

## Executive Summary

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The York County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is a multi-discipline, all-hazards plan that establishes a single, comprehensive framework for the management of major emergencies and disasters within York County. The plan is implemented when it becomes necessary to mobilize the resources identified herein in order to save lives, protect property and infrastructure, and preserve the environment. The EOP incorporates the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as York County's standard for incident response and management and reflects other changes resulting from the publication of the Department of Homeland Security National Response Framework in January 2008, second edition 2013 and Presidential Policy Directive 8 (PP-8) National Preparedness released March 30, 2011.

This plan has been developed in accordance with the Code of the Commonwealth of Virginia, Title 44 Chapter 3.2, requiring each Virginia city, county, and town to prepare and keep current an EOP to respond to disasters or large-scale emergencies. York County has established the emergency management guidelines contained within this EOP, which established the overall roles and responsibilities for emergency operations, as well as the concept of operations for York County Government and its partner agencies to protect the lives, property, and environment of its citizens, businesses, and visitors. The EOP is regularly reviewed and updated, as necessary, by the York County Department of Fire and Life Safety Office of Emergency Management and is adopted by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with the Code of Virginia. This EOP is intended to be used in conjunction with established operational procedures, plans, and protocols.

This plan assigns roles and responsibilities to County departments and agencies, as well as supporting volunteer and/or non-governmental organizations, outlining their responsibilities prior to and during planning, response, and recovery to disasters and large scale emergencies. The York County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is the primary location for direction, control, coordination and oversight of response and recovery operations during a disaster or large-scale emergency. In addition, other facilities may be used to support operations, as necessary. The EOP is not intended to serve as a stand-alone document, but rather as a guide that establishes the foundation for more detailed planning by the individual departments, agencies and organizations that are active before, during, and after a significant event/incident, disaster, and/or large-scale emergency. The EOP is intended to be used in conjunction with more detailed

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department and agency plans and operating procedures.

The successful implementation of the EOP is contingent upon a collaborative approach with a wide range of partner agencies and organizations that provide crucial support to York County during disaster and emergency operations. The plan recognizes the important role that our partner agencies and organizations perform during significant events/incidents, disasters, and/or large-scale emergencies. Separate memoranda of understanding or agreements are typically established with many of these organizations.

The York County EOP has been developed to be consistent with the Department of Homeland Security's (DHS) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) model document for the development of state and local EOPs and the DHS/FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide – Producing Emergency Plans - Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning for State, Territorial, Local, and Tribal Governments (CPG 101) Version 2.0, 11, November 2010 and DHS/FEMA Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 201: Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment Guide (CPG 201), August 2013.

The York County EOP is organized into sections, to include the Basic Plan, which is the primary component and basis for the overall EOP. The Basic Plan includes the Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for emergency operations, and assigns duties and responsibilities to agency heads or organizations that either are part of, or will serve in support of, local government in times of disaster and large-scale emergencies. The EOP becomes the organizational and legal basis for emergency operations.

Additional components that support the Basic Plan, identified as annexes, are used to implement the tasks established by the plan. York County's emergency management system is divided into functional and support areas or tasks. Functional and support annexes provide procedural guidelines for each of those areas. During activation of the EOP, the primary department, division, agency, or organization is responsible for coordinating all activities within the scope of the plan and appropriate annexes. The County has also uses certain hazard-specific annexes. Generally, the hazard-specific annexes are separate plans.