

Howell Township
**EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT**
Public Safety, Public Trust

Mitigation * Preparedness * Response * Recovery



Mission Statement

The mission of the Howell Township Office of Emergency Management agency is to maintain a high level of preparedness to protect the citizens of Howell; to mitigate loss and life and assets prior to and during a disaster and in the aftermath; and to facilitate the recovery of Howell Township in the mid and long-term intervals following a disaster.

Howell Township Office of Emergency Management has the responsibility to coordinate all Township emergency response plans. OEM's responsibilities are to identify vulnerabilities, effectively mitigate disasters, public education, respond to all-hazard emergency situations, ensure continuity of government and business, and to facilitate an effective recovery. OEM will coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies, as well as private entities to develop, maintain, and implement the Emergency Operations Plan. OEM will support and manage the Township's Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

We are committed, through an integrated emergency management system with an emergency response organizations, support services and volunteers to take actions designed for rapid recovery, saving lives and reducing the impact of disasters of which we have no control. Advocating for greater community efforts, including educating the public to mitigate and prepare for potential emergencies will ensure our community is prepared.

Services

- Mitigate and plan for large-scale all-hazards emergencies and disasters
- Develop and maintain township wide emergency operations plans
- Serve as liaison to local, county, state and federal agencies and departments
- Provide preparedness education and Citizens Emergency Response Training to citizens
- Coordinate multi-jurisdictional exercises
- Respond to multi-family structure emergencies
- Manage resources needed to assist responders
- Assist partner response agencies and the affected population
- Provide assistance and preparedness through federal and state grant funding

Mitigation

OEM is responsible for writing and updating the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan for the township, as well as outlining the functions and tasks of all municipal departments and agencies during emergencies or disasters. OEM maintains a close working relationship with all levels of government.

Preparedness

Because it is impossible to predict when a specific disaster will occur, OEM participates in and helps plan numerous preparedness exercises throughout the year. The exercises are disaster simulations that may involve all levels of government, and can range from an organized discussion about a potential threat, to full-scale training that involves actual response units, real-time events and actors who play the role of victims. The training gives management and responders a change to address and resolve challenges before a real disaster occurs.

Response

During a large disaster, OEM provides overall coordination for township response efforts. This can involve the activation of the Emergency Operations Center, which becomes a single gathering point for representatives from various departments and partner agencies. These representatives facilitate resource coordination, mutual aid and policy decisions.

Recovery

OEM assists in the coordination of both short-term and long-term recovery functions. Short-term recovery efforts begin immediately following an emergency or disaster, as the township works to restore basic services and functions to the affected community. Long-term recovery involves restoring economic activity, and rebuilding communities and citizens' quality of life.