

## **Part 1 - Introduction**

### **1.1 Basis for Planning**

The California Emergency Services Act (Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code) in Article 3, Section 8568, states: "The State Emergency Plan shall be in effect in each political subdivision of the state, and the governing body of each political subdivision shall take such action as may be necessary to carry out the provisions thereof."

The Emergency Operations Master Plan and Procedures (Master Plan) for the City of Los Angeles is established in accordance with Division 8, Chapter 3 of the Los Angeles Administrative Code (LAAC). The Master Plan is consistent and compatible with the State Emergency Plan.

### **1.2 Purposes of the Plan**

1. Describe the authority, responsibilities, functions, and operations of civil government during local emergencies, states of emergency and war emergencies.
2. Provide a basis for the conduct and coordination of operations and the management of critical resources during emergencies.
3. Provide a basis for incorporating into the City Emergency Operations Organization (EOO), non-governmental agencies and organizations with required emergency resources.

### **1.3 Objectives**

The following objectives guide the planning, as well as the conduct, of response and recovery efforts for the City of Los Angeles during an emergency.

1. Save lives and protect property.
2. Repair and restore essential systems and services.
3. Provide a basis for direction and control of emergency operations.
4. Provide for the protection, use and distribution of remaining resources.
5. Provide for continuity of government.
6. Coordinate operations with other jurisdictions' emergency service organizations.

## 1.4 Planning Assumptions

1. Responsibility for emergency preparedness rests with all levels of government.
2. Warning time, used effectively decreases potential life and property loss.
3. Personnel preparedness and training is essential to effective emergency operations.
4. Adequate pre-emergency testing of facilities and equipment will help to ensure reliability during emergencies.
5. The nature and extent of an emergency will govern which elements of the emergency organization will mobilize and respond.

## 1.5 Plan Activation

The plan shall become effective:

1. On order of the Mayor, or acting Mayor, as the Director of the Emergency Operations Organization (EOO), provided that the existence or threatened existence of a local emergency has been proclaimed in accordance with the City's Emergency Operations Ordinance;
2. When the Governor has proclaimed a State of Emergency in an area including the City of Los Angeles; or
3. At the declaration of a State of War Emergency, as defined by the California Emergency Services Act.

In the event of a threatened emergency, the City EOO or any portion of it may be mobilized prior to activation of this plan, by order of the Mayor, acting Mayor, in accordance with LAAC, Section 8.25, or EOO Deputy Director.

## 1.6 Authorities and References

1. California Emergency Services Act, Chapter 7 of Division 1 of Title 2 of the Government Code.
2. State of California Emergency Plan and sub-plans as amended.
3. California Emergency Resources Management Plan, 9 Jan 68 and sub-plans as issued.
4. California Government Code, Article 9, Section 8607 and adopted Regulations for the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), 1993.
5. Governor's Orders and Regulations for a War Emergency, 1971.
6. City of Los Angeles - LAAC, Division 8, Chapter 3, as amended.
7. City of Los Angeles resolution adopting the California Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

8. Joint City/County of Los Angeles (JCCLA) Emergency Management Agreement.

## **1.7 Plan Maintenance and Distribution**

**1.7.1 Maintenance** - The Planning Division of the Emergency Preparedness Department (EPD) is responsible for coordinating the maintenance and periodic revision of the Master Plan and Master Plan Annexes. The EPD Planning Division chairs the Emergency Management Committee (EMC) Planning Subcommittee and meets monthly to discuss emergency planning issues as well as necessary maintenance to all existing emergency plans. The Planning Subcommittee reports to the EMC that makes planning related recommendations to the Emergency Operations Board (EOB). All revisions, amendments and corrections to the Master Plan and Annexes are subject to EOB approval.

**1.7.2 Distribution** - The EPD is responsible for making the Master Plan, Master Plan Annexes and approved revisions to these plans available on the EPD website. Each City department is responsible for printing hard copies of the Master Plan, the Annexes and approved revisions to these plans for its emergency personnel.

## **1.8 Organization of the Plan**

### **1.8.1 Volume I - Emergency Operations Master Plan**

The Emergency Operations Master Plan is divided into the following parts:

- Part 1 Introduction
- Part 2 Authorities Related to Emergencies
- Part 3 Emergency Operations Organization
- Part 4 Emergency Operations Centers
- Part 5 Multi-agency Coordination
- Part 6 Emergency Public Information
- Part 7 EOO Functions and Resources
- Part 8 EOO Division Plans

### **1.8.2 Volume II - Annexes to the Emergency Operations Master Plan**

- Air Resources
- Aircraft Accident
- Civil Disturbance
- Critical Infrastructure Interruption

- Damage Assessment
- Earthquake
- Earthquake Prediction
- Hazardous Materials
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Major Fire
- Non-Declared Emergency Plan
- Recovery and Reconstruction Plan
- Storm
- Training