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Emergency Operation Plan

Due to its high population density, active community involvement, and nearness to the nation’s capital, Arlington County is vulnerable to natural, technical, and man-made threats and hazards (examples below).



Infectious disease outbreak, flood, extreme temperatures



Terrorism, active shooter, civil disturbance

