

2022 Waldo County Emergency Management Program (EMP) Strategic Plan



Introduction

All Hazards Civil Defense through Comprehensive Emergency Management

The civil government of the County of Waldo, Maine is committed to implementing and promoting local civil defense measures, as organized by the Waldo County Emergency Management Agency (EMA), in order to protect the residents and their property from possible hazards and threats. Civil Defense (CD) consists of all disaster preparedness, response, and recovery activities and measures undertaken to minimize the effects upon the civilian population caused by a man-made or natural disasters. The purpose of the Emergency Management Program (EMP) is to help prepare local governments (County and municipal) and its residents to cope with disasters by implementing local Civil Defense activities.

Definitions in this Strategic Plan

1. The Whole Community includes all U.S. citizens, civil authorities, and community lifeline officials in the jurisdiction.
2. The Jurisdiction is the County of Waldo, Maine.
3. Civil Authorities includes the elected officials and appointed officers for the County of Waldo and of the twenty-six municipalities.
4. Community Lifelines enable the continuous operation of government functions and critical business, and is essential to human health and safety or economic security and include: 1) Security; 2) Food, Water, Sheltering; 3) Health and Medical; 4) Energy; 5) Communications; 6) Transportation; 7) Private Industry; and 8) Families and Individuals

Vision Statement

The Waldo County Whole Community is prepared to survive, respond and recover from any emergency.

Mission Statement

The County Emergency Management Program shall:

1. Reach, educate, train, and engage the Whole Community to implement preparedness activities in order to survive, respond, and recover from any emergency.
2. Assist civil authorities with the management of a coordinated response to any emergency

Emergency Management Program Goals: This Strategic Plan will have several Goals to achieve each aspect of the Mission Statement.

Goal 1: Build a Culture of Preparedness in the County. Promote the ability and willingness of County residents and public-private institutions to be prepared to respond to (both at home and within the community as a volunteer) and recover from emergencies and disasters through increased preparedness awareness, education, training, community involvement and other preparedness activities.

- Educate and engage County residents and employees to implement emergency preparedness activities.
- Educate and assist County youth in emergency preparedness activities.
- Reach out and engage the Prepper Community

Goal 2: Ready the County for Disasters. Strengthen the County Emergency Management Program (EMP) to support effective preparedness, response and recovery actions.

- Educate and engage local civil authorities to improve their Emergency Management program
- Prepare the County EOC for Emergency Operations
- Develop a County Long Term Power Outage Plan
- Improve Emergency Management Response and Recovery Capabilities
- Improve Emergency Communications Capabilities
- Build capability to reduce losses from Emergencies

Goal 3: Meet all Statutory and Administrative Requirements

Goal 4: Build and Maintain Networks with Emergency Management Partners

Method for Implementation, Evaluation, Maintenance and Revision

The County Emergency Management Agency (EMA) is the Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR) for organizing and coordinating the County EMP Strategic Plan and the corresponding Administrative Plan and subcomponent Work Task Plan. EMA hosts and/or participates in monthly meeting with the County Commissioners, county department heads, municipal emergency managers and fire chiefs, healthcare facilities, food security entities and local school leaders. EMA facilitates the review, evaluation and maintenance of the Strategic Plan during these meetings. The Court of County Commissioners approve the updated Strategic Plan every year. The County EMA Director is responsible for managing and updating the County EMP Administrative Plan, on an annual basis, and the Work Task Plan on a day-to-day basis.

2022 Waldo County Emergency Management Program Strategic Plan Approval

The Emergency Management Program Strategic Plan has been reviewed and approved.


County Commissioner Date 11-18-21


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