

**WAC 118-09-020 Definitions.** (1) "Advisory group" means a group comprised of local, tribal, and state emergency management professionals that shall advise the director.

(2) "Comprehensive emergency management plan (CEMP)" means a current, verified emergency plan as required by chapter 118-30 WAC.

(3) "Director" means the director of the emergency management division (EMD) of the Washington state military department.

(4) "Emergency management functions" means the governmental function that coordinates and integrates activities necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to prepare for, protect against, respond to, recover from, or mitigate against threatened or actual emergencies or disasters whether natural, technological, acts of terrorism, or other human caused.

(5) "Emergency management organization (EMO)" means the local organization for emergency management established pursuant to RCW 38.52.070(1). EMO also means organizations established by a federally recognized Indian tribe located within the boundaries of the state of Washington that perform emergency management functions as part of that tribe.

(6) "Emergency operations center (EOC)" means the central location or facility responsible for coordinating multijurisdictional or multidisciplinary response activities related to an emergency or disaster, and may also be referred to by other names such as an emergency coordination center (ECC).

(7) "Emergency" or "disaster" means an event or set of circumstances which:

(a) Demands immediate action to preserve public health, protect life, protect public property, or to provide relief to any stricken community overtaken by such occurrences; or

(b) Reaches such a dimension or degree of destructiveness as to warrant the governor proclaiming a state of emergency pursuant to RCW 43.06.010.

(8) "Emergency management assistance funds" or "EMA funds" means:

(a) Emergency Management Performance Grant (EMPG) funds administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, 42 U.S.C. 5121 et seq.;

(b) Any successor/supplemental federal emergency management assistance funds available for allocation to EMOs to both sustain and enhance emergency management capabilities statewide; and

(c) State funds provided to the department by the legislature solely for the purposes of allocation under this chapter to EMOs for both sustaining and enhancing emergency management capabilities statewide.

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