

2023 ANNUAL REPORT



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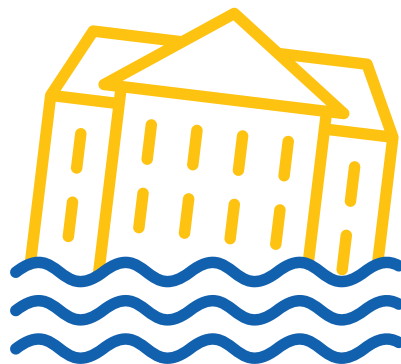
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LETTER

FROM THE CHAIR OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

Knocking on wood as I write this, I will note that 2023 represented a unique year in recent Sonoma County history as it was absent of any major disasters. Thankfully, we were able to use it to take a long, deep breath, and then double down on our work toward making our community a model of resilience and preparedness that the rest of our country, and even much of the world, can follow.

This year brought a convergence of efforts aimed at bolstering our community's resilience, including sharing knowledge with emergency managers from throughout the U.S. and around the world, extending technical support to the recovery efforts in Lahaina, Maui, adopting an Extreme Weather Plan, and implementing community-wide education on emergency preparedness.

As Board Chair, I had the privilege to host emergency professionals from 18 countries as part of their two-week knowledge sharing tour on emergency management best practices. By sharing our experiences and insights, especially lessons learned in the aftermath of the 2017 fires, we reinforced international partnerships and strengthened our collective ability to respond to disasters.

Similarly, our outreach efforts to support Maui officials in the aftermath of devastating wildfires underscore our commitment to solidarity and collaboration. Drawing upon our own experiences in wildfire recovery, Sonoma County officials offered guidance and assistance, standing with the Lahaina and the greater Hawai'i community during their time of need.

In 2023, we also made improvements here at home. Among other notable accomplishments outlined in this report, the Board of Supervisors adopted the Extreme Weather Plan at the recommendation

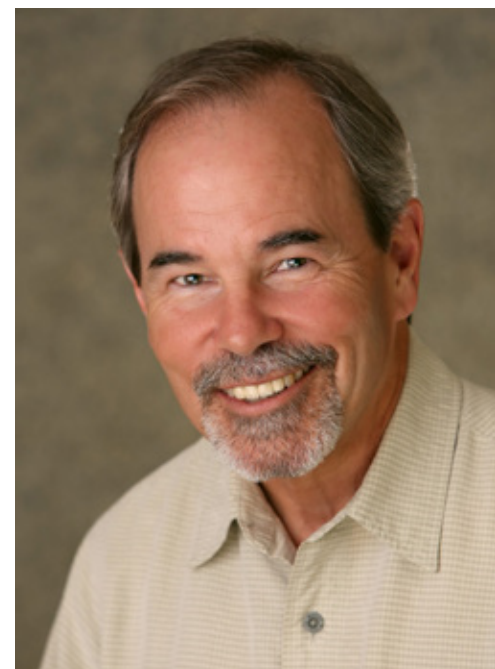
of the Department of Emergency Management. Recognizing the need for proactive measures beyond wildfires and floods, the plan outlines strategies for responding to extreme temperatures and weather events, focusing on serving our most vulnerable residents in partnership with trusted community-based organizations.

Looking ahead, it is imperative that we remain vigilant in our efforts to prepare for and mitigate the impacts of natural disasters and other emergencies. As climate change intensifies the frequency and severity of extreme weather events, our resilience will be tested like never before. Yet, it is in times of crisis that our strength and solidarity shine brightest.

In closing, I hope all of us will reaffirm our individual and collective commitments to preparedness, collaboration and compassion. Through shared knowledge, mutual support and proactive measures, we can build a safer, more resilient Sonoma County for generations to come.



Chris Coursey
Chair, Board of Supervisors



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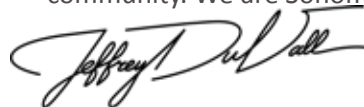
With the start of 2023, the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) was quickly thrust into response and recovery mode with the January winter storm events that brought wild winds, record rain across the state, power outages, and the Russian River entering into the flood monitoring stage. In the middle of activation, the County of Sonoma and the Sonoma County Operational Area were able to support the County of Sacramento and the County of Monterey through the Emergency Management Mutual Aid System (EMMA).

