

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 5****EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT**

**ICS Function:** NA

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Island County Department of Emergency Management (IC DEM)

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Island County Sheriff  
Island County Public Works  
Island County Public Health  
State:  
Washington State Emergency Management Division (EMD)

**I. INTRODUCTION****A. Purpose**

The purpose of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 5, Emergency Management is coordination and overall management of the resources of Island County in responding to a large scale emergency or disaster. The goal is to insure that the emergency management efforts are coordinated, efficient, and effective.

**B. Scope**

The following activities come under the purview of emergency management:

1. Support County departments and community agencies involved in emergency preparedness, planning, response, and recovery.
2. Provide planning and coordination of all County emergency response activities.
3. Coordinate and maintain the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP), the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP), and the County Multi Jurisdiction Hazard Mitigation Plan.
4. Coordinate activities related to the emergency/disaster preparedness of the citizens of unincorporated Island County
5. Provide planning and training to ensure that the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is equipped and ready to support the emergency operations of the county.
6. Facilitate emergency requests for resources and assistance beyond the capabilities and resources of the County.

## II. POLICIES

- A. For the purposes of program management and establishment of the County EOC, the emergency management function is assigned to the IC DEM
- B. Incident management within the County will conform to the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and utilize the Incident Command System (ICS).
- C. All County departments will provide support within their capability to local incident response and the staffing and operation of the EOC.

## III. SITUATION

### A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards

The natural and man-caused hazards that may impact Island County are discussed and assessed in the Island County Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Analysis (HIVA) published separately. While other hazards are possible, they are not expected to produce significant damage or require extreme response measures.

### B. Planning Assumptions

1. Emergency response resources in the County are limited and will require external support for a large or prolonged incident.
2. A formal County declaration of emergency should be made for any incident greater than Type 4 or expected to last more than one operational period.
3. The County EOC will be activated for any flood threat or for any incident or emergency expected to grow beyond Type 4 or expected to last more than one operational period.
4. Any activation of the County EOC will require notification of the Washington State, Emergency Management Division (EMD) EOC.

## IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Island County supports mitigation actions to eliminate or reduce disaster damages and injury. Mitigation also includes public and business education and preparedness activities, preparation and testing of response and recovery plans, and the application of appropriate land use planning, codes, and permitting.
- B. The Board of Island County Commissioners (BOICC) declares emergencies. The Emergency Proclamation process is detailed in Support Annex D to this CEMP.

C. In the event of a significant threat of an emergency or disaster or the occurrence of a significant emergency or disaster one of the following individuals may activate the County EOC, initiate incident response and advise the BOICC of the nature of the emergency and the significance of the threat or damage. Incident response and EOC activation will not be delayed waiting formal notifications.

Director, IC DEM  
Director, Public Works  
Island County Sheriff  
Deputy Director Public Works or Undersheriff.

D. In the event of an emergency or disaster the Director, Island County DEM or one of the individuals mentioned in the previous paragraph will act as the EOC Manager and will:

1. Begin key personnel notifications and request staffing for the EOC.
2. Notify the State EOC of the activation and nature of the emergency.
3. Activate volunteer amateur radio operators and other volunteers.
4. Notify adjacent jurisdictions if necessary.

## **V. ORGANIZATION**

A. All County departments shall insure continuity of government by designating additional individuals in their organizations capable of directing and controlling the resources of their department in times of emergency.

B. All departments will designate individuals who can be assigned to support the EOC.

## **VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

Resource requirements will be unique to each emergency or disaster.

## **VII. REFERENCES**

Island County Code Chapter 9.24A

(Also see CEMP References)

## **VIII. DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS**

See CEMP, References, Definitions and Acronyms