



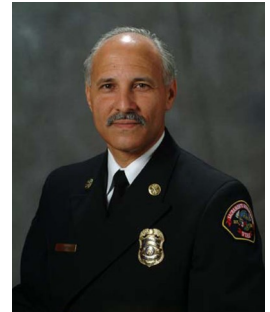
Yolo Emergency Management

Annual Report 2012-2013



Message from the Emergency Manager

The Yolo County Office of Emergency Service is responsible for the planning, preparing and coordination of large-scale emergencies throughout the County. The Office is structured as a regional organization and has been designated as the lead agency for county-wide emergency management services under a Shared Services Agreement with the cities Davis, West Sacramento, Winters, Woodland, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation, and Yolo County Housing.



I am pleased to present to you our 2012-2013 Annual Report. As you will see upon review, we have continued to progress with our partners in developing a well-structured synchronized emergency management organization throughout Yolo County and we look forward to another year of successfully ensuring that all of our community is prepared for all hazards.

Rick Martinez
Emergency Services Manager

Mission/Vision

Yolo County and its partner organizations work collectively through an organized planning, preparedness, training, mitigation and evaluation effort to ensure that all of our community is reasonably protected and prepared for all hazards.

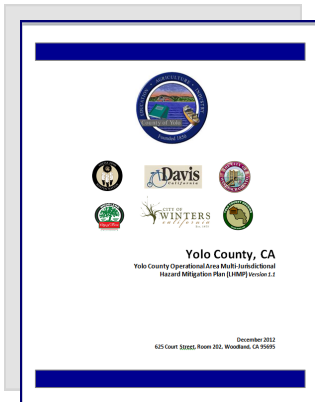
Planning

The Yolo County Operational Area Coordinating Group has begun to organize eleven planning groups consisting of subject matter experts throughout Yolo County to facilitate emergency planning. The planning groups will be analyzing the Federal Emergency Service Functions, Federal Emergency Management Agency Core Capabilities, and State of California Emergency Functions to address the individual needs of Yolo County citizens during emergencies and disasters. The eleven groups are:

- Transportation
- Communications
- Logistics
- Planning
- Public Information
- Mass Care & Human Services
- Law Enforcement
- Public Health & Medical
- Fire, HazMat & Rescue
- Planning and Public Works and Engineering
- Agricultural Protection

*“Plans are useless,
but planning is
indispensable.”*

**Dwight D.
Eisenhower**



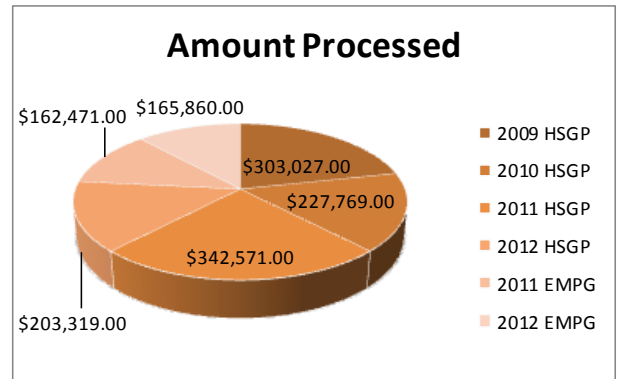
The Yolo County Operational Area Hazard Mitigation Plan has been completed, sent for initial review to the State of California, revised, and is now being reviewed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

The Mass Fatality Management Plan and Animal Shelter and Rescue Plan have been completed in draft form and are currently being reviewed by subject matter experts throughout the County for additional revisions.



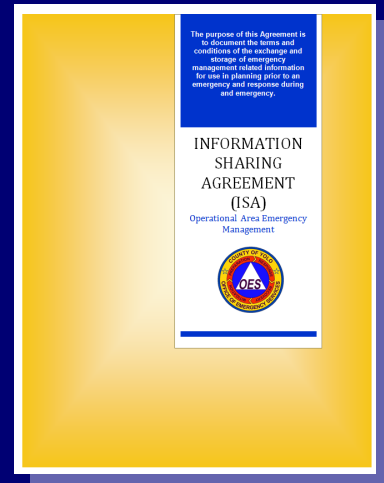
Grants Management

The Federal Emergency Management Agency's Emergency Management Performance Grant and State Homeland Security Grant Program are the two primary grant funding sources for Emergency Management activities in Yolo County. During the 2012-13 year, several past extension budgets were processed and closed by the Yolo County Office of Emergency Services. A total of \$1,405,017 was successfully claimed to aid Yolo County partners with their emergency management and response planning.

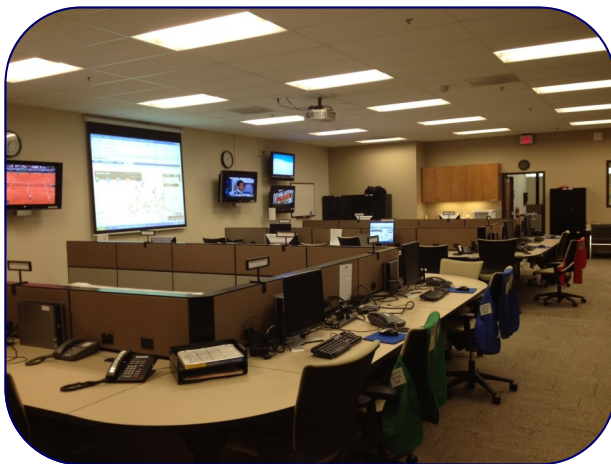


Information Sharing

Under the Emergency Management Shared Services Agreement, all partners have begun to edit a draft Information Sharing Agreement to facilitate the digital sharing of pre-emergency and response data throughout the county. As more digital systems are released state-wide this agreement will allow for jurisdictional information to be shared among all cities in Yolo County to create a common operating picture for responders.



