



MAINE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY INFORMATION SHEET

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (EOP)

Imagine a major storm hitting Maine. Roads are flooded, power is out, and people need help. That's where the State of Maine's Emergency Operations Plan comes in.

This plan is like a playbook for how the state responds to all kinds of emergencies, from hurricanes and floods to other disasters. It's not for everyday incidents that agencies can handle on their own.

Instead, it's for the big ones – the emergencies that threaten lives, property, and the environment, and require a coordinated effort from many different groups.

The EOP covers everyone from state agencies and their personnel to organizations and individuals who are helping with the response. It's also used for large-scale planned events, like a big public gathering, that might require coordination across multiple agencies.

The EOP clearly defines who is responsible for what, ensuring that everyone works together effectively. It helps mobilize the resources of state agencies and their partners, making sure the right people and equipment get where they're needed most.

So, while individual agencies have their own procedures for routine events, the EOP is the guide for how the State of Maine responds to the larger, more complex emergencies.

WHAT IS MAINE'S EOP?

The EOP is Maine's guide for responding to emergencies. It's designed to bring together all levels of government, volunteers, and private organizations to work as one during a crisis.

KEY FEATURES:

- **Scalable and All-Hazards:** The EOP can be used for any type of emergency – big or small, natural or human-caused – anywhere in Maine.
- **Nationally Recognized:** It follows best practices from FEMA and meets national standards.

WHAT'S INSIDE THE EOP?

The EOP is made up of several parts:

- **Base Plan:** This is the foundation, outlining the overall approach to emergency response in Maine.
- **Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes:** These sections provide details on how specific essential services (like transportation or communication) will operate during an emergency.
- **Incident Annexes:** These cover procedures for specific types of incidents, such as a cyberattack or hurricane.
- **Supporting Annexes:** These contain detailed information on procedures that apply to many different types of emergencies, like evacuation plans.