



**COMMUNITY
EMERGENCY
MANAGEMENT
PROGRAM**



COMMUNITY EMERGENCY: DEFINITION

A community emergency is a significant event that affects a large portion of a community including its people, property, infrastructure, economic stability, and environment.

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM

The City of Pickering's Program is designed and maintained to ensure that, should any type of community emergency occur, the Mayor, City Council, and Staff are prepared and able to effectively oversee large-scale emergency responses.

EXAMPLES

Community emergencies include, but are not limited to, events that involve natural, technological, and human-caused hazards such as:

- Extreme Weather
- Dangerous Goods Accident
- Major Fire
- Building Collapse
- Chemical Accident
- Terrorism
- Transportation Accident
- Nuclear event

PROGRAM PHASES

PREVENTION/MITIGATION

Eliminating or reducing the degree of long-term risk to human life, property, and the environment from natural, technological, and human-caused hazards. Includes measures like relevant legislation, codes, urban planning practices, operational actions, etc.

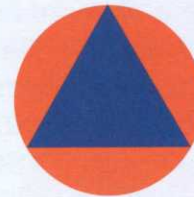


RECOVERY

Restoring critical public safety systems and essential services to minimum operating levels following a community emergency. Includes damage assessment, counselling, debris clearance, infrastructure renewal, decontamination, etc.

PREPAREDNESS

Prior to a community emergency, developing management and operational capabilities for an effective response. Includes planning, training, exercises, and public education, etc.



INCIDENT MANAGEMENT/RESPONSE

Taking immediate action during and directly after a community emergency to save lives, minimize damage to property, and the environment through an organized set of actions under the Incident Management System. Includes activating emergency management plans and providing response staff and resources.



PROGRAM COMPONENTS

- +Community Emergency Management By-law
- +Community Emergency Management Plan
- +Community Emergency Supporting Plans
- +Other supporting internal and external plans, procedures, lists, etc.
- +Community Emergency Management Program Committee
- +Community Emergency Management Coordinator
- +Municipal Emergency Operations Centre (MEOC) and the Alternate MEOC
- +Municipal Control Group (MCG), Support and Technical Staff
- +Staff Education and Training
- +Public Awareness, Education, and Preparedness
- +Public Alerting System
- +Cooperation and sharing with other parties (Province, Durham Region, Ajax, OPG, etc.)
- +Projects and Actions (e.g. risk assessment project)
- +Emergency Response Capability
- +Annual Program Review and Report

= Pickering's ability to manage a Community Emergency

COMMUNITY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

During a community emergency, the Municipal Control Group would assemble at the Municipal Emergency Operations Centre, located at the Claremont Community Centre, to strategically manage the on-scene response activities of emergency responders. Pictures of the MEOC can be viewed on the City website.

CITIZEN'S ROLE

The public plays an important role in preparing themselves in advance of any type of emergency. Taking some basic steps prior to an emergency, and then staying informed during an event results in significant benefits. A checklist for preparing can be found at the Region of Durham's website: region.durham.on.ca.

PUBLIC ACTIONS

During a community emergency, the public may be asked to stay where they presently are (referred to as "sheltering"); or they may be directed to evacuate and travel to a specific location. In either case, the City and its emergency management partners will provide instructions and assistance. A nuclear emergency evacuation brochure can be found at the City's website.

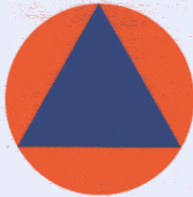
EMERGENCY ALERTING

During a community emergency, the public will receive information via radio and television announcements. The City's main web page will also display current information. Soon, a public alerting system will be installed to notify residents in a 3 km radius of the nuclear generating station if a nuclear emergency occurs.

ADDITIONAL PROGRAM INFORMATION/ADVICE

More information may be obtained by:

- Contacting the Community Emergency Management Coordinator, Joe Hunwicks at 905.420.4660 ext. 2198;
- Visit the City website and click on the Services banner.



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