
CITY OF LONGVIEW EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS

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
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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
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City of Longview Emergency Readiness Committee

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

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

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