

## Boy Scouts of America – Emergency Preparedness Badge

### (2a) Aspects of Emergency Preparedness (5 mission areas)

1. Prevention – Preventative measures are designed to provide protection from hazards; however, not all hazards can be prevented. The risk of loss of life and injury can be limited through:

- Area hazards and vulnerability assessments / Threat assessments
- Workplace / campus violence prevention programs
- Situational awareness
- Evacuation plans
- Code compliance

The Everett Office of Emergency Management develops and updates several plans for the City of Everett as preventative measures to include:

- Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) & Hazard Inventory and Vulnerability Analysis (HIVA)

2. Protection - The capabilities to secure against acts of violence and manmade or natural disasters. Protection focuses on ongoing actions that protect people and property from a threat or hazard.

- Storm shelters
- Physical security
- Security staffing

3. Mitigation – Prevention and Mitigation are sometimes paired together. Mitigation includes any activities that prevents an emergency, reduces the chances of an emergency happening or lessens the damaging effects of emergencies. Some examples of mitigation activities include:

- Building codes play a major role in prevention and mitigation by insuring that our homes and businesses are built to withstand the forces of nature.
- Training
- Emergency Plans

4. Response – An action taken immediately before, during, and just after a disaster or major emergency. The goal of the responder is to save lives, minimize property damage and enhance the beginning of recovery from the incident. Response is accomplished through some of the following methods:

- Warnings
  - Emergency Alert System (EAS)
  - Outdoor warning systems (sirens)

- Everett Navy Base has an outdoor warning system
    - City of Sultan has an outdoor siren in case the dam breaches
  - Community Emergency Notifications – sign up for calls, texts, and emails for emergencies near your address. You can sign up at SnoCoAlerts.
  - NOAA All Hazard Radio (Every household and business should have one)
- Debris clearing
- Search and Rescue
- Decontamination
- Evacuation
- Sheltering
- Coordinate and manage resources
- Stabilize the incident
- Assess the damage

5. Recovery – The process of returning infrastructure systems to minimum operating levels including long-term efforts designed to return life to normal or improved conditions after a disaster. Sometimes response and recovery crossover in tasks and activities. It is achieved through activities such as:

- Restoration of critical functions (water, electricity, and gas)
- Debris removal
- Crisis counseling

**(6a) Describe the National Incident Management Systems (NIMS)/Incident and Incident Command System (ICS).**

NIMS – A flexible comprehensive management system (a framework) that can apply to emergencies of all types and sizes. It provides standardization to provide a coordinated, efficient response to each incident.

ICS – This is an incident management system designed to manage resources (personnel) during an incident. The ICS model is used by jurisdictions and agencies, both public and private, to organize field-level incident-management operations. It allows organizations to intergrate their response with other organizations that are also using ICS.

The ICS command structure provides an orderly chain of command that is consistent across responding organizations. This chain of command may have either a single person, the Incident Commander (IC), at its head, or a multi-agency team, which is referred to as Unified Command.

**(6b) Identify the local government or community agencies that normally handle and prepare for emergency services similar to those of the NIMS or ICS.**

- Fires, Emergency Medical Services, Urban Search and Rescue
  - Everett Fire Department
- Crowd and traffic control
  - Everett Police Department and Everett Traffic Engineers
- Messenger service and communications
  - Everett Communications Department
  - OEM Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS), aka Ham Radio volunteer group

- Group feeding, shelter, and sanitation
  - Everett Park's Department
  - American Red Cross
  - Salvation Army
- In the event of a disaster, scouts can volunteer by contacting the Everett Office of Emergency Management or other volunteer groups to provide assistance with various tasks that make use of their training and skills.
- The best actions to take are to prepare yourself, your family, your friends, neighbors, and fellow troop members to be self-sufficient by establishing enough food, water, and emergency supplies to be self-sufficient for at least two weeks or 14 days. Visit [ready.gov](http://ready.gov) for more information on how to be prepared for all hazards.
- Follow the Scout's moto to **"Be Prepared"**

**(6c) The City of Everett Office of Emergency Management (OEM) has three (3) people working towards emergency preparedness in Everett.**

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The Everett Office of Emergency Management's mission is to ensure that the capability exists for all Everett government departments to prevent, prepare for, respond to, restore services from and mitigate the effects of any hazard (natural or manmade) impacting the City of Everett.

This mission includes the full range of emergency planning, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation activities intended to minimize the impact to people, the environment, the economy and property throughout the City of Everett. Our mission is to reach not only our residents but also those coming into the area to work or visit.

The OEM serves as the designated office for monitoring state and federal standards and practices and as the technical advisor to the Mayor and staff on related issues governing the national emergency management/domestic preparedness system.