

San Benito County

OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



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RACES (Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service)
San Benito County Amateur Radio Association



Community Emergency Response Team



Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

MISSION

The San Benito County Office of Emergency Services (OES) mission is to lead the San Benito County Operational Area's collective efforts to protect life, property, & the environment by developing, coordinating, and managing programs that prevent, protect, respond to, recover from, and mitigate natural and man-made disasters and emergencies.

PHILOSOPHY

“Be prepared to effectively manage any major emergency or disaster situation that may occur within the San Benito County Operational Area.”

WHAT WE DO

- Mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters.



- Provide emergency management services for the County Operational Area including its two principal cities and all special districts and political subdivisions.
- Develops written guidelines for emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation to natural or man-made disasters.
- Lead the response during and after emergencies, in coordination with public safety officials, nonprofit organizations, and government agencies.

HOW WE DO IT

OES is responsible for providing the necessary

- Planning
- Coordination
- Response Support
- Administration
- Communications

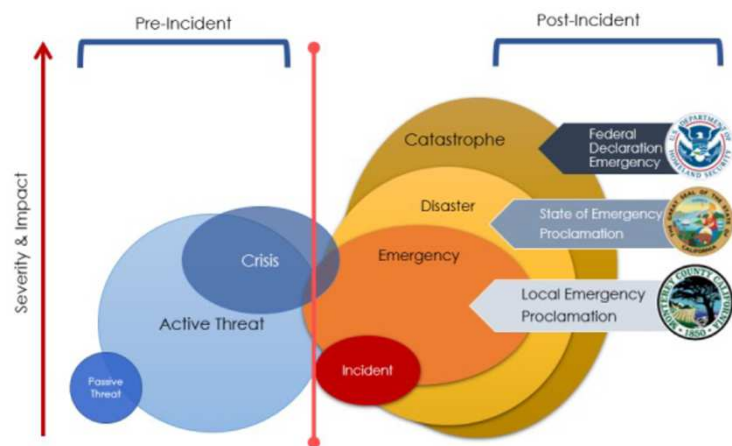
with all agencies affected by large scale emergencies or disasters.



OES works in a cooperative effort with other governmental jurisdictions within the county, region, and state.



WHEN DISASTER STRIKES



- First Responders will conduct an initial assessment of damage to prioritize needs before helping anyone
- Emergency Operations Center will activate to coordinate information and resources for first responders
- Elected Officials will declare/proclaim an emergency

Remember that the top priorities of first responders and the EOC is to:

