



Before During & After

The Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management (OHSEM) Newsletter

Significant Dates

- January 15th: Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan provided to the Local Planning Team (LPT)
- January 18th: Martin Luther King Jr. (City Holiday)
- January 29th: Review of Draft Hazard Mitigation Plan due

COVID-19 Links

[Maricopa County Public Health COVID-19 Dashboard and Vaccine Information Site](#)

[AZDHS COVID-19 Data Dashboard](#)

[CDC COVID-19 Website](#)

Emergency Management Links

[OHSEM Website](#)

[Maricopa County WebEOC](#)

[COOP Plans \(BOLDplanning\)](#)

[Phoenix NOAA/NWS Website](#)

[Arizona Emergency Information Network \(AZEIN\)](#)



As we clean up the virtual confetti scattered across the OHSEM chat room floor and prepare for the challenges that lie ahead of us in 2021, the whole OHSEM team would like to take this moment to wish everyone a very **Happy New Year!**

Director's Kickoff

Have you ever wondered, "What is OHSEM? Or is it OEM? Or just plain Emergency Management?" My sincere hope is you know who we are, but maybe you're not quite sure what we do! As we move forward to 2021 the staff of OHSEM will be working hard to increase our visibility throughout the city and make sure you know who we are, what we do, and most importantly why we exist!

In OHSEM our primary focus is comprehensive Emergency Management, which includes **Preparedness, Response, Recovery and Mitigation** in a strategic way. We work to make sure the City of Phoenix is ready should the worst occur and help facilitate the structures to work together. This requires the 3 C's: Collaboration, Coordination and Communication **before, during** and **after** an emergency impacts the city and its residents, as well as the city structures needed to continue services during times of crisis.

We've been living through an emergency throughout 2020 with COVID-19 taking center stage in our.... Well Everything! WE as a city have learned lessons! WE have developed new "Best Practices." WE have worked together. And WE need to make sure this is all captured and included in new planning and preparedness efforts as we move into the New Year and will be using this monthly newsletter to remind you we're here to coordinate, collaborate and communicate **Before, During and After** the emergency happens!



Happy New Year and Let's Make 2021 Great!

Regional/National Resources

Maricopa County Department of Emergency Management (MCDEM)
As the largest city in the county, we work closely with MCDEM to ensure all our emergency management efforts are aligned. Click their title to find out more about MCDEM and their services.

Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
DEMA consists of the Arizona National Guard, the Division of Emergency Management and the Division of Administrative Services. Click their title to find out more about their capabilities and the resources they can provide.

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
FEMA provides emergency management guidance and support at the national level. Their website contains an abundance of information on nearly everything you may want to know about emergency management.

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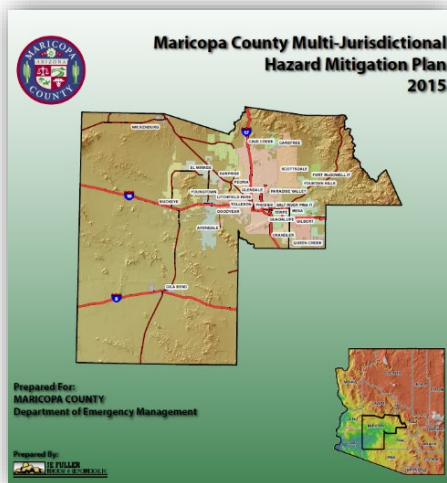
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New Year, New Plan: Updating the Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Did you know that the **City of Phoenix Hazard Mitigation Plan** is part of the Maricopa County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan? The Phoenix **Local Planning Team (LPT)**, comprised of representatives from various City departments, has been expeditiously working to update the plan and ensure all federal requirements are met for the 2021 release. Faced with an accelerated timeline, the LPT overcame major hurdles in the past four months to accomplish what normally takes a year or even longer.



Here are just a few of those accomplishments:

- Updated the City's regulatory capabilities, asset inventory and data tables on critical infrastructure
- Identified the impact natural hazards may have on the City's development trends
- Updated data tables to reflect the status of the City's dams and compliance to the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP)
- Engaged the public through a virtual community meeting and social media campaign
- Identified ways hazard mitigation efforts are integrated into city-wide plans and projects
- Revised the mitigation strategy to better address the City's natural hazard landscape

A review of the final draft and adoption of the official plan are still outstanding, but we would like to take a moment to celebrate the LPT's achievements and thank the departments who graciously provided representatives to the LPT. Thanks to your hard work the City is continuing to improve our ability to mitigate natural hazards in the long term.

Find out more about the **Hazard Mitigation Plan** and the planning process by following this link: [City of Phoenix Hazard Mitigation Plan](#). While you're there, please take a minute to fill out the **City's mitigation survey**.

The City of Phoenix Emergency Operations Center (EOC)

Whether it's monitoring a planned event or orchestrating the response to a major disaster, the City must be able to bring together the necessary personnel to ensure a seamless and coordinated execution of activities. The primary location designated to house such collaborative efforts is the **City of Phoenix EOC**.

Located at **2425 W. Lower Buckeye Road**, the EOC is situated on the second floor of the Fire Department's Training Academy. The main parking lot is to the north of the building, with a few additional spots available directly in front.

A security team is always on site to monitor entry and egress as the EOC is on standby status around the clock. To access the EOC you must first sign in at the main entrance. Once inside, take the stairs or the elevator to the second floor where you will see signs for the EOC. If you need additional assistance in accessing the EOC, please contact the **OHSEM Duty Officer** or ask the security personnel at the front entrance.



In future newsletters, we will share information on how we plan to increase everyone's familiarity with the Phoenix EOC and its operations. When conditions permit, OHSEM will also host specialized training and exercises on site for select City Department representative so we can all become more proficient with EOC operations.