Sonoma County Ag and Open Space District and the Department of Emergency Management supported the County of Monterey Emergency Operations Center with GIS support and a Planning Section Chief, action planning specialist, and advanced planning specialist. The focus was on collecting initial damage estimates (IDE), contingency planning for additional long-term flooding, and recovery planning. The City of Santa Rosa provided planning section support to the County of Sacramento, again focusing on planning section support, contingency planning, and advanced event planning.

The department also responded to the extreme heat and power outages of summer and fall and then, just weeks later, the extreme cold weather in December to close the year out. Despite these events, department staff were able to focus and work on many long-sought planning and exercise efforts, including our advocacy for outages with the California Public Utilities Commission (CPUC). Staff was kept busy administering millions in grants, community engagement/preparedness events, collaborating with partners, conducting community evacuation drills, developing additional plans, and delivering county disaster service worker (DSW) training to our EOC staff.

2023 also brought changes to the department's leadership team. In May, Jorge Rodriguez was promoted from Deputy Emergency Services Coordinator to Supervising Emergency Services Coordinator of the Emergency Coordination & Operations Division. In August, County Administrator Rivera announced my appointment as the department Director, and in December, Sam Wallis was promoted from Community Alert & Warning Division Manager to Deputy Director.

The department has come a long way since its beginning in 2019. We have coordinated several large disasters and countless other micro emergencies. We have connected and empowered our community to be ready and resilient. We have made giant leaps and are seen as leaders in the phases of emergency management—mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery for the Sonoma County community. We are Sonoma Strong; we are Sonoma Ready!



Jeff DuVall, CEM
Director, Department of Emergency Management



YEAR IN REVIEW

Emergency Operations Plan Annexes Developed and Updated

2023 was a busy year for the Emergency Coordination & Operations Division, with the development of several annexes to the County's Emergency Operations Plan.

The Emergency Coordination & Operations Division developed the County's/Operational Area Extreme Temperature Annex. This Annex outlines procedures that guide a collaborative response by local governments, special districts, and allied agencies in the Sonoma County Operational Area (Op Area) to extreme temperature incidents such as cold and heat events.

The development of the Terrorism or Active Shooter Incident Annex. This annex to Sonoma County's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) ensures an effective and coordinated response to a significant Terrorism or Active Shooter Incident (ASI). It provides for interagency coordination among County departments, cities, special districts, public safety agencies, community groups, and allied stakeholders by the County EOP, the California Emergency Services Act, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

The division also updated our Lower Russian River Flood Annex. This plan establishes general procedures and organizational structures for emergency response to flood conditions on the Russian River and its tributaries.

Ukrainian Visit

In addition to improving our response capabilities to future disasters, the DEM is committed to sharing our hard-learned lessons from previous disasters. In 2023 the Department hosted two visits from multi-national groups of Emergency Managers to share our experiences as well as to learn from their experiences. In June a delegation from the Republic of Ukraine visited, followed two months later from a multi-national group representing 14 countries. Both groups came away from Sonoma County with an appreciation of the challenges we have faced and the solutions we have adopted.



Drone Training

DEM is constantly seeking to leverage technology to improve public safety. The Department now has a versatile drone available to assist fire departments, allowing the assessment of dangerous situations without unnecessarily endangering human life. Our newest acquisition includes infrared capability aiding in search and rescue. DEM has been conducting drone training to build proficiency with the plan to expand the number of licensed and qualified drone operators.



Warehouse

2023 was a year of expansion and increased preparation for the warehouse team. We acquired new warehouse space in Cloverdale. The building has been cleaned, racked, and stocked with inventory. We also acquired a 16-foot tilt trailer to facilitate moving materials between warehouses, and to assist in deployments. This acquisition proved especially beneficial while moving materials to stock the Cloverdale warehouse.

The Cloverdale warehouse consolidates over 500 cots in hard plastic bulk containers, now dispersed amongst the warehouses and trailers.* The new containers are numbered, have photos showing the material inside, and receipt of goods for better tracking. The containers allow better handling of cots, and provide storage in the event of inclement weather.

Mobile cages were placed in all the trailers and warehouses for better utilization of space. The cages contain everything from blankets, hygiene kits, tools, bags etc.

On the Operations side, we did have one deployment that required our opening the RSS warehouse for the Jan 2023 flood event.

All in all, a productive year of preparedness and organization.

