



City of Tumwater Fire Department

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

SECTION 12

GOAL: To ensure that appropriate steps have been taken to prevent disasters from occurring, minimizing the impact of those that do occur and prepare the City in the management of response mitigation and recovery operations for large scale emergencies through training exercises and policies and procedures.

The primary components of our emergency management efforts are building community partnerships with business, industry, state offices and citizens, proactive steps to mitigate emergencies and planning and preparation for response and recovery operations.

The Fire Department is charged with the responsibility of overseeing the City's emergency management effort. The City's mitigation plan which is reviewed and updated on a regular basis, serves as the basis for the City's ongoing effort to provide assistance during a disaster and minimizing damage from those that do occur. The City of Tumwater Emergency Operations Plan will continue to serve as the focal point for emergency response operations and preparedness.

The Department of Homeland Security mandated the adoption and implementation of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) in mid-2005 for local governments. For local governments that choose not to adopt NIMS, federal grant funding is not available. The Fire Department's ongoing objective is to ensure NIMS compliance for the City of Tumwater, including the City of Tumwater Emergency Operations Plan.

Types of situations which may require activation of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan include:

- Serious and/or long – term hazardous materials incidents
- Preparation for, or results of, severe storms
- Water release situations, which threaten or have caused serious flooding and/or damage
- Situations which result in multiple casualties, significant numbers of homeless citizens or fires of conflagration proportions
- Plane crash incidents
- Major transportation or industrial incidents
- Major structural collapse situations
- Civil disturbances
- Major public events
- Acts of terrorism
- Any situation requiring significant or extensive warning to the public



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The EOC has radio transmission and reception capabilities for all City departments. It is expected that communications will be initiated early and will be ongoing from our EOC with both the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) and the State Emergency Operations Center and emergency operations centers in other municipal jurisdictions when needed. Additional dispatch support may be required in the Tumwater EOC to handle and track calls. Such an effort will minimize the duplication of response efforts.

Incident Management Team (IMT)

Several large – scale incidents have occurred throughout the United States since the year 2000, including the terrorist attacks on September 11, 2001, and Hurricanes Katrina and Rita in 2005 and the Oso mudslide in 2014. Each of these incidents reinforced the need for Unified Command Systems that operate and utilize the Incident Command System.

Emergency response personnel within the Puget Sound area have taken a proactive approach by taking the necessary steps for establishing Incident Management Teams which in some cases are resourced typed as a Type Three Team. Although there are several IMT's throughout the state, Homeland Security Region 3 (HSR-3) oversees the IMT for our immediate area.

Incident Management Teams are available to provide command, control or support for large scale or long-term emergency incidents. This would include special events that exceed the capabilities and resources of a local community throughout Washington, or as needed elsewhere in the United States. Each participating agency i.e. (City, County etc.) are eligible for complete recovery of all costs of activation of their employees by signing the Washington Emergency Mutual Aid Compact (EMAC). As a signatory of the EMAC, the Washington State Patrol tracks cost and expenses from time of contact until return. There is no requirement that an agency has to report when contacted to participate in activation and an agency can turn down activation due to prior commitments. The fire department is eligible to respond under the aforementioned conditions.

2016 -2021 ACTION PLAN OBJECTIVES

- Conduct a minimum of one emergency management exercise per year
- Update all fire department members with the Emergency Management Plan
- Continue to provide emergency preparedness information and training for citizens, schools, businesses and employees throughout the City of Tumwater
- Research the option to provide Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and or Map Your Neighborhood training for the citizens of Tumwater
- Continue training of all necessary employees and elected officials in the National Incident Management System
- Participate in the HSR-3 Incident Management Team and committee



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- Continue working with Thurston County Emergency Management to identify an emergency text notification system throughout Thurston County
- Identify hazard vulnerability areas through risk assessment planning within the city including the Olympic pipeline areas that run through and adjacent to the city.

FOLLOW UP RESPONSIBILITY: Fire Chief

SPECIAL OPERATIONS – HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

SECTION 13

GOAL: To prevent hazardous materials releases from occurring and to mitigate releases that do occur in a safe, effective and efficient manner, thereby protecting people, property, and the environment.

Hazardous materials management is of concern, both locally and nationally. With the ever-increasing number of chemicals and the extensive amount of high – tech research and industrial activity in the area, the need for a comprehensive effort to both prevent and prepare for hazardous materials emergencies is vital.

Hazardous materials operations are managed within the protocols established by the Department’s hazardous materials policies and procedures. Currently our response personnel are trained to the first responder operations level. Ongoing annual training for “first responder” must meet the training skills and competencies that are required by federal regulations.

Investigation of hazardous materials incidents will initially be a Fire Department responsibility in cooperation with other divisions within the city, supplemented by representatives from other appropriate agencies.

In conjunction with Olympic Region Clean Air Agency and Puget Sound Energy, Tumwater Fire Department interacts with the following agencies in managing hazardous materials:

- **Washington State Patrol** – The Incident Commanders for our jurisdiction for Haz – Mat incidents
- **State Department of Ecology** – Involved with regulation and clean – up operations
- **Coast Guard** – Involved with water runoff that leads to Puget Sound
- **City of Tumwater Public Works** – Has responsibility for the management of the overall City environmental effort and can provide technical and regulatory assistance at incidents particularly spills
- **Tumwater Police Department** – Has responsibility for evacuation and shutting down affected streets within the City