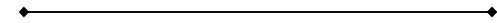


Scope

MCEMA is the local, community-based equivalent of the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA) at the State level and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) at the Federal level. It works closely with these as well as dozens of others public and private agencies before, during and after emergencies and disasters to provide coordinated and comprehensive protection of lives and property.



Within the overall Scope of Services described above MCEMA can provide the citizens of Morgan County with a number of services to increase their awareness and preparedness. Examples include:

Pamphlets, brochures, booklets and videotapes on disaster preparedness

Periodic Disaster Preparedness inserts in local newspapers

Guest speaker(s)

Preparedness

Actions taken to avoid an incident or to intervene to stop an incident from occurring. Preparedness involves actions taken prior to an emergency to protect lives and property and to support and enhance disaster response.

Response

Activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident. These activities include immediate actions to preserve life, property, and the environment; meet basic human needs; and maintain the social, economic, and political structure of the affected community.

Recovery

The development, coordination, and execution of service- and site-restoration plans and the reconstitution of government operations and services through individual, private-sector, nongovernmental, and public assistance programs. Short-term recovery includes damage assessment

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WHAT YOU MUST DO FOR YOURSELF

There is only so much that government in general and MCEMA in particular can do to protect the public from the threat of emergencies and disasters. Ultimately your safety and that of your family and loved ones depends to a large degree on what you are willing to do for yourself. In other words you also have a personal role in Emergency Management to be responsible, aware and prepared.

Responsible

Don't be a helpless victim. Take personal responsibility to do everything in your power to protect yourself and your property. . Be willing to take care of others who might need help or depend on you.

Aware

Make it a priority to find out what the potential threats, risks and hazards are where you live and work. How serious could they be? What consequences could they have?

Learn all you can about the County's Emergency Management Program, and the disaster plans already in place, as well as what you may need to do if disaster strikes.

Prepared

Develop a personal disaster preparedness plan for your family and those you are responsible for. Review it periodically. Practice it. Get others involved.

Take necessary precautions to protect your property and assets before a threat occurs. . Have an adequate amount of appropriate insurance to cover disaster- related losses. . Listen carefully for public information from officials during a crisis and follow instructions immediately.

THREATS

In one sense MCEMA can be viewed as an insurance policy that local government maintains against the threat of major emergencies and disasters. While national security and civil unrest are still preparedness concerns, more likely threats and hazards exist due to our local demographics, technology, economy, geography and climate. The following list represents a few of the threats MCEMA plans for:

NATURAL THREATS

Floods

Fires

Earthquakes

Tornadoes

Thunderstorms

MAN-MADE THREATS

Hazardous Materials

Bomb Threats

Explosions

Chemical Agents

Biological Agents

VISION

MCEMA's vision for the future is a community where:

- All people are made as safe as possible from the threat of both natural and manmade emergencies and disasters;
- Government, business and the public work proactively and collaboratively together to maintain an optimal state of readiness against all types of hazards and threats; and
- Public education, training, resources, plans, and coordination of effort are provided and maintained at all times.

MCEMA can assist you in learning:



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- . What you may need to do
- . How to do it
- . When to do it
- . Why you should do it
- . What you will need to help you do it

However MCEMA generally cannot:

- . Do it all for you
- . Make you do it
- . Provide you with direct financial assistance
- . Guarantee evacuation assistance

WHAT IS MCEMA?

MCEMA is an acronym for the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency, the unit of County government with the lead role in preparing for and responding to both natural and man-made major emergencies and disasters, During the Cold War the agency was called Civil Defense because of its emphasis on preparedness for nuclear war. The current name now reflects a shift in priorities towards all hazards.

Mission

To protect lives and property from the threat of all types of major emergencies and disasters, both natural and manmade. This is accomplished by providing community-wide leadership, guidance, support and coordination in the areas of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.