**The 500 cots in crates are dispersed among Bell, LG, Cloverdale and L331 trailer, with the majority at Bell.*

ALERT & WARNING PROGRAM

Achievements for 2023

The Department of Emergency Management's Community Alert and Warning Division successfully fulfilled its mission throughout the year by delivering timely, accurate, and proactive alerts. We expanded our alerting capabilities through partnerships with local agencies, while maintaining an active training and exercise program. Incidents and exercises in 2023 provided valuable opportunities to assess and enhance our processes for issuing critical alert messages.

A significant milestone was reached in enhancing alert and warning capabilities in the county as the City of Petaluma and the Sonoma County Office of Education formalized agreements with the Department of Emergency Management to utilize the mass notification system. Through this collaboration, each jurisdiction gained the ability to issue internal and emergency alerts within their respective communities. Specifically, the City of Petaluma can now send public safety alerts to registered community contacts within the city, while the Office of Education can communicate critical emergency information to local school district administrators.

As part of our ongoing training program, incoming duty officers underwent weekly drills on various scenarios to ensure readiness in handling potential issues during their shifts, including the process

of crafting alert messages within the emergency notification system. Additionally, 9-1-1 dispatchers received regular training throughout the year, expanding the pool of operators capable of sending out alert messages.

Program Highlights

Throughout 2023, we actively utilized the alert and warning emergency notification system to enhance community safety. Early in the year, our Alert and Warning staff responded to the January storms and successfully demonstrated the system's effectiveness in real-time emergency situations. Community evacuation drills and exercises later in the year integrated the alert and warning component, providing valuable practice opportunities and fostering community familiarity with various alert systems.

The year began with a series of storms prompting the activation of the County Emergency Operations Center. In response to concerns about potential flooding along the Lower Russian River, an alert was issued on January 4 to areas along the river that faced the potential for flooding. The SoCo Alert system successfully reached over 21,000 individuals through phone calls and over 3,700 via SMS text messages. Post-incident feedback from the community allowed us to identify areas for improvement.

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Despite challenges posed by the early 2023 storms affecting jurisdictions statewide, we planned a large-scale exercise in March, incorporating the SoCoAlert system and the NOAA Weather Radio (NWR) system. Due to the widespread impact of the storms on the National Weather Service's operations, the NWR component was deemed infeasible. However, the SoCo Alert portion of the exercise proceeded, contacting approximately 5,600 individuals. Feedback from the exercise was constructive, providing insights for refining our exercise program.

Throughout 2023, DEM Alert and Warning remained a leading advocate in the field, actively participating in governmental meetings and sessions. Program Manager Sam Wallis addressed the California Senate Governmental Organization Committee in March, highlighting Sonoma County's innovative use of legislation related to utility customer data to enhance community emergency outreach. Later in the year, at the Emergency Management Summit hosted by the California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (CalOES), Supervising Emergency Services Coordinator Jorge Rodriguez advocated for improved utility customer contact data management to support alert and warning programs

across the state. Additionally, in response to proposed changes to the Emergency Alert System and the Wireless Emergency Alert System by the Federal Communications Commission, we collaborated with the City of Santa Rosa to issue a joint statement expressing our support or rebuttal to the proposed changes.

As the Department of Emergency Management's Community Alert and Warning Division successfully fulfilled its mission throughout the year by delivering timely, accurate, and proactive alerts, we eagerly anticipate the new year for further growth and development within the division.



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BY THE NUMBERS

Public Engagement and Education Opportunities, Live and Virtual **77**

Evac Packs Distributed in the County **27K**

Collaborative Community Partner Meetings **83**

Social Media Impressions **1.656M**

Events

Educational events were both in-person and web-based. Thanks to grant funding, we were able to offer interpretation at events as well as the ability to record educational information we made available via YouTube. Small, local events included meetings at senior facilities, partnerships with local preparedness groups, and library events. Larger events were collaborative efforts with local jurisdictions and community partners. Grant-funded education materials (Evac Packs) and Go Bag supplies were provided to the community by California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) and Community Block Development (CDBG).



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Leadership Development

This year marked the first gathering of community preparedness leaders from across the county, the “Better Together” Symposium. This grant (CDBG) and county-funded event offered education for community leaders on engagement to help leaders keep their neighbors interested and involved in preparedness. More than 60 people attended. This new network of community members will continue to be developed with different activities each year at the group’s request.

