

5 QUESTIONS

For Colorado Local Elected Officials to Ask about Emergency Preparedness

1. Does the jurisdiction I represent have a written, adopted pre-disaster mitigation plan?



Do I know the plan, is it posted on our website, or the county's website

Is that plan current and aligned with the State of Colorado and FEMA guidelines

Is it incorporated into other planning processes (land use, capitol plan, etc.), and are funds being allocated for mitigation projects identified in the plan?

Do I know

2.

Who is the local County Emergency Manager?

Where is the Emergency Operations Center (EOP)?

What is the Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for my jurisdiction?

How does the role of Incident Command Structure work?



3. Does my jurisdiction have an adopted Emergency Operations Plan and a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) that modifies our jurisdictions governing code to:



Delegate key decision making authorities to the manager in case of emergency?

Allow the Council or board to make decisions in case of emergency with alternate posting, notification, at a different location and manner of gathering.

Identify how departments operate in case of events which may destroy, disable or block access to critical infrastructure including town facilities?

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4. How active is our local jurisdiction at a council, manager and department director level in working with the county, other agencies and neighboring municipalities and counties in Emergency Management?



Do we have current Memorandums of Understanding (MOU), Mutual Aid Agreements (MAA), and key procurement contracts that are current, adopted and in alignment with our jurisdictions plan?

Does our town code allow for compliance with FEMA standards for procurement to access the resources which may be needed?

Do I know my own role in the Emergency Management process?

5.

In developing various plans and engaging citizens

In case of an event, do I know what questions would be asked of me?

In case of an event, what I should tell citizens, where to go for information?

Do I have an understanding of the importance elected officials play in a communities' recovery, especially, have I sought teachable stories from my peers?

Is there a point person at my jurisdiction for these questions for staff, other officials, for citizens?

