

Attachment 4 ECC Activation

Steps

The steps for activating the Thurston County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) from Level 3 (Normal Operations / Steady State) are:

1. Emergency Services Director (as the County Director of Emergency Management) or his/her designee receives a request to activate the ECC. This could be a request from emergency management staff, after-hours duty officer, outside agencies (such as fires districts), public safety answering points (TCOMM), other local/tribal governments or county departments to support their operations, or on-scene incident commanders. The Director will recommend activating the ECC to the County Manager.
2. Approved by County Manager or designee.
3. Emergency Services Director (or the Emergency Management Manager, if the Director is not available) will appoint an ECC Manager. The ECC Manager will initiate call outs to staff the ECC at the appropriate level.
4. County Manager informs the Board of County Commissioners.
5. The Director of Emergency Management convenes the Disaster Policy Advisory Group (DPAG), as necessary. If it is necessary to provide policy level recommendations to the BOCC and/or policy guidance to ECC personnel managing operations, the DPAG will convene in close proximity to the operational functions being conducted by the ECC. Examples of roles and functions of the DPAG are:
 - a. Policy recommendations
 - b. Interjurisdictional coordination
 - c. Prioritization for allocation of limited resources
 - d. Delegations of authority
 - e. Large expenditure approval
 - f. Strategic direction

Description of Activation Levels

The ECC Manager is responsible for determining the ECC Activation Level and assigning qualified staff to help coordinate the incident response. Many factors influence the significance of an incident including area involved, threat to life and property, political sensitivity, and environmental values at risk. The ECC Manager must recognize the magnitude and complexity of an actual or potential situation and make appropriate decisions regarding its management.

Thurston County's ECC Activation Levels guidelines are listed below:

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Activation Level	Incident Scope	Incident Impacts	Resource Requirements
3 Normal Operations / Steady State	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident is limited in area. • Incident is likely to be resolved in a single operational period. • Incident is not likely to escalate beyond expectations. • Weather forecasts indicate improving conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue is not required. • Critical infrastructure may only sustain minimal damage. • Disruptions will be restored in one or two days. • Property values at risk are minimal. • Evacuations or sheltering may be required. • Incident does not involve politically sensitive issues. • Incident will not impact sensitive ecosystems. • Incident will not impact historically or culturally significant sites. • Incident is not creating national media attention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Most responding resources will be local. • Specialized resources including aircraft will not be needed.
2 Enhanced Steady State / Partial Activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident is widespread involving several jurisdictions or significantly impacting a single jurisdiction within the county. • A local declaration is expected or has been declared. • A state declaration is expected or has been proclaimed. • Incident response will be several days or more. • Incident has the potential to escalate beyond expectations. • Cascading events are possible. • Weather forecasts indicate no significant relief or worsening conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue and evacuation may be required. • Critical infrastructure has sustained moderate damage. • Disruptions will take several days to restore. • Moderate property damage has occurred or is expected to occur. • Shelters are required. • Incident may involve politically sensitive issues. • Incident may impact sensitive ecosystems. • Incident may impact historically or culturally significant sites. • Incident may create national media attention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual aid and/or state resources are required. • Specialized resources including aircraft may be needed. • The Region 3 Incident Management Team has been activated.

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1 Full Activation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Incident is widespread and significantly impacting the Puget Sound Region. • A local declaration is expected or has been declared. • A state declaration is expected or has been proclaimed. • A federal declaration is expected or has been declared. • Incident response will be a week or more. • Incident is still escalating. • Cascading events are expected. • Weather forecasts indicate worsening conditions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rescue and evacuation will be required. • Critical infrastructure has sustained significant damage. • Disruptions will take a week or more to restore. • Significant property damage has occurred or is expected to occur. • Multiple shelters are required. • Incident is likely to involve politically sensitive issues. • Incident is likely to impact sensitive ecosystems. • Incident is likely to impact historically or culturally significant sites. • Incident is likely to create national media attention. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mutual aid and/or state resources will be needed. • Specialized resources including aircraft will be needed. • One or more Incident Management Teams have been activated. • Resource staging areas are needed. • Community Points of Distribution are needed.