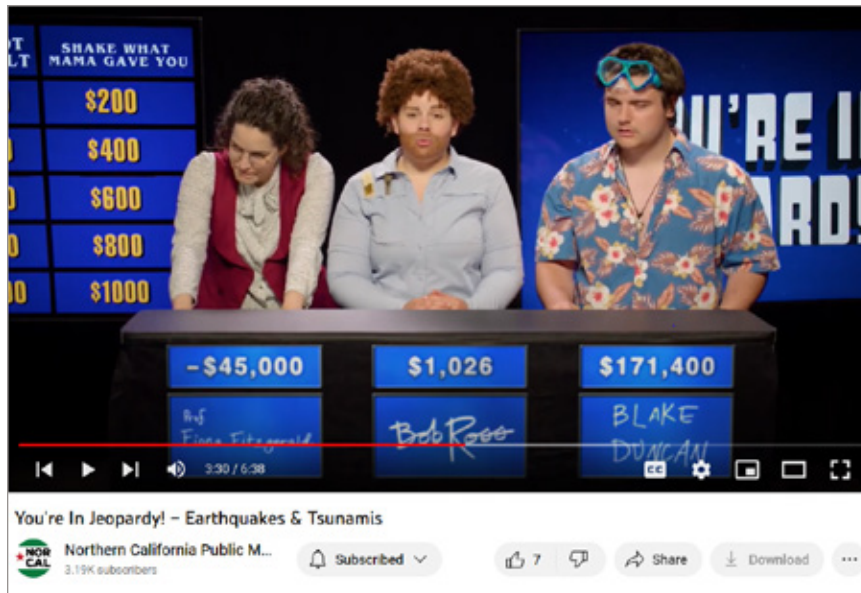


Community Collaborations

We continue to develop deep ties in the community, including working with neighborhood community preparedness groups such as COPE (Communities Organized to Prepare for Emergencies), MYN (Meet Your Neighbors), FireSafe, and Block Captains, as well as supporting nonprofits through our work with COAD (Community Organization Active in Disaster), and Feathervine. This year we worked with COAD to develop and run our second tabletop exercise for the COAD Operations Team, and began to develop a COOP-in-a-Box program (Continuity of Operations), which was ARPA (American Rescue Plan Act) funded to assist nonprofits and faith-based organizations with writing a Continuity of Operations Plan to help them maintain critical functions in a disaster.



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Prepare Yourself! informs as it entertains with songs, skits, and interviews.



Special Broadcast Programming

Being an active part of some of the county's most energetic preparedness Grant funding (Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (BAUASI)) has allowed us to develop education for broadcast media with our local media partners. Northern California Public Media worked with us to develop a five-episode show focused on preparedness messaging: Prepare Yourself! (norcalpublicmedia.org/prepare-yourself). This groundbreaking show included new ways to communicate information through song, skits, and interviews. The show was broadcast in English with Spanish voice over available. Audio segments were also played on KBBF for the Spanish-speaking audience. All episodes were loaded onto YouTube for additional viewing, and were broken down into vignettes social media. This show has been nominated for several media awards.

A grant from State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP) provided an opportunity to focus on our Spanish-speaking population through an eight-part series developed in partnership with our local station KBBF. This series "Informe KBBF: Historias Para Estar Preparados" (kbbf.org/informe) focuses on preparedness education through storytelling and is broadcast monthly on KBBF. The show repeats the following week and is posted on the KBBF website.

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Advertisements

This year, through Grant Funding (CDBG and UASI), we were able to provide messages about preparedness via print, social media, and radio. Ads featured important actions like “Know Your Zone” and promoted events across the county. Jamala the giraffe was the most popular ad of the year!

Internship Program

Educating the next generation about Emergency Management is an important mission. DEM has developed a robust Internship Program with students coming from schools across the nation (tinyurl.com/4spxf9yc). 2023 Interns worked on a variety of projects, including crafting our new Lunch and Learn Program for partners to learn more about Emergency Operations Plans and Annexes (Sonia Lawton, Northern Arizona University), revamping our Auxiliary Communications Service written documents (Zhengyang Su, Georgetown University), investigating ways to develop CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) on the Sonoma State campus (Carson Gary, Sonoma State University), and developing our new Model EOC program for launch in 2024 (Gizela Carranza, University of Maine, Fort Kent). We also had an intern from the Veteran’s Administration (Phil Smith) investigating emergency management as a career.



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Emergency Council

The Emergency Council of Sonoma County met twice in 2023, in July and December. The Council is made up of County Department Directors, Chair of the Board of Supervisors, and representatives of the Operational Area Fire Departments, Law Enforcement, City Managers, Educational Partners and Community Partners.