1. Protect Life
2. Protect Property
3. Protect the Environment

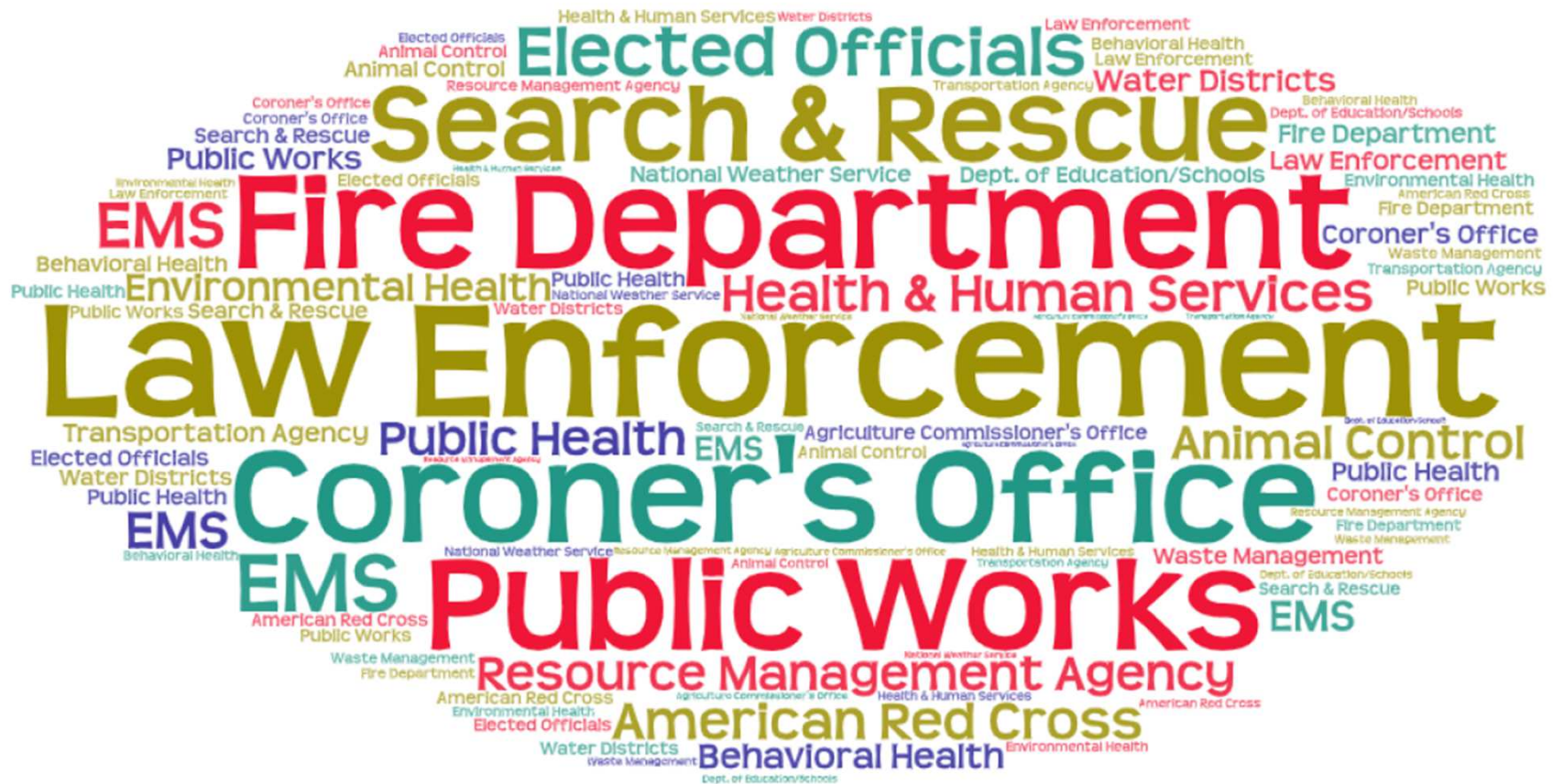
US Government	Responsible for national and international operations & assisting states through funding, policies, and guidelines.
State Government	Responsible for state operations & assisting local governments through funding, policies, and guidelines. Can assist counties when needed through state and regional EOCs and the National Guard.
County Government	Responsible for unincorporated county region operations and running the operational area EOC when asked by cities/special districts or multiple jurisdictions are impacted.
City Government	Responsible for all local operations and managing emergencies in their jurisdiction.
Special Districts	Provides and manages a specific services (ex. water districts, school districts)

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC)

- **The EOC is the central command and control facility for large-scale emergencies or special events**
 - **Functions at a strategic level**
 - **Ensures the continuity of operation**
 - **Responsible for the strategic overview**
 - **Organized and equipped to coordinate response efforts, make decisions, and gather and disseminate information.**
 - **Gather and process information**
 - **Provide strategic direction and support**
 - **Organized according to the Incident Command System**



WHO PLAYS A ROLE IN THE EOC



SAN BENITO COUNTY DISASTER COUNCIL

- Provides for the preparation and follow through of plans for the protection of persons and property
- Direction of emergency organizations
- Consists of the following members:

- CAO

- OES Staff Analyst

- EMS Specialist

- Health Officer

- County Fire Chief

- OES Manager

- American Red Cross

- Sheriff

- Director of Public Works

- Director of HHS

- All entities will operate as an operational area for emergency response purposes as prescribed by California Government Code § 8610.
- The Disaster Council shall be responsible for the development of the County of San Benito Operational Area Emergency Operations Plan

