



County Emergency Preparedness Assessment (CEPA)

What is the CEPA?

It is a standardized, repeatable process used to collect county specific data regarding overall preparedness and capabilities. It consists of an in-person meeting involving local emergency management stakeholders and subject matter experts discussing county capabilities, concerns, strengths, gaps, and more.

Information and data gathered during the session is compiled into a report presenting the data gathered during the session in a straightforward way. As subsequent sessions are conducted trend data will be included and easily referenced in the report.

The data gathered will be used to identify statewide trends, inform the Stakeholder Preparedness Review (SPR), and identify ways the state can better support the county.

CEPA Session Elements

- Threat and Hazard Risk Assessment
- Core Capability Assessment
- Grant Funding Reliance Assessment
- Response Capacity Assessment
- Key Resource Inventory & Anticipated Resource Needs
- Strengths and Strategies to Enhance Preparedness

What CEPA Can Do for Counties

- Analyze local threat/hazard and capability information, resource gaps, and areas for improvement
- Support local planning and preparedness efforts
- Inform local elected officials about emergency management related capabilities and gaps
- Support budget and grant applications
- Inform programmatic decisions

What CEPA Is Not

- A scorecard, stratification, or ranking system
- An inspection or compliance evaluation
- A report card

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CEPA FAQs

Who participates?

County emergency management, law enforcement, fire, emergency medical services (EMS), medical and health services, community organizations active in disasters (COADs), along with agencies that help the county deliver the core capabilities during emergencies, like public works, human services and IT, as well as any other stakeholder identified by the emergency manager.

What are the responsibilities of the county?

Identify and assign stakeholders for each of the 32 core capabilities, provide EMD with relevant plans and procedures, ensure attendance, and provide a meeting space.

What are the responsibilities of EMD?

Work with the county EM, provide CEPA materials, pre-populate county overview information into CEPA data tool, provide a session facilitator and scribe, provide draft and final CEPA reports.

Are there additional requirements for grant funds?

No. Participation in the CEPA fulfills the requirements for funding as previously required by the completion of Stakeholder Preparedness Review surveys. Participation in CEPA is required once every three years.

CEPA Session Timeline

