

Mass Care and Emergency Assistance (MC/EA) Training



Mission

- Coordinate the delivery of mass care, human services, emergency assistance, and temporary housing.

The COVID-19 Pandemic has brought attention to the importance on mass care and emergency assistance. That is why we have chosen to train on the subject.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) and MC/EA

- NIMS “provides a consistent approach and framework for responding to all disaster incidents and it is within that framework that MC/EA activities occur” (FEMA IS-405).

Whole Community

- Individuals and families (including those with access and functional needs)
- Businesses
- Faith-based and community organizations
- Nonprofit groups
- Schools and academia
- Media outlets
- All levels of government, including state, local, tribal, territorial, and federal partners

“Preparedness is a shared responsibility; it calls for the involvement of everyone – not just the government – in preparedness efforts” (FEMA, 2020).

“A Whole Community approach to building community resilience requires finding ways to support and strengthen the community. This requires identification of institutions, assets, and networks that already work well and whose goals are to address issues/needs that are important to community members on a daily basis. Existing structures and relationships that are present in the daily lives of individuals, families, businesses, and organizations before an incident occurs can be leveraged and empowered to act effectively during and after a disaster strikes. (FEMA IS-405)”

Whole Community Resources - Public

- Individuals with specific skills (e.g., chefs, nurses, early childhood development specialists, veterinarians)
- Unions
- Spontaneous volunteers
- Community members

(FEMA IS-405)

Public resources could include those who speak other languages, who would be able to translate for those with limited English proficiency.

Whole Community Resources - Private

- Chamber of Commerce
- Businesses
- Professional groups
- Other for-profit organizations

(FEMA IS-405)

Whole Community Resources - Nonprofit

- Voluntary organizations
- Faith-based organizations
- Community based organizations
- Foundations
- Professional associations
- Academic institutions

(FEMA IS-405)

The Lebanon County Christian Ministries provides mass care services daily, feeding and sheltering individuals.

Whole Community Resources - Government

- Local
- State
- Tribal
- Territories and Commonwealths
- Federal

(FEMA IS-405)

Government resources could come from neighboring municipalities, or if neighboring municipalities are unable to fulfill a need, you can make a request at the County level.

MC/EA Activities

- Sheltering
- Feeding
- Distribution of emergency supplies
- Reunification services
- Mass evacuation support
- Household pets and service animal support
- People with disabilities and other access and functional needs

Interoperability of MC/EA

- MC/EA activities are often interrelated
- When sheltering, you must also consider people with disabilities and functional needs

When sheltering, you must also consider people with disabilities and functional needs. But you must also consider how you are going to feed those people. Are there any dietary restrictions? How will you accommodate pets?

Mass Care Examples

- Cooling/warming shelters
- Evacuation of apartment building
- Sheltering of displaced individuals
- Meals on Wheels
- Community Vaccination Center
- Temporary Housing for COVID-19

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