



Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications

In Fiscal Year 2013, the Department of Disaster Preparedness and Emergency Communications was created to centralize and bring more focus to disaster preparedness functions in the City. This reorganization was implemented to better align Long Beach with a growing demand for integrated public safety services and strengthen collaboration between all City departments, County, State and Federal resources with responsibility for disaster preparation, response, recovery and mitigation. The City's Emergency Communications (9-1-1) call center connects residents' calls for service with first responders, as well as connects first responders with one another. This is critically important to the success of emergency operations. The Department also plays a key role in coordinating and managing the City's Homeland Security Grant Program (HSGP). Working closely with Police, Fire, Health, Harbor and all other City Departments, grant funds are used to purchase equipment and provide emergency response training. Through the use of these funds and training the City and the region are more prepared than ever before.