HS-3: Emergency Prevention & Response

(15 available points)

Purpose

Reduce harm to humans and property by utilizing long-term preventative and collaborative approaches to avoid emergency incidents and minimize their impact

Evaluation Measures

Community Level Outcomes

Outcome 1: Superior Fire Protection

Achieve a Class 4 ISO rating or better

Outcome 2: Emergency Response Times

Demonstrate that 90% of response times are in compliance with standards set by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA)
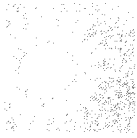
Outcome 3: National Incident Management System

Demonstrate that the community is in compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS)

Local Actions

1. Develop a NIMS-compliant local inventory of assets and resources available for emergency response and mutual aid requests

2. Publish information to encourage residents to develop emergency kits and evacuation plans and encourage businesses to develop emergency procedures and shelter-in-place plans

3. Participate in interstate, statewide, regional, or inter-jurisdictional mutual aid response systems

4. Participate in a regional emergency planning commission

5. Adopt local emergency operations plans and standard operating procedures for emergency response that address environmental damage mitigation, cleanup, and restoration; and include procedures for evacuating low-income, disabled, and other persons likely to need assistance

6. Participate in training drills that involve the public and emergency management personnel from multiple departments and/or multiple jurisdictions

7. Perform an annual review or assessment of plans, procedures, resources, and trainings based on emergency response incidents and demands

8. Achieve accreditation by the Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP)

9. Host an active Citizen Emergency Response Team (CERT) or Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

10. Distribute emergency kits or supplies to residents, particularly low-income and vulnerable populations

CE-1: Climate Adaptation
(15 available points)

Strengthen the resilience of communities to climate change impacts on the built, natural, economic, and social systems

Community Level Outcomes

Identify 4 core areas of local climate change adaptation concerns. Core areas must apply to at least 3 of 4 general groupings: Built Environment, Economic Environment, Natural Environment, Social Environment.

Demonstrate a measurable reduction in vulnerability in each of 4 core areas identified locally

Local Actions

1. Adopt a climate change adaptation plan

2. Require that internal decisions by local government departments use the most current climate science and that staff monitor climate change impacts

3. Develop a committee that includes climate scientists, adjacent jurisdictions, regional coalitions, state and federal agencies, and/or non-governmental organizations for the purpose of understanding and addressing shared vulnerabilities

4. Create an education and outreach campaign to engage citizens and businesses in climate change vulnerability reduction efforts

5. Adopt zoning code, building code, or other legally binding regulations that address future climate change threats

6. Create or enhance programs and services that specifically help address climate change threats

7. Enforce regulations or offer incentives to encourage residents and businesses to shift behaviors to prepare for future climate change impacts

8. Improve facilities throughout the community to be better prepared for climate change threats