



# Community Emergency Response Engagement and Planning

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# Coordination & Collaboration



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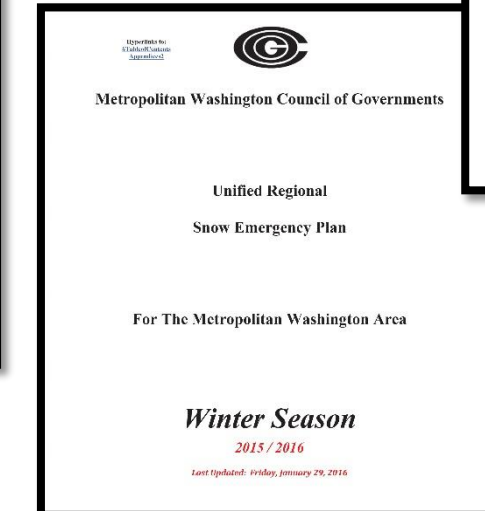
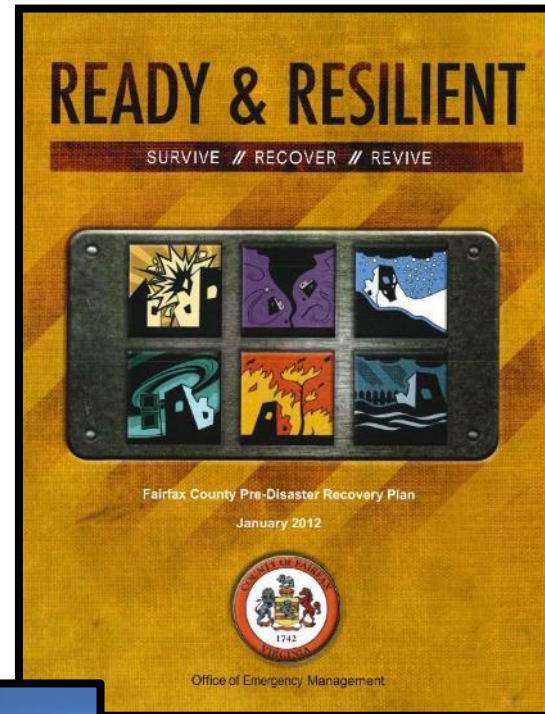
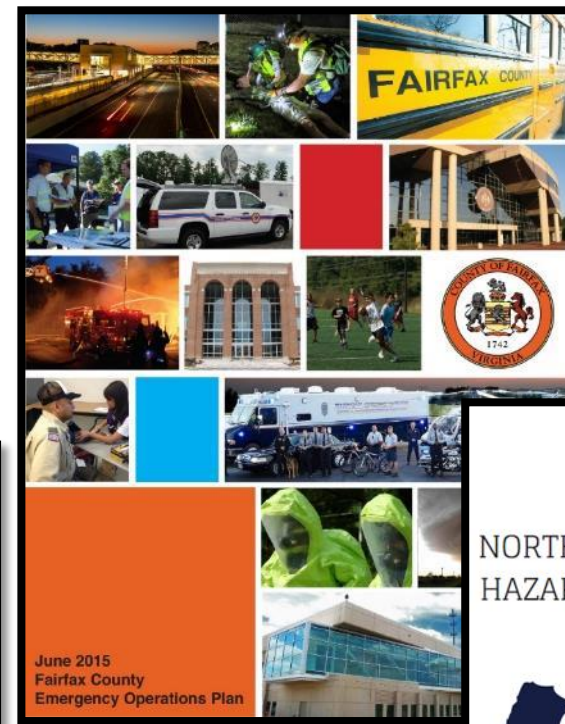


- Participates in regional planning efforts
- Member of RESF 5- Emergency Managers Committee
- Member of RESF 16- Volunteer and Donations Committee
- Regional funding for volunteer initiatives
- Combine multi-channel messaging with OPA



# Planning

- Maintains county Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Leads the Pre-Disaster Recovery Plan initiative
- Managed the 2017 Northern Virginia Hazard Mitigation Plan update
- Coordinates county-wide continuity program





# Community Resiliency & Outreach

## Preparedness through Engagement:

- Awareness and outreach events
- Vulnerable populations
- Voluntary organizations
- Internal/External partnerships
- Faith based groups
- Educational institutions
- Social media/Emergency notification



# Community Emergency Response Guide

## Purpose

- Built on the concept of “neighbor helping neighbor”
- Outline strategies that the community can take to support themselves in the event of a disaster or emergency
- Allow neighborhoods/communities to sustain themselves until county services and outside support can be obtained
- Educates citizens on key preparedness and response actions



