

# INTRODUCTION



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Preparedness to cope with the effects of a disaster includes many diverse but interrelated elements, all of which must be woven into an integrated emergency management system involving departments of local government, private support agencies, and the individual citizen.

Disasters cause a sudden escalation in the material needs of a community to include reorganizing resources and personnel to address that emergency response. Many lives can be lost in the confusion and disorganization that accompanies the lack of a full planning effort. Therefore, failure to develop an integrated disaster preparedness plan encourages salvage type activities instead of an effective coordinated operation.

Planning for population protection must be a cooperative effort to avert and/or minimize the effects of natural, technological, including hazardous materials, civil, and/or attack related disasters; protect lives and property; and restore the stricken area to its predisaster status with a minimum of social and economic disruption.

This plan is a statement of policy regarding emergency management and assigns tasks and responsibilities to county officials, department heads and various agencies and organizations specifying their roles during, before and after emergency or disaster situation. It is developed pursuant to Section 5502 and 3750 of the Ohio Revised Code, the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) from Presidential Directive, HSPD-5 and Resolution #91-80 by the Morgan County Commissioners dated February 19<sup>th</sup>, 1991, assigning emergency responsibilities.

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President of the Board  
County Commissioner

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Local Emergency Planning Committee

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This plan provides Morgan County, Ohio and its political subdivisions the basis for a systematic approach to the solution of problems created by the threat or the occurrence of disasters. It identifies the responsibilities, functions, operational procedures, and working relationship between and within the governmental entities and their various departments; private support groups; and individual citizens.

The Morgan County Emergency Operations Plan was jointly developed by the Morgan County Emergency Management Director, in cooperation with representatives from departments and jurisdictions that have been tasked with emergency responsibilities. The first step in the planning process identified each hazard that is a possible threat to the county and its political subdivisions and provided the basis for the basic plan and the functional annexes. The second step assessed the resources of each governmental entity and the third step was to develop response procedures based solely on the resources.

The goals to be achieved are to save lives and protect property by developing programs and emergency operational capabilities that address mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery for natural, technological, civil, or attack-related emergencies.

Regular review of the EOP as well as emergency test, exercises and actual emergency occurrences will serve to refine and clarify emergency responsibilities and contribute to the ongoing planning process initiated by the responsible organizations which developed this document.

We would like to express our appreciation to these individuals and organizations. Their input was instrumental in creating an Emergency Operations Plan for the protection of the citizens and property of Morgan County.

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Morgan County Emergency Management Director

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