

Emergency Response and Evacuation Procedures

General information about the emergency response and evacuation procedures for the district are publicized each year as part of the district's Clery Act compliance efforts, and that information is available at

emergency management team to aid in the creation and implementation of its emergency procedures or plan, and to review and update that plan on at least an annual basis.

The District Emergency Response Plan shall adopt California's Standardized Management System (SEMS) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The purpose of SEMS is to provide a standardized response to emergencies involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agencies. Compliance with requirements includes the use of the basic principles and components of emergency management, which includes the Incident Command System (ICS), multi-agency or inter-agency coordination, the operational-area concept, and established mutual-aid systems. SEMS and NIMS both utilize ICS. ICS is the combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications operating within a common organizational structure, which is responsible for the management of resources to effectively accomplish the district's stated objectives in response to an incident.

For major incidents, NIMS provides a consistent, nationwide template to ensure that local, state, and federal agencies work together to prepare for, prevent, respond to, and recover from incidents. The following are criteria and areas that should be included in the district's Emergency Response Plan.

SEMS

State agencies are required by law to use SEMS. There are five designated levels in the SEMS organization: field response, local government, operational areas, regions, and state. Each level is activated as needed.

- A. Field-response level commands emergency response personnel and resources to carry out tactical decisions and activities in direct response to an incident or threat.
- B. Local-government level manages and coordinates the overall emergency response and recovery activities within their jurisdiction.
- C. Operational-area level manages and/or coordinates information, resources, and priorities among local governments within the operational area and serves as the coordination and communication link between the local-government level and the regional level.
- D. Regional level manages and coordinates information and resources among operational areas within the mutual-aid region designated pursuant to Government Code §8600 and between the operational areas and the state level. This level along with the state level coordinates overall state-agency support for emergency response activities.
- E. State level manages state resources in response to the emergency needs of the other levels, manages and coordinates mutual aid among the mutual-aid regions and between the regional level and state level, and serves as the coordination and communication link with the federal disaster response system.

The district plan includes the following functions:

- A. Management
- B. Operations

- B. Preparedness
- C. Resource Management
- D. Communications and Information Management
- E. Supporting Technologies
- F. NIMS Management and Maintenance

Compliance with NIMS

To comply with NIMS requirements, the district must ensure that its employees receive the appropriate NIMS training. NIMS compliance is measured by a performance-based metrics system. In addition to the training requirements, the district must also comply with state and federal preparedness laws for public institutions.

Medical Emergencies