Ord. 898 § 11.01.001-11.01.010

OES FUNDING

- **Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG)**
- **Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP)**
- **Urban Area Security Initiative Grant Program (UASI)**
- **Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)**

Funds go towards:

- **OES Staffing**
- **Disaster Preparedness Projects**
- **First Responder Equipment**
- **Training**
- **Exercises**
- **EOC Equipment**
- **Communications**
- **Hazard Mitigation Planning**
- **Etc.**



URBAN AREAS SECURITIES INITIATIVE (UASI)

What is UASI?

- The Bay Area UASI is comprised of **12 counties** and **three core cities**.
- Grant program from the **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
- Intended to provide financial assistance to improve the capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist incidents or related catastrophic events.



Bay Area Regions

RECENT ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- **Hosted Workshops/Webinars on;**
 - **Roles in Disaster Management**
 - **Winter Weather Briefing**
 - **GETS and WPS Training**
 - **Incident Command System (ICS) Overview for Executives, Senior Officials, and Elected Officials**
- **Hosted Virtual Table-Top Exercise with Public Health**
- **Successfully applied for FY22 Grants**
- **Manage Previous Years Grants**
- **Supported Monterey County OES with EOC coverage during recent fires**
- **Member of Several Working Groups**

CURRENTLY WORKING ON:

- **Hosting workshops;**
 - kick-off county-wide Continuity of Operations Plan Implementing
 - Review of revised Emergency Operations Plan
 - Review of new Multi-Jurisdictional Multi-Hazard Mitigation Plan
- **Planning an Active Shooter exercise with Law Enforcement & Fire**
- **Working with CalOES and UASI to bring more training to San Benito**
- **Participating in the State-Wide Medical Health Functional Exercise**
- **Drought Monitoring and Reporting**
- **Storm Monitoring**
- **COVID Monitoring**
- **Moving the Alternate Dispatch Center to create space for an Emergency Operations Center (EOC)**



UPCOMING PROJECTS

- **Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP)**
- **Continuity of Government Plan (COG)**
- **First Responder Field Based Exercises**
- **Grant Applications**
- **Adoption of Plans**
- **Updated Resource Directories**



WE ALL HAVE A ROLE!

ROLES IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

EVERYONE HAS A ROLE TO PLAY IN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT, WHEN A MAJOR EMERGENCY OCCURS EVERYONE MUST:

YOU & YOUR COMMUNITY RESPONDERS



- ✓ Follow your emergency plan.
- ✓ Act quickly.

- ✓ Monitor local news, radio, and government websites & social media
- ✓ Follow official instructions.

- ✓ Proceed with caution.
- ✓ Check on and help others, it can take hours before first responders can reach you during a major disaster
- ✓ Call 911 for life threatening emergencies and 211 for everything else.
- ✓ Check in with your work and volunteer organizations.

- ✓ Contact your insurance company.
- ✓ Rebuild/replace damaged property.
- ✓ Manage your mental & physical health.
- ✓ Check on and help others.



STAY SAFE



STAY ALERT



RESPOND



RECOVER



GOVERNMENT & FIRST



- ✓ Protect life, property & the environment.
- ✓ Follow emergency plans.

- ✓ Coordinate information with partners.
- ✓ Alert the public regarding life safety.

- ✓ Assess damage and prioritize needs BEFORE responding.
- ✓ Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to coordinate information, response, and resources.
- ✓ Response starts locally and moves up to larger government bodies as resources run out.

- ✓ Rebuild government facilities
- ✓ Provide some recovery assistance
Note: Recovery assistance is meant as a backup and as such is not guaranteed, is often limited, and must be applied for.

San Benito County Office of Emergency Services
is mandated by the
[California Emergency Services Act](#)
[\(Chapter 7, Division 1, Title 2 of Government Code](#)
to serve as the liaison between the State and all the
local government political subdivisions comprising
San Benito County.

