

## INTRODUCTION

This **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan for The City of Sequim (CEMP)** is one of many efforts to prepare the community for emergencies, and is formatted to be consistent with the Federal Response Plan and the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan and the Clallam County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan - known as the “ESF” format - to standardize plans throughout the state and to provide interoperability between local, state, and federal levels of government. Additional plans, cross referenced to the national “ESF” format, may be developed as needed to meet local operational requirements.

The City of Sequim CEMP is intended to address the specific concerns and needs of the City of Sequim and its government. It is anticipated that each department has designated an Emergency Management representative who will prepare for, mitigate against, respond to, and recover from an emergency or disaster event.

In addition, Peninsula Regional Emergency Plan (published separately) is a cooperative effort of the City of Sequim and Clallam County, the City of Port Angeles, the City of Forks, and the member agencies, tribes, and organizations of the Peninsula Regional Emergency Planning (PREP) Council. Its multi-jurisdictional approach helps to ensure the best use of local response and recovery resources in time of community-wide crisis. PREP meets regularly in a joint effort to train emergency personnel, conduct regular drills and exercises, and deliver consistent public education.

Departmental plans describing emergency procedures relating to each city department are maintained separately. City government is committed to carry out its responsibility to meet the demands of emergency management. We will continue to work with other agencies and the public to ensure that our community is prepared by developing, maintaining, and enhancing our emergency management capabilities. The CEMP moves us one step closer to being able to minimize the impacts of emergency and disasters on people, property, economy, and the environment.