

Guiding Principles

Emergency Management must be:

1. ***Comprehensive*** - emergency managers consider and take into account all hazards, all phases, all stakeholders and all impacts relevant to disasters.
2. ***Progressive*** - emergency managers anticipate future disasters and take preventive and preparatory measures to build disaster-resistant and disaster-resilient communities.
3. ***Risk-Driven*** - emergency managers use sound risk management principles (hazard identification, risk analysis, and impact analysis) in assigning priorities and resources.
4. ***Integrated*** - emergency managers ensure unity of effort among all levels of government and all elements of a community.
5. ***Collaborative*** - emergency managers create and sustain broad and sincere relationships among individuals and organizations to encourage trust, advocate a team atmosphere, build consensus, and facilitate communication.
6. ***Coordinated*** - emergency managers synchronize the activities of all relevant stakeholders to achieve a common purpose.
7. ***Flexible*** - emergency managers use creative and innovative approaches in solving disaster challenges.
8. ***Professional*** - emergency managers value a science and knowledge-based approach based on education, training, experience, ethical practice, public stewardship and continuous improvement.