The current Emergency Council mission:

- Study, revise and recommend to the Board of Supervisors for adoption, the County/Operational Area Emergency Plan.
- Review and recommend action upon all proposed mutual aid agreements.
- Review and recommend adoption of ordinances, resolutions, and rules/regulations as may be necessary to implement the plan or mutual aid agreements.
- Annually review goals and objectives for the County/Operational Area.
- May recommend calling and conducting test exercises.
- Approve any of County/Operational Area funding distribution proposals (grants) as required by CalOES.
- Serve as Operational Area Citizen Corps Council. Citizen Corps for the County includes:
 - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT)
 - Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)
 - Auxiliary Communications Service (ACS)

Both meetings were well attended by members of the Operational Area. The July meeting provided many topics of discussion including Drought, Public Health Updates, Updates from PG&E, DEM Updates, and information from many of the Operational Area representatives.

The December meeting was enhanced by Steve Lindley of the Information Services Department (ISD) who provided a presentation and discussion on Cyber Security. There was also group discussion covering DEM updates, WebEOC, a proposed Master Services Agreement, and Operational Partners individual updates.

A new system of report-outs for each member of the Council was initiated. It is the goal to encourage participation and the sharing of knowledge across the Operational Area. The next meeting of the Council will be held May 2024.

January 2023 Winter Storm EOC Activation

It wasn't long into the new year before the Department of Emergency Management needed to activate the Emergency Operations Center. Based on weather forecasts, Sonoma County faced a series of atmospheric rivers that would impact the Operational Area. Not only would this bring significant rainfall and flooding, but there was also great concern over flooding of the lower Russian River area in West County. The EOC activated on January 4th and after over two weeks formally deactivated on January 20th. During the activation, all DEM members were a part of the response in some capacity. From

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leading the Operations Section, coordinating a resident vehicle towing program, to receiving and delivering supplies from the DEM warehouses and keeping the Op Area informed, everyone worked their part in the response. This EOC activation was the first activation in over two years with the last activation being for the Glass Fire in late 2020.



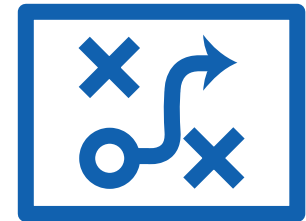
General Training and Exercise

In 2023, DEM staff participated in over 40 training and exercise events. A number of these events were hosted and facilitated by the DEM Emergency Coordination division including three rounds of our core EOC training courses, and multiple exercises and drills for County and Operational Area staff including:

- Annual Alert and Warning Exercise
- BAUASI Golden Eagle Exercise
- Evacuation Exercise for Upper Mark West Springs
- Universal Disaster Intake Process (UDIP) Exercise

DEM trained a total of 113 County Disaster Service Workers (DSWs) and over 60 Operational Area partners in 2023. Training and exercising are vital elements of the Department's work and helps increase skills and confidence, review policies and protocols, and determine areas of improvement.

We could not do the work we do without the dedication of our County DSW's and all of the emergency response partner agencies across the Operational Area. Their commitment not only to respond during activations, but being prepared to do so through training and exercises is fundamental in the County's ability to respond and recover from emergencies.



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DOC Training Exercise

The Sonoma County Department of Health Services conducted a functional exercise of their Department Operations Center (DOC) on March 28, 2023. The exercise scenario involved a wildfire originating in Windsor steadily moving south across the operational area, consuming structures and forcing evacuations in a progressive manner. Simultaneously, the Medical Health Operational Area Control Program (MHOAC) exercised the Medical Response and Surge Exercise (MRSE) process with local health care facilities, simulating the surge in patient care that is expected during large incidents. The Sonoma County Department of Emergency Management supported the event with exercise control staff (Safety and SIMCELL).



Annual Russian River Flood Response Planning Meeting

On November 7th, 2023, DEM facilitated the Annual Russian River Flood Response Planning Meeting at the Graton Firehouse. This meeting brought together over 60 individuals from across the Operational Area to discuss and prepare for the 2023-2024 winter season and a potential flood response on the lower Russian River.

The meeting included a winter weather forecast presentation from the National Weather Service, an overview of Sonoma County Water Agency's OneRain system, an overview of the County's Russian River Flood Response Plan, alert and warning considerations, REDCOM's tactical dispatch unit, public infrastructure's anticipated roads response, and an overview of recovery functions.

