

# Emergency Preparedness Services Newsletter

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## FEMA-Federal Emergency Management Agency

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is a federal Department of Homeland Security agency, created in 1979, for the purpose of reducing the impact of disasters and supporting community members and first responders. Its mission is to help people before, during, and after disasters, covering natural events like floods and wildfires as well as man-made events, such as terrorist incidents.

FEMA operates by coordinating federal, state, and local resources to provide disaster assistance to individuals, businesses, and communities, such as emergency housing, grants for repairs, and crisis counseling. The agency also promotes disaster mitigation through infrastructure resilience, and disaster preparedness training, acting as the primary federal agency for emergency management. [www.fema.gov](http://www.fema.gov)

### Incident Command System (ICS) Training for Emergency Management

Within FEMA the use of ICS is present on a national, state and a local level. This is a system that strives to use a common language, common command structure and best practices in disaster preparedness, response and recovery. Free training is available; many introductory classes are online.

The [National Disaster and Emergency Management University \(NDEMU\)](http://www.ndemu.edu), is the premier institution for emergency management training and education in the United States. NDEMU offers professional development and training programs to enhance the abilities of officials at federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial levels, as well as members of volunteer organizations and the private sector, to minimize the impact of disasters. Many classes are offered online.

**ICS-100-Basic Incident Command Systems (online)**

**ICS-200-Basic Incident Command for Initial Response (online)**

**ICS-300- Intermediate Incident Command for Expanding Incidents.(in person)**

**ICS-700- Introduction to the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS) (online)**

**ICS-800-National Response Framework, An Introduction (online)**

From the FEMA Website at [Training and Education | FEMA.gov](http://www.fema.gov/training-education)  
[National Emergency Training Center Online Admissions Application](http://www.fema.gov/national-emergency-training-center-online-admissions-application)

## Meet the City Emergency Preparedness Services Team

Fresno has created an experienced, interdisciplinary group to plan and prepare for disasters or larger emergencies.

### Battalion Chief Sean Johnson, Emergency Preparedness Officer-

Sean Johnson will be assuming the role of Emergency Manager for the City of Fresno. Sean is a Battalion Chief with the Fire Department and has previously served as the Emergency Manager. Sean is a Certified Emergency Manager (CEM) and has been deployed to several EOC activations and is looking forward to building the emergency management team for the city and collaborating with our regional partners.

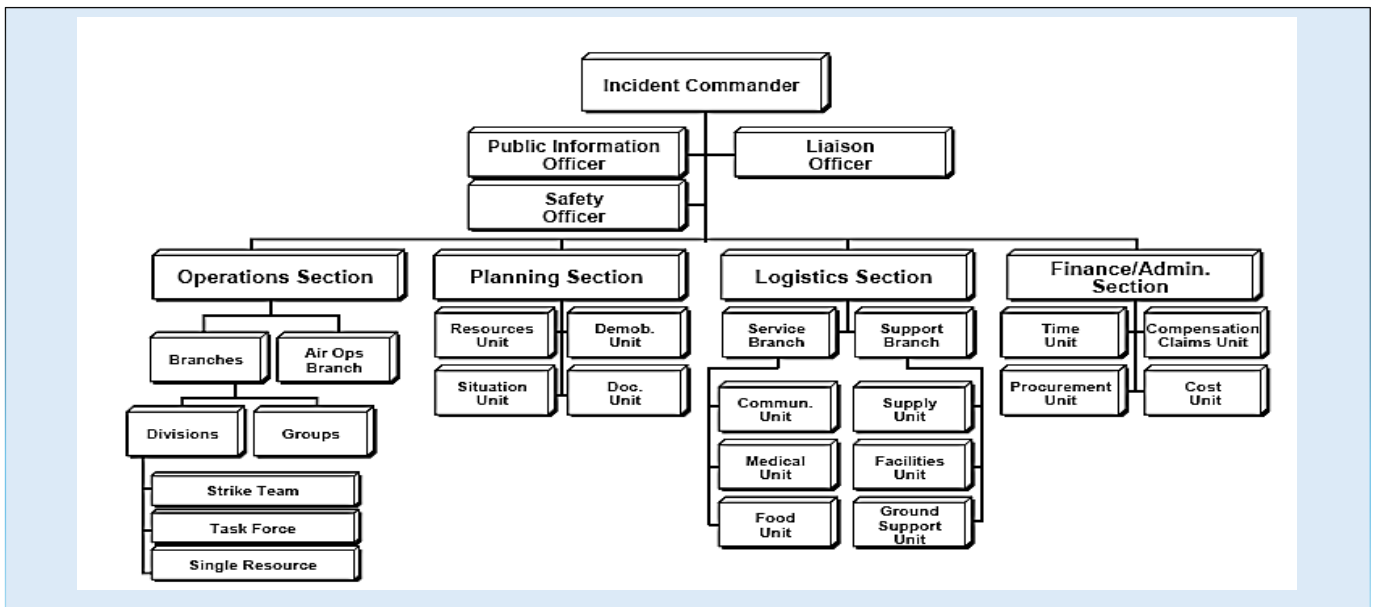
### Carla Glazebrook, Emergency Programs and Partnerships and CERT Manager-

