

Office of Emergency Management

Emergency Management

Mission

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates and collaborates with its partners to reduce the impact of emergencies and disasters, through a comprehensive emergency management program. OEM provides coordination and support for County agencies and community stakeholders; identifies hazards and mitigation opportunities; provides opportunities for planning, training, exercising and evaluation; facilitates continuity of operations; and engages in community outreach, all while maintaining fiscal responsibility.

Focus

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) provides emergency management services for Fairfax County including the towns of Herndon, Vienna, and Clifton. The major areas of focus include emergency management planning and policy; the countywide emergency training and exercise program; public preparedness and education; enhancement of response and recovery capabilities, and grants management. OEM is committed to preparing for, responding to, recovering from, and mitigating new and challenging threats. OEM coordinates the emergency management activities of all Fairfax County agencies, and coordinates with the National Capital Region through the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), the Northern Virginia Emergency Response System (NVERS), private organizations, and other local, state and federal agencies.

The Office of Emergency Management supports the following County Vision Elements:



Maintaining Safe and Caring Communities



Creating a Culture of Engagement



Exercising Corporate Stewardship

OEM provides vision, direction, and subject matter expertise in the field of emergency management to heighten the County's state of emergency preparedness. In the event of an emergency, OEM activates and manages the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The state of the art EOC is equipped with technological redundancies to ensure operation under the most extreme conditions. The EOC is also activated for large-scale events such as Presidential Inaugurations. Additionally, OEM manages a fully operational Alternate EOC (AEOC) located in the County Government Center, in compliance with Emergency Management Accreditation Program standards.

When activated, the EOC becomes the coordination point for all County emergency management activities. In addition, OEM serves as the County's point of contact for federal disaster relief, recovery, and mitigation programs. OEM acts as the liaison to county, regional, state, federal, volunteer, and

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private partners in order to prepare for, effectively respond to, and quickly recover from significant emergencies.

OEM develops, reviews, and coordinates emergency management programs to meet the County’s homeland security goals and comply with National and International Standards for Emergency Management. OEM ensures County emergency plans are consistent and compatible with the regional and state emergency plans and comply with state, federal, and local guidelines.

OEM develops and maintains the County’s Comprehensive Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and provides emergency management guidance for the entire County. The EOP provides an operational framework for County and partner agencies when responding to an emergency in Fairfax County. OEM manages, develops and updates other emergency plans and annexes based on an “all hazards” approach to emergency management.

OEM is responsible for coordinating emergency management training and exercises to prepare County agencies to carry out their roles in the emergency operations plan. Each year, OEM develops and coordinates a variety of seminars as well as functional and table top exercises. All exercises are compliant with federal Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP) guidelines, ensuring that training opportunities are of the highest caliber and consistent with national training standards. The agency hosts the School of Emergency Management Training program, training County and regional personnel on a diverse range of topics including: the National Incident Management System, Continuity of Operations, and coursework sponsored by the Virginia Department of Emergency Management.

OEM conducts emergency management outreach programs necessary to increase the public’s awareness in emergency preparedness and homeland security. Through the Fairfax County Citizen Corps program, OEM serves as liaison and administrative support for recruitment, registration and identification of volunteer emergency workers necessary to support emergency response and recovery efforts.

Budget and Staff Resources

Category	FY 2018 Actual	FY 2019 Adopted	FY 2019 Revised	FY 2020 Advertised
FUNDING				
Expenditures:				
Personnel Services	\$1,199,633	\$1,394,228	\$1,394,228	\$1,423,699
Operating Expenses	494,805	508,829	1,109,117	508,829
Capital Equipment	116,223	0	134,716	0
Total Expenditures	\$1,810,661	\$1,903,057	\$2,638,061	\$1,932,528
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS/FULL-TIME EQUIVALENT (FTE)				
Regular	13 / 13	13 / 13	13 / 13	13 / 13
1 Emergency Management Coordinator	2	Emergency Management Specialists	1	Management Analyst IV
1 Dep. Coordinator of Emergency Management	3	Emergency Management Specialists III	1	Administrative Assistant IV
1 Continuity Operations Program Manager	2	Emergency Management Specialists II	1	Administrative Assistant III
TOTAL POSITIONS				
13 Positions / 13.0 FTE				

This department has 5/5.0 FTE Grant Positions in Fund 50000, Federal-State Grants.

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FY 2020 Funding Adjustments

The following funding adjustments from the FY 2019 Adopted Budget Plan are necessary to support the FY 2020 program.

- ◆ **Employee Compensation** **\$29,471**
 An increase of \$29,471 in Personnel Services includes \$13,942 for a 1.0 percent market rate adjustment (MRA) for all employees and \$15,529 for performance-based and longevity increases for non-uniformed merit employees, both effective July 2019.

Changes to FY 2019 Adopted Budget Plan

The following funding adjustments reflect all approved changes in the FY 2019 Revised Budget Plan since passage of the FY 2019 Adopted Budget Plan. Included are all adjustments made as part of the FY 2018 Carryover Review, and all other approved changes through December 31, 2018.

- ◆ **Carryover Adjustments** **\$735,004**
 As part of the FY 2018 Carryover Review, the Board of Supervisors approved funding of \$728,282 in encumbered funding in Operating Expenses primarily for countywide economic recovery planning, emergency preparedness materials and publications. In addition, \$6,722 was approved as part of the Incentive Reinvestment Initiative that allowed agencies to identify savings and efficiencies and retain a portion to reinvest in employee training and other employee development and succession planning opportunities.

Key Performance Measures

Indicator	Prior Year Actuals			Current Estimate	Future Estimate
	FY 2016 Actual	FY 2017 Actual	FY 2018 Estimate/Actual	FY 2019	FY 2020
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Percentage of County and volunteer agencies identified in Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) that receive training	95%	95%	96%/96%	96%	96%
New Fairfax Alerts subscribers added to OEM database (formerly CEAN)	10,684	6,221	10,000/7,548	7,000	8,000
Percentage of businesses satisfied with partnership with the Office of Emergency Management	90%	90%	91%/91%	92%	93%

A complete list of performance measures can be viewed at
<https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/budget/fy-2020-advertised-performance-measures-pm>

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Performance Measurement Results

In FY 2018, OEM added 7,548 new subscribers to Fairfax Alerts. Information on the Fairfax Alerts and the regional CAPITALERT systems are both incorporated into all community presentations and outreach programs. In future years, OEM will continue to enhance public emergency notifications through effective use of the Employee Alert Network and Fairfax Alerts. With the implementation of a more robust social media presence outreach program, OEM will strive to attract an additional 8,000 subscribers in Fairfax Alerts including members of the business community in FY 2020.

In FY 2020, the Office of Emergency Management will continue conducting both discussion and operational based instructional drills. The goal is to provide training opportunities for at least 96 percent of County and volunteer agencies responsible for disaster mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery from large-scale emergencies and disasters. County agencies and volunteer groups with duties and responsibilities outlined in the County Emergency Operation Plan will participate in EOC and AEOC exercises designed to familiarize agency representatives with the new EOC computer hardware, the incident command system, information software and procedures. OEM offers training opportunities in multiple formats including lecture, and hands-on interaction. The agency will continue to design and conduct exercises utilizing an all-hazard, multi-disciplinary approach to enhance the capabilities of partner agencies.

Community outreach preparedness presentations and programs requested from the general public and civic groups are normally in direct correlation with heightened terrorist threat levels and potential or recent catastrophic events. As the importance of emergency preparedness continues to grow and the cost of disasters continues to rise, OEM has started to diversify its messaging and interactions with the community in a format that meets their needs. This would include social media platforms, video, and multiple languages.