Participants included fire districts, water agencies, cities, towns, community-based organizations, and a multitude of County departments and divisions including the Office of Equity, Department of Health Services, Human Services Department, and Public Infrastructure.

This annual gathering is an integral component of flood preparedness for the Operational Area response agencies responsible for the lower Russian River.

2023 Golden Eagle Exercise

On May 18th, 2023, DEM coordinated and facilitated an Operational Area exercise sponsored by the Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (BAUASI). BAUASI sponsors this exercise, called Golden Eagle, on an

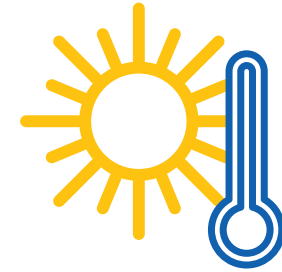
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annual basis for the entire bay area. Sonoma County participated by activating our Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and facilitating an exercise with over 100 Sonoma County Disaster Service Workers from over fifteen different departments.

Sonoma County participated alongside Alameda, San Francisco, Contra Costa, Marin, Napa, San Benito, San Mateo, Santa Clara, Santa Cruz, and Solano counties. In addition, the City of Cotati participated by activating their EOC, and the cities of Sonoma, Cotati, and Petaluma supported the Joint Public Information System and Center. The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services also activated the Coastal Regional Emergency Operations Center in Fairfield.

The scenario selected by the training group at BAUASI simulated a global outbreak of a lethal strain of Monkeypox that resulted in over 5000 cases in the Bay Area, leading to a mass vaccination effort across six Bay Area Counties. At the same time, the scenario included the bay area experiencing a lightning storm with over 120 strikes occurring across Marin and Sonoma Counties, starting a large-scale wildfire in Sonoma County.

This large-scale exercise allowed DEM to test our current emergency operations plans and supporting annexes. It also enabled the EOC staff to review processes, demonstrate capabilities, and provide lessons learned and feedback. This exercise was an essential part of our training program and it allowed everyone in the EOC to collaborate, practice, learn, and be better prepared for future emergencies.



DEM Goes to Sea Ranch

DEM staff took advantage of a blue-sky day in July to take a trip to the northernmost coastal corner of the county. They visited the areas of Annapolis and Sea Ranch to gain perspective of the hazards and risks, and also tour the local communities. Chief Bonnie Plakos of the North Sonoma Coast Fire Protection District and members of CalFire showcased their equipment that is used to respond to emergencies. Susie Gilley, Emergency Manager of The Sea Ranch Association, provided a tour of the Sea Ranch community, local campgrounds, and the facilities used as part of their response capabilities.

CalOES EM Summit

Sonoma County DEM participated in the inaugural CalOES Director's Emergency Management Summit in Sacramento. Taking place in November, the Summit hosted all 58 California county emergency managers for a day of open discussion on how to improve disaster response and recovery efforts across the state. Director Jeff DuVall and Supervising Coordinator Jorge Rodriguez, provided insight of grant management and allocations, alert and warning standards, and provided strategy recommendations for CalOES to consider.

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Fire Camera

The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) partnered with Alert California, Alert Wildfire, and Sonoma State University to repair a series of fire detection cameras that had stopped functioning. The cameras were located at the Pepperwood Preserve in Santa Rosa, Lake Sonoma,



and the Fairfield Osborn Preserve at Sonoma State University. These cameras were part of a legacy system that transmitted their feed in a direct line all the way from Saint Helena to the Fairfield Osborn Preserve, where the images entered a network server and fed directly onto the Alert California website. Unfortunately, in this daisy-chain configuration,

when one camera went down, they all stopped functioning. This resulted in five cameras not supporting the integrated network of fire cameras throughout the State. Through collaborative efforts, DEM was able to provide access and material support to the technicians, resulting in upgraded cameras that utilize an upgraded satellite system to send imagery to the integrated Fire Camera network through the cloud. This improved system not only delivers sharper imagery, it also no longer relies on back-haul to enter the network, resulting in fewer points of failure and improved reliability for the entire system.