EOC



The Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (OAEOC) has been updated to include hardware and software upgrades that will enable local emergency management partners to make full use of the facility. Audio/visual systems have been updated for enhanced monitoring of events. Staff assignments have been updated to facilitate a fully staffed EOC and future training requirements. Form templates have been uploaded for use of EOC personnel.

Command Vehicle

The Operational Area Command Vehicle has been retrofitted for use through a partnership with the Yolo County Sheriff's Office and has already been used in the field at the University of California, Davis Picnic Day. This vehicle has the capability of providing expanded communications support and digital equipment on scene at an emergency. The vehicle is currently stored at the Sheriff's Office and available 24/7 for deployment to local First Responders.



Emergency Communications

OAOES staff worked on multiple redundant communications systems this year. Some of these systems include:

- OASIS Phone System - specifically for EOC to EOC communications throughout California and housed at the OAEOC.
- Ham radios - amateur radio equipment was installed in the OAEOC to provide a centralized amateur radio control point for our local ARES group.
- VHF radios - were re-programmed to meet FCC narrow-band requirements and successfully deployed to local First Responders for field level use.
- Teleconference capability - the addition of a teleconference bridge will be used for future response and planning.

Training & Exercise Planning Workshop

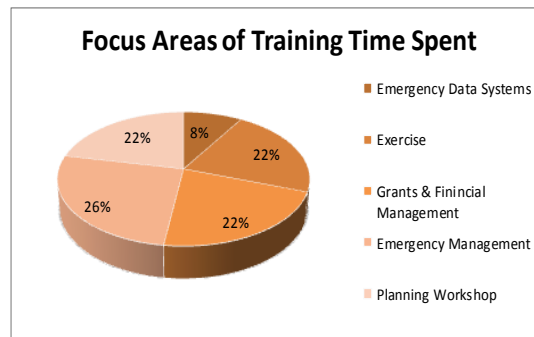


In May the Operational Area held its first ever Training and Exercise Planning Workshop. All of the jurisdictions within Yolo County were represented and each participated in an interactive discussion to create a comprehensive Training and Exercise Plan for 2013 and 2014. Opportunities to partner on future exercises were identified by multiple partners throughout the event.

Training

The Yolo County Office of Emergency Services not only facilitated the inclusion of local emergency management personnel into trainings being offered in adjacent counties, but also attended and provided trainings to benefit the emergency response of Yolo County. Some highlights of the courses are:

- Two digital information sharing systems used to create a common operating picture of response throughout the county
- Introduction to EOC training for the City of Woodland
- EOC Position training for County Emergency Management partners
- Multiple financial trainings for grants management
- Emergency Management planning workshops held by private and State partners



“It’s all to do with the training: you can do a lot if you’re properly trained.”

Queen Elizabeth II

An important part of training is also exercising the response aspects one has been trained on to find areas of improvement prior to an incident. OAOES staff participated in the following exercises:

- The Statewide Medical and Health Exercise (Yolo County Health Department)
- Flood Response in the Delta Tabletop (State Department of Water Resources)
- Incident Management Assistance Team Course Tabletop (Wildland Fire Training Academy)
- Flood Response Tabletop (City of West Sacramento)
- Natural Gas Response Tabletop (Pacific, Gas & Electric)



Shared Services

In Yolo County emergency planning and response are accomplished through the Joint Emergency Management Services (JEMS) agreement established in 2012. JEMS joins the County, Cities of Davis, West Sacramento, Winters and Woodland, the Yocha Dehe Wintun Nation and Yolo County Housing into a cohesive team and expands on our dwindling resources by regionalization of efforts. Throughout the year, partners have achieved great accomplishments including:

- Joint authorization of grant expenditures on emergency management and response related items
- Information sharing for monitoring of events
- Exercises specific to a jurisdiction
- Joint workshops to maximize planning
- Cross-jurisdictional planning and response
- Trainings previously mentioned



Partner Successes

By working together every partner has experienced great accomplishments throughout the year:

- All partners have worked with the OAOES to improve communication and coordination between all agencies.
- Standardization of tools and personnel structures are being analyzed to maximize staffing within local EOCs.
- Training and Exercise planning and conduct have become a focus of all entities throughout the county.
- Private industry partners have become even more connected with local Yolo response agencies.

Looking Forward...



The next year promises to bring additional coordination efforts for all partners in Yolo County. Under the Joint Emergency Management Agreement, partners will be engaged in all five phases of emergency management: prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Some projects slated for the year include:

- More emergency management and response training
- Additional exercises
- Development of tools, forms, and processes to be used in all EOCs as we move toward standardization within the county
- Continuity of Operations planning
- Updating of local risk assessments
- Project management of mitigation projects

The eleven planning groups formed in 2012-13 will continue to be vital to the success of all projects throughout the county.

Be Prepared

Remember to help all of our emergency management professionals by preparing yourself and your family for an emergency or disaster:

Be Informed - Follow the Yolo County Public Information Officer and your City on Facebook and Twitter



Get Involved - Join one of the local Community Emergency Response Teams (CERT)



Make a Plan - Develop a family communications plan or Shelter-in-Place plan.

Build a Kit—Buy one new item each week for your preparedness kit



Visit FEMA's www.ready.gov to print your Kit lists and get plan templates