



Disaster Preparedness Bureau

The Disaster Preparedness Bureau is located within the City's Emergency Communications and Operations Center. The mission of the Disaster Preparedness Bureau is to centralize the direction and support of planning, coordination and management of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. The Bureau provides a comprehensive program to prepare the City, residents and non-governmental organizations (NGOs), to respond to natural or man-made incidents, and return to "normalcy" as quickly as possible. NGOs include school districts, hospitals, transportation agencies, utility companies and the American Red Cross. The Bureau is tasked with being the liaison with County, State and Federal agencies responsible for emergency management, including the Los Angeles County Office of Emergency Management (OEM), California Emergency Management Agency (Cal EMA) and Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA). Also, the Bureau coordinates the efforts of the Disaster Management Area F, which includes the cities of Long Beach, Avalon and Signal Hill.