Upper Mark West Springs Evacuation Exercise

On June 11, 2023 the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) led an emergency evacuation exercise for the Upper Mark West Springs community. This community was impacted by recent fires and remains one of the top areas of wildfire concern in the County. Partnering with Sonoma County Fire District, the Sheriff's Office, Red Cross, COAD, the Upper Mark West Fire Safe Council, and other County and Community groups, DEM sent live alerts to the community instructing residents and asking them to evacuate for the exercise. Evacuees were directed to a practice Temporary Evacuation Point (TEP) set up by the Sonoma County Human Services Department, simulating real life evacuation procedures. Residents were welcomed to the TEP, directed to parking, and given safety information. The evacuation was followed by a preparedness fair, with booths staffed by community groups, nonprofits, and County Departments.

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Universal Disaster Intake Process

The Universal Disaster Intake Process, or UDIP, is a new digital intake system designed to improve County disaster services and survivors' recovery outcomes through improved data collection and management. The UDIP will be used in Temporary Evacuation Points, Emergency Shelters, Local Assistance Centers, and Warming and Cooling Centers to collect:

- Demographic information, helping the County to better understand the communities we're serving.
- Access and Functional Needs, to ensure that our services support every member of our community, no matter their situation in life.
- Immediate needs, to fill these as fast as possible, wherever possible during the most active periods of an emergency.
- Long-term recovery qualifications, to help our residents get enrolled in as many assistance programs as they qualify for.
- Live data for County decision makers on who is presenting at disaster service sites, what their needs are, and where there are gaps in service resources.

Terrorism and Active Shooter Annex

The 2023 Terrorism and Active Shooter Annex guides Sonoma County in responding to terrorist and active shooter incidents. The County's role is primarily to support first responders and law enforcement — both Federal and Local. The plan calls for the County to activate

Public Information Officers to amplify law enforcement's message and assist with rumor control. The plan also directs County staff to open Reunification Centers designed to bring families and survivors together in the immediate aftermath of an incident, and Family Assistance Centers designed to assist survivors and the families of victims in recovering after the incident's close.

EMMA – Mutual Aid

Sonoma County DEM provides aid to Monterey County during January storms

Sonoma County has received a helping hand in past disasters. This year, it was only fitting to provide the same when a call to help was made. In early 2023, members of the Department of Emergency Management (DEM) responded during the January and March storms that impacted Monterey County. Over two separate deployments, five staff members provided assistance with contingency planning, situational analysis, and recovery coordination.

Thanks to the following DEM staff for answering the call:

- Deputy Director Jeff DuVall
- Coordinator Sage Limpp
- Director Chris Godley
- Supervising Coordinator Jorge Rodriguez
- Coordinator James Cooper

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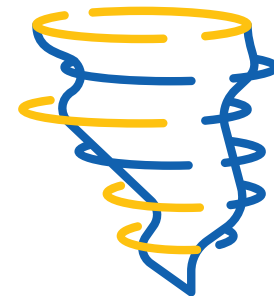
Administrative Services Division is responsible for the management and coordination of internal administrative functions for the department, including: developing and administering the annual budget, human resources and payroll, accounting, records management, department operations and ISD logistics, overseeing Grant Administration, and acting as administrative support to department staff and the Operational Area Emergency Council.



2023 Accomplishment Highlights

- In January 2023, in response to the winter storms and flooding along the Lower Russian River, Administrative Services and Grant staff served as Disaster Service Workers staffing critical Management and Logistics positions in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). In addition to filling much needed positions within the EOC, staff maintains the critical infrastructure year round that supports operations when it is activated, including ISD, supplies, ergonomics, software licenses and maintenance requests.
- In August 2023, Administration and Grants took the lead to prepare a welcome reception for a multi-national group of emergency managers visiting from over 14 countries to the EOC. The visit was coordinated by the US Department of Agriculture as an information exchange opportunity for emergency managers from Sonoma County to share experiences and lessons learned from previous disasters.

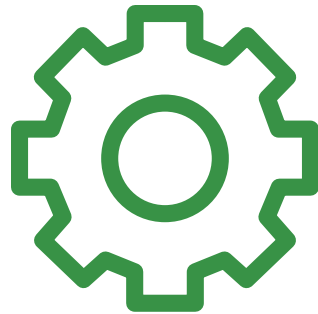
Guests were welcomed to a sampling of local food items produced within Sonoma County.



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Grant Administration

The Department of Emergency Management Grants Team is responsible for applying for and administering multiple Federal Emergency Management Administration (FEMA) grants and California Department of Housing and Community Development (HCD) Community Block Development (CDBG) grants on behalf of the county and Operational Area.



