize commitment of funding
- In the event of emergency declaration, immediately convene to consider the ratification and confirmation
- Monitor situation and provide policy direction to city manager