How to partner with local, operational or regional response entities to better prepare for an emergency or disaster.

How does your community begin and/or sustain its partnership in preparing and responding to community/regional emergencies or disasters?

- Your community's lead for emergency preparedness/disaster response should be familiar with your local government emergency plan. The plan for your location may be under city, county or regional government agencies.
- If your community is located within an incorporated city, city government is required to have an emergency plan.
- If your community is located within an unincorporated area, the county government is required to have an emergency plan for your area.
- Whether your community provides skilled nursing, assisted living or is a PACE organization, state and/or federal standards require that your community plan be coordinated with your respective local government agency – or at least not conflict with the plan.
- Some standards require that you participate in local community-wide disaster drills or simulate your own.
- Reach out to your local emergency response agency to introduce your community, your residents and how you can become an active partner in planning for emergencies and responding to disasters.
- *Many local emergency preparedness/disaster response plans contain invaluable information on how your community responds to a disaster, often provide helpful tools in forming your own plans, and disaster-related events in your local area.*

Examples of Local Emergency Preparedness/Disaster Response:

- **Sacramento County: http://www.sacoes.org/EmergencyManagement/Documents/Emergency%20Operations%20Plan%20(EOP)%20Final%201.0%20Sac%20Co.%2007-11-17.pdf**

- **Santa Clara County: https://www.sccgov.org/sites/oes/partners/Documents/emergency-operations-plan-jan-2017.pdf**

- **Fresno County: http://www.co.fresno.ca.us/home/showdocument?id=24743**

- **San Bernardino County: http://www.sbcfire.org/Portals/58/Documents/Emergency_Services/Final%202017-2018%20EOP%20Update.pdf?ver=2018-02-06-125224-430**

- **San Diego County: https://www.sandiegocounty.gov/content/sdc/oes/emergency_management/oes_jl_oparea.html**