Carla transitioned from the Mayor's Office to FPD/FFD following 9/11, where programs and partnerships were developed to enhance resilience for the whole community. Since 2003, the Community Emergency Response Team's volunteers have participated in 47 exercises and deployed to 232 incidents to provide support.

**Kate Henry, EPS Administrator-**Duties include Management of Cooling and Warming Centers and daily local weather monitoring. Assistance with City Emergency Plans and COOPS.

### Department Emergency Coordinators-

Each Department has a designated Emergency Coordinator and back-up Coordinator to assist in emergency events. For more information contact the Department Director or the EPS Administrator (Kate Henry).



Example of the ICS organizational structure that might be implemented in a large emergency or disaster.

### Disaster Service Workers for the City of Fresno

Part of being prepared for a disaster is knowing your role in the response. During your New Employee Orientation with the City of Fresno, you may remember that all City employees are Disaster Workers, if activated in an event considered an emergency.

When a disaster is declared, the City Manager, and other City leadership determine what will be needed including personnel, vehicles, equipment and technology. Depending on the needs, various departments are activated and will be contacted. Please see the attached description of the process and what instructions you might be given when contacted by your supervisor in a disaster event. By being informed of the possibility of activation, you can prepare to be a responder.

See the attachment to this email for a task description of City Disaster Service Workers, Fresno.



### Situational Awareness:

*Situational awareness refers to the ability to perceive and understand your environment, recognize potential hazards, and predict their impact. It involves being mindful of your surroundings, identifying changes, and responding appropriately to maintain safety.*

- Promote the increase in Situational Awareness and, if needed, reporting.
- Remember and popularize the phrase “if you see something, say something”.
- Take 6 minutes to view this video:

[Situational Awareness is an Important Safety Skill at Work](#)



Creek Fire 2020

### Emergency Preparedness NEWS:

**Know your risks:** Understand the types of disasters that can affect your community.

**Make a plan:** Develop an emergency communication and evacuation plan.

**Build a kit:** Gather supplies like water, food, and other necessities for at least 3 days

**Stay informed:** Sign up for emergency alerts and learn lifesaving skills like CPR/First Aid.

This quarterly, informational newsletter is provided by the City of Fresno for the purpose of assisting in emergency preparedness within the community.

To make suggestions or inquiries contact: [Kathleen.henry@fresno.gov](mailto:Kathleen.henry@fresno.gov) For more Emergency Preparedness tools, go to: [www.fresno.gov/prepare](http://www.fresno.gov/prepare)

“Preparation through education is less costly than learning through tragedy”.--Max Mayfield, Director of the National Hurricane Center