

Emergency Preparedness Resources

A number of city, state, and federal agencies are involved in emergency preparedness:

Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) – FEMA’s mission is to support citizens and first responders to ensure that as a nation we work together to build, sustain, and improve our capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, and mitigate all hazards.

<http://www.fema.gov>



Department of Homeland Security (DHS) - Homeland Security leverages resources within federal, state, and local governments, coordinating the transition of multiple agencies and programs into a single, integrated agency focused on protecting the American people and their homeland. More than 87,000 different governmental jurisdictions at the federal, state, and local level have homeland security responsibilities. The comprehensive national strategy seeks to develop a system connecting all levels of government without duplicating effort. Homeland Security is truly a “national mission.” <http://www.dhs.gov>

United States Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - The Department of Health and Human Services is the principal agency for protecting the health of all Americans.

<http://www.hhs.gov/>

Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency (MEMA) - MEMA is the state agency with primary responsibility



for ensuring the state’s resilience to disasters. MEMA’s staff of professional planners, communications specialists, operations managers and support personnel is committed to an all hazards approach to emergency management. By building and sustaining effective partnerships with federal, state and local government agencies, and with the private sector - - individuals, families, non-profits and businesses - - MEMA ensures the Commonwealth’s ability to rapidly recover from large and small disasters by assessing and mitigating hazards, enhancing preparedness, ensuring effective response, and building the capacity

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to recover. <http://www.mass.gov/mema>

Massachusetts Dept. of Public Health (MDPH) - The Massachusetts Department of Public Health has responsibility for the public health of state residents. <http://www.mass.gov/dph>

Boston Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) - The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (OEM) coordinates the city's homeland security and emergency management programs. OEM's mission is to enhance the city of Boston and metro-Boston Homeland Security Region's capacity to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from major emergencies. www.cityofboston.gov/oem

Boston Public Health Commission (BPHC) - The Boston Public Health Commission's mission is to protect, promote,



and preserve the health and well-being of all Boston residents, particularly the most vulnerable. <http://www.bphc.org>

DelValle Institute of Emergency Preparedness - The DelValle Institute for Emergency Preparedness is the Education & Training branch of the Office of Public Health Preparedness. In conjunction with Boston EMS, a bureau of the Boston Public Health Commission, the DelValle Institute provides interactive, all hazards education focused on reducing the public health and safety consequences of emergencies and disasters. Founded in 2003 and named in honor of Manuel Del Valle, Jr. Manuel was a firefighter with Engine 5 for the New York City Fire Department (FDNY), who was killed while responding to the September 11th terrorist attack on the World Trade Center. Manuel was the stepson of Dr. Peter Moyner, former Medical Director for Boston's public safety agencies, Police, Fire and EMS.

DelValle Institute links the latest research and guidance with the best practices in the field to deliver high-quality, skills-based preparedness and response education for healthcare and public health practitioners and their public safety partners. As a result of our partnership with Boston EMS and programs across the Boston Public Health Commission, we have access to a wealth of knowledge, experience, and expertise. Both organizations have missions that provide the framework for the work we do at the Institute.

<https://delvalle.bphc.org>

Harvard T.H. Chan School of Public Health - Emergency Preparedness and Response Exercise Program (EPREP) - EPREP provides public, private, and non-governmental organizations with the expertise to prepare for and respond to emergencies of all types. The program convenes public health, healthcare, first-responders, and other organizations to offer practice-based education and exercise and evaluation activities centered on public health emergency preparedness.

<http://www.hsph.harvard.edu/eprep/>