

What is Emergency Management

Emergency Management is the managerial function charged with creating the framework within which communities reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters. Emergency Management is practiced at the local and state levels of government. Emergency Management consists of five primary activities; Prevention, Hazard Mitigation, Emergency Preparedness, Disaster Response and Recovery.

What does the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (JCEMA) Do ?

The primary responsibility of the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency (JCEMA) is to better prepare Jefferson County for natural, man-made or technological disasters, hazards, or acts of terrorism.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) acts as lead in crisis/consequence management response and operations to notify, activate, deploy and employ county resources in response to any threat or act of terrorism.

The Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency assists local governments with multi-hazard emergency operations plans and maintains the Jefferson County Emergency Operations Plan as well as providing mutual aid to neighboring counties.

Our Mission

The Jefferson County EMA is committed to a regional all-hazards emergency response concept. The EMA serves through coordination and support of disaster preparedness, planning and recovery efforts of Jefferson County and its political subdivisions in conjunction with the State of Illinois, community organizations, businesses and the public.

Jefferson County EMA Functions

- Develop emergency plans and procedures in coordination with city, county, state and federal agencies.
- Develop and conduct emergency management training and education programs for the county.
- Coordinate with private relief agencies such as the American Red Cross to ensure provision of relief supplies.
- Assess potential hazards and notification to county officials.
- Support the Incident Command System at a scene of an emergency or disaster.
- Assist in the development of media information regarding incidents.
- Assist Law Enforcement/Fire Response agencies as needed at incident sites.
- Assist in disaster recovery operations.

How can I help the JCEMA?

There are a number of ways you can help the Jefferson County Emergency Management Agency:

- Become a trained EMA Volunteer. For an application visit our website at <http://www.jcema.mvn.net>.
- Amateur Radio Emergency Services (ARES) volunteers are always needed.
- Radio Civil Emergency Services (RACES) volunteers are also needed.
- You can always make a financial donation!



Our Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

The Jefferson County EMA Emergency Operations Center (EOC) provides a central location where disaster management can be carried out.

The EOC has three main functions:

1. Coordination of disaster response during a large scale disaster event.
2. Coordination of storm monitoring during a severe weather or winter storm event.
3. Emergency Management meetings and training sessions.

Our Goal

Our goal is to coordinate resources in and around Jefferson county to better prepare, prevent and handle emergencies. These resources include the people who live, visit and work in Jefferson County.

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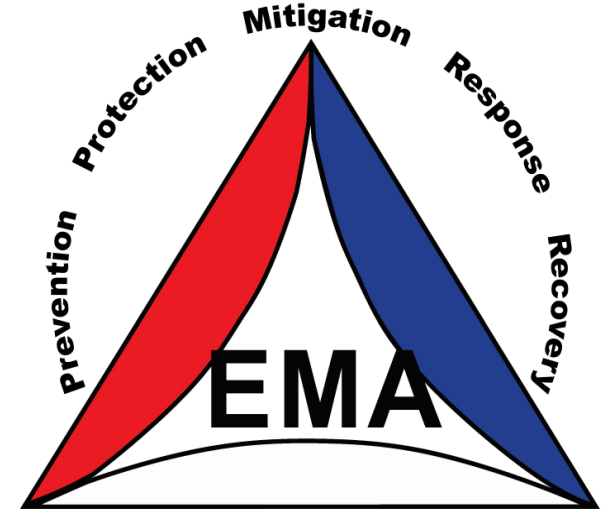
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