King County Office of Emergency Management

Goals

Provide for the effective direction, control, and coordination of County government emergency services functional units; provide liaison with other governments and the private, nongovernmental sector; and, serve as the coordinating entity for cities, County governmental departments, and other appropriate agencies, for incidents and events of regional significance.

Outcomes

- To provide region-wide planning and emergency response coordination for jurisdictional and private sector partners.
- To achieve a state of continuous improvement through the adoption of standards-based programs.
- To develop resilient and inclusive systems for King County departments and the whole community.
- To develop a strong workforce made up internal and external partners, ready to coordinate emergency response and recovery.

Key Initiatives

- Emergency Operations Center
- Situational Awareness
- Public Awareness and Education
- Disaster Risk Reduction





Lines of Business

- Administration and Finance
 - · Grant management
 - Public Assistance (FEMA)
- Regional Integration
 - Advisory Committees (EMAC, EMCC)
 - Public Education and Outreach
 - Zone Liaisons
 - Training
 - Exercises and Evaluation

- Risk Reduction and Operations
 - Emergency Operations Center
 - Alert and Warning
 - Duty Officers
 - Mitigation/Disaster Risk Reduction
 - Dam Safety
 - Local Emergency Planning Committee
- Planning
 - Comprehensive EM Plan



ALERT King County

- https://kingcounty.gov/ready
- Regional public information and notification service
- System includes of unincorporated King County, plus 37 cities
- 64,880 subscribers
- Integrated with "reverse 911" and FEMA's IPAWS
- Semi-annual test with survey







EOC 101 Videos

- https://kingcounty.gov/EOC101
- Regional partnership to create basic instructional videos
- KCTV produced, OEM funded
- Elected and Senior Leaders











Coordination with Partners

- 24/7 Duty Officer Program
- Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
 - WebEOC incident management platform
- Biannual Seminars
 - Summer Hazards Seminar
 - Winter Hazards Seminar
- Emergency Management Professionals Webinar Series
 - Fire Season: What to know about State Mobilization, FMAG and King County
 - Trash Talk: Debris Management After Disasters Webinar
- Weekly Coordination Call
- Trainings, Exercises, Workshops, Symposia



Individual Assistance

- State-funded, County-managed program
 - Pilot program established by the WA Legislature
- Bolt Creek Fire
 - Damages and extra expenses due to fire
 - Generator use, loss of food, travel, lodging
- South Park Flooding
 - Damages and certain expenses due to flooding
 - Residential damage to essential living space, contents/appliances
 - Temporary rental assistance
 - Relocation assistance





