

State of Georgia Emergency Management Agency – Fact Sheet

Agency Role.

In accordance with the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1951, as amended, and the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP), the Director, Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) shall be authorized to exercise overall direction and control of emergency or disaster operations in the State of Georgia. All state departments and agencies are directed to support any emergency or disaster as directed.

Responsibilities.

- To protect life and property in the State of Georgia, GEMA will activate the State Operations Center in an emergency or disaster. The Director of GEMA shall coordinate the activities of all state agencies in response and recovery operations. The GEOP covers specific roles and responsibilities.

Capabilities and Abilities.

The Director of GEMA, as prescribed in the GEOP, will coordinate all state agency resources for the protection of lives and property in the State of Georgia. GEMA will receive all requests for assistance from local emergency management organizations in an emergency or disaster. GEMA will coordinate all state resources, after the Governor has declared a State of Emergency, to alleviate local requests for assistance in protecting lives and property. Maintains a twenty four hour communications center in the SOC. Seven state area field coordinators are located through the state to be able to respond anywhere in the state in minimum time.

Response Scenarios.

GEMA has seven field coordinators situated around the state to respond to any situation including hazardous materials incidents. We work closely with the Environmental Protection Division First Responders. GEMA will respond to any request for assistance from any local organization during any emergency or disaster.