



STEARNS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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Learning About Emergency Management



What is Emergency Management ?

Emergency Management is the management function in charge of creating the framework within communities to reduce vulnerability to threats and hazards along with coping with disasters



What does Emergency Management do?

Emergency Managers work with a variety of stakeholders including government agencies, non-profit organizations and private companies. They develop emergency response plans and coordinate the implementation of these plans during disasters and emergencies. They also work to educate and train communities on disaster & emergency preparedness.

What is considered a disaster?

In the United States the most common disasters result from weather related events such as tornado damage, winter storms and flooding.

Four Phases of Emergency Management

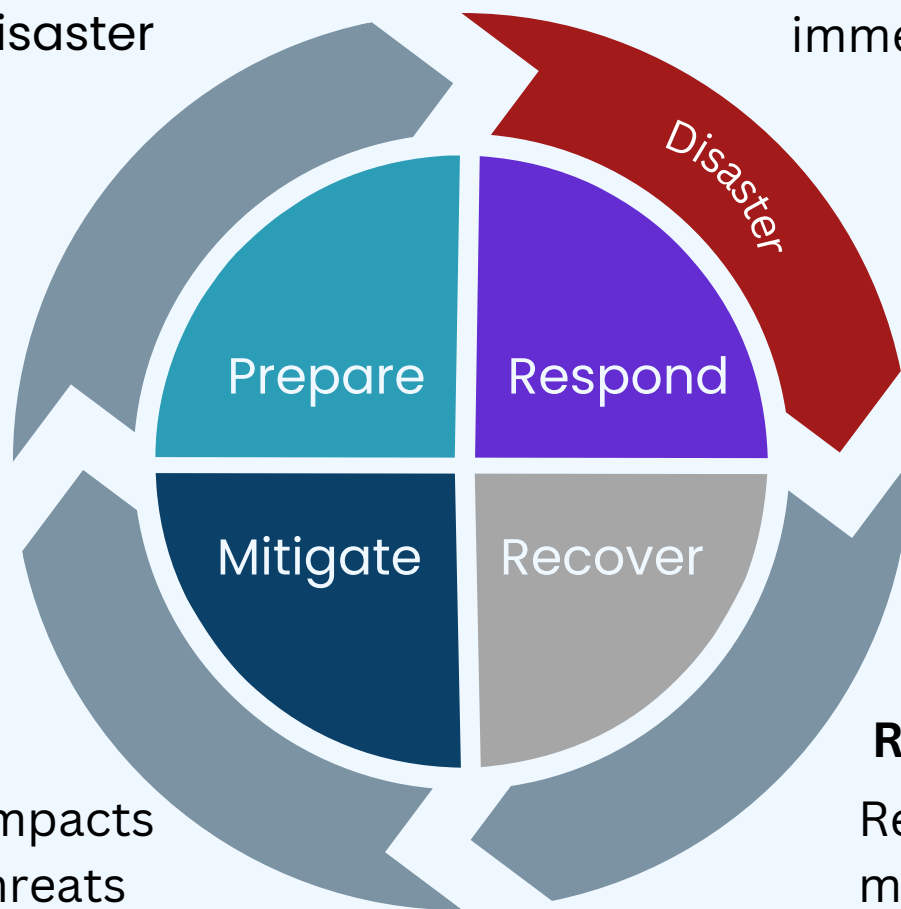
Emergency managers think of disasters as recurring events with four phases: Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery.

Prepare

Getting ready for the next disaster

Respond

Addressing immediate threats



Mitigate

Reducing impacts of future threats

Recover

Rebuilding to be more resilient

The significance of the emergency management cycle is that all communities are in at least one phase of emergency management at any time.



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KNOW?**

- The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) was established on April 1, 1979 by President Carter.
- The United States has sustained 373 weather and climate disasters since 1980 where the overall damages/costs reached or exceeded \$1 billion
- California is the most disaster prone state in the nation.

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