# Community Emergency Response Guide

## Overview

- One stop guide
- Companion document to the County EOP
- Structured by the 4 phases of emergency management
- Personal Responsibilities
- Community/Neighborhood Responsibilities
- Appendices (various resources and templates)



# Community Emergency Response Guide

**Mitigation: *Preventing future emergencies or minimizing their effects***

- Understand the hazards
  - Natural (wind, snow, earthquake, tropical storm)
  - Manmade (terrorism, active shooter, biological hazards)
  - Other Hazards (house fire, medical emergencies)
- Mitigation actions (flood/fire insurance)



# Community Emergency Response Guide

## **Preparedness: *Preparing to handle an emergency***

- Make a plan (evacuation plans, communication plan, etc.)
- Have a kit
- Stay informed (Fairfax Alerts, social media, emergency blog, website, radio, news, Channel 16, and 1670 AM)
- Get involved (volunteer organizations)
- Pet preparedness
- Access and functional needs planning (individuals, caregivers, neighbors)
- Prepare with neighbors



# Community Emergency Response Guide

## Response: *Responding safely to an emergency*

- Putting preparedness plans into action
- Shelter-in-place, evacuation, and lockdown procedures
- Access and functional needs response actions
- Helping your community



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***Recovery: Preventing future emergencies  
or minimizing their effects***

- Financial assistance
- Insurance
- Small Business Administration
- OEM Disaster Damage Database
- Recovering smart

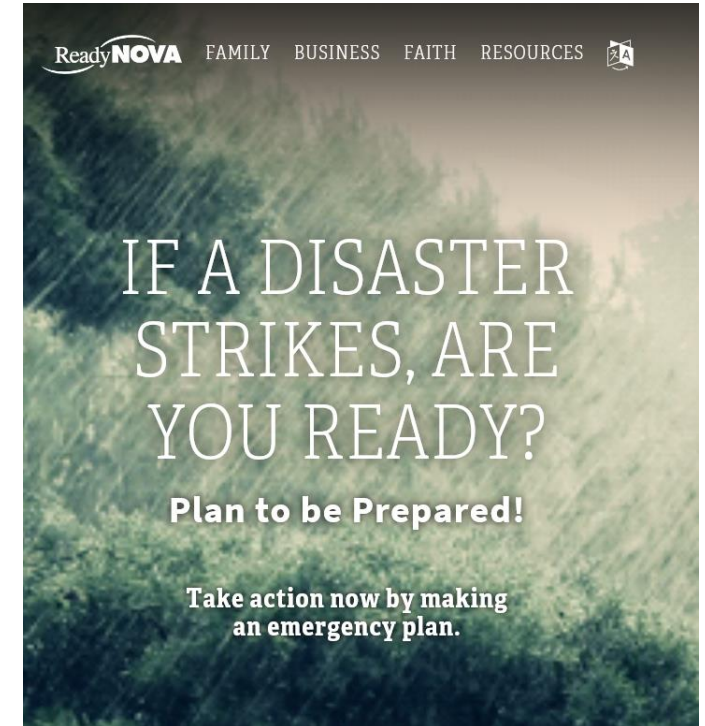


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## Personal Responsibilities

- Prepare yourself, your home, and your community (for 72 hours)
- Understand the actions of public safety officials and schools
- Help neighbors if you are not directly affected
- Know how and when to help with the official response



# Community Emergency Response Guide

## Community/Neighborhood Responsibilities

- Define your community
- Recruit leaders and build a team
- Scout your area
- Plan your response

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# Community Emergency Response Guide

## Appendices

- Contact information/Emergency Numbers/Preparedness Links
- Family Response Plan
- Neighborhood/Community Response Plan
- COOP/Business Continuity
- Emergency Kit Checklist
- Volunteer Programs



### Recommended Items to Include in a Basic Emergency Supply Kit:

- Water, one gallon of water per person per day for at least three days, for drinking and sanitation
- Food, at least a three-day supply of non-perishable food
- Battery-powered or hand crank radio and a NOAA Weather Radio with tone alert and extra batteries for both
- Flashlight and extra batteries
- First aid kit
- Whistle to signal for help
- Dust mask, to help filter contaminated air and plastic sheeting and duct tape to shelter-in-place
- Moist towelettes, garbage bags and plastic ties for personal sanitation
- Wrench or pliers to turn off utilities
- Can opener for food (if kit contains canned food)
- Local maps