In 2023, the Grant Administration team partnered with our funding partners, County staff, Operational Area partners and suppliers to achieve great results.

The following projects were completed this year:

- Department of Health Services Medical Sheltering Exercise
- Radios for Gold Ridge Fire Protection District, Santa Rosa Fire Department, Department of Emergency Management (DEM), Sonoma County Sheriff's Office, Santa Rosa Junior College and Graton Fire Protection District
- Repeater for the Sebastopol Police Department
- County ISD SIEM and Cybersecurity Monitoring
- Metal Detectors for Sonoma County Fairgrounds, Sonoma State University and Sonoma County Veterans Buildings
- Santa Rosa Fire Department Off Road Vehicle, Trailer and Skid Mount
- City of Healdsburg ALPR Camera Software
- DEM Mass Care and Shelter Supplies
- Generators for Santa Rosa Junior College
- Sheriff's Explosive Ordnance Disposal (EOD) equipment screening devices
- Domestic Violent Extremism and Terrorism Liaison Officer Training for Sonoma County Sheriff's Officers
- Santa Rosa Fire Swiftwater Recue Equipment
- DEM's "Prepare Yourself!" Public Outreach Campaign

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Active grants administered during 2023 include:

State Homeland Security Grant Program (SHSGP)

- FY20 - \$588,610 – 19 projects
- FY21 - \$701,838 – 17 projects
- FY22 - \$671,457 – 13 projects
- FY23 - \$535,157 – 18 projects

Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP)

- DR4344 Fire Early Warning Camera System – \$2,042,039
- DR4407 Radio Disaster Alert Devices – \$44,000

Bay Area Urban Areas Security Initiative (UASI)

- FY21 Emergency Management Training – \$70,000
- FY22 Sheriffs' Rapid Response Vehicle – \$245,497
- FY22 Monthly Televised Emergency Preparedness Education – \$84,000
- FY23 Cyber Incident Management Annex – \$136,668
- FY23 Fire and EMS Emergency Radio Equipment Upgrade and Stabilization – \$210,727



Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Mitigation-Resilient Infrastructure Program (MIT-RIP) Mitigation-Planning & Public Services Program (MIT-PPS)

- Community Emergency Resilience Center Sites – \$7,159,690
- Community Emergency Response Team Training – \$500,000
- Sonoma Ready Community Education Plan – \$500,000
- Disaster Recovery Plan Capabilities Gap Analysis – \$374,500
- Community Resilience Centers Needs Assessment – \$500,000

ARPA Community Resilience Program

- Culturally Responsive Disaster Response and Long-Term Recovery – \$1,925,470



RESOURCES



SoCo Emergency. A single point of contact for residents seeking information during disasters, as well as preparedness and recovery information. SoCoEmergency.org.



SoCoAlert. The Sonoma County alert and warning program used to send out alerts such as flood warnings, evacuations, and shelter-in-place orders. Call (707) 565-1369 or sign up at SoCoAlert.com.



Nixle. Text your zip code to 888777 or sign up at Nixle.com to receive alerts and advisories from local law enforcement.

KNOW YOUR ZONE

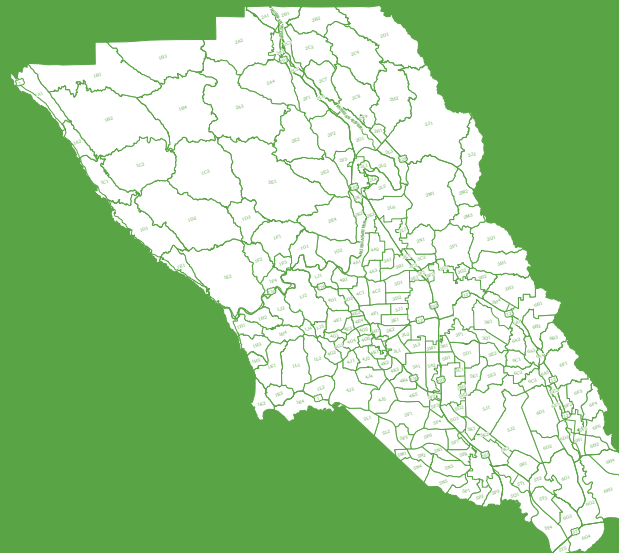
Know Your Zone. The County of Sonoma worked with the Sonoma County Sheriff's Office to establish evacuation zones to more efficiently evacuate our communities. SoCoEmergency.org/evacuation-map

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