

Emergency Management Planning in Los Angeles County

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LOS ANGELES COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Emergency Management Council (EMC)

- Established by County Code 2.68.
- The Chief Administrative Officer (CAO) is the Chair, and the Sheriff is the Vice-Chair.
- Membership includes directors of CAO, Sheriff, Fire, Public Works, Internal Services, Public Social Services, Health Services, Coroner, Mental Health, Probation, Children's Services, County Counsel, Office of Emergency Management, CAO Public Affairs, and Red Cross.

County Code authorities

"It shall be the duty of the County Emergency Management Council to oversee 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."

-County Code 2.68.170

Emergency Management Council Steering Committee

- Established by County Code 2.68.
- Chaired by Chief Deputy Administrative Officer.
- Membership includes executive managers from CAO, Sheriff, Fire, Public Works, Internal Services, Public Social Services, Health Services Mental Health, and Coroner.

"The Emergency Management Steering Committee will provide operational direction for implementation of the programs and policies established by the Emergency Management Council."

-County Code 2.68.170

EMC Subcommittee

- The EMC established the Subcommittee to assist the EMC, Steering Committee, and OEM in developing plans.
- Membership includes staff from CAO, Sheriff, Fire, Public Works, Internal Services, Public Social Services, Health Services, Mental Health, and Coroner. Other departments are added, as required for specific planning projects.

Office of Emergency Management

- Established by County Code 2.68.210.
- The Chief Administrative Officer is the Director, and the Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Administrator manages day-to-day operations.
- Provides leadership in inter-departmental emergency management planning.
- Provides leadership for the Los Angeles County Operational Area, which includes all local governments within the county.

OEM has "...authority for organizing, directing, and coordinating the... development and approval of all multi-departmental emergency response plans, review and approval of all board-ordered departmental emergency response plans and all emergency preparedness activities, consistent with the exercise by the Sheriff of the latter's duties and powers... and consistent with his authority as Director of Emergency Operations."

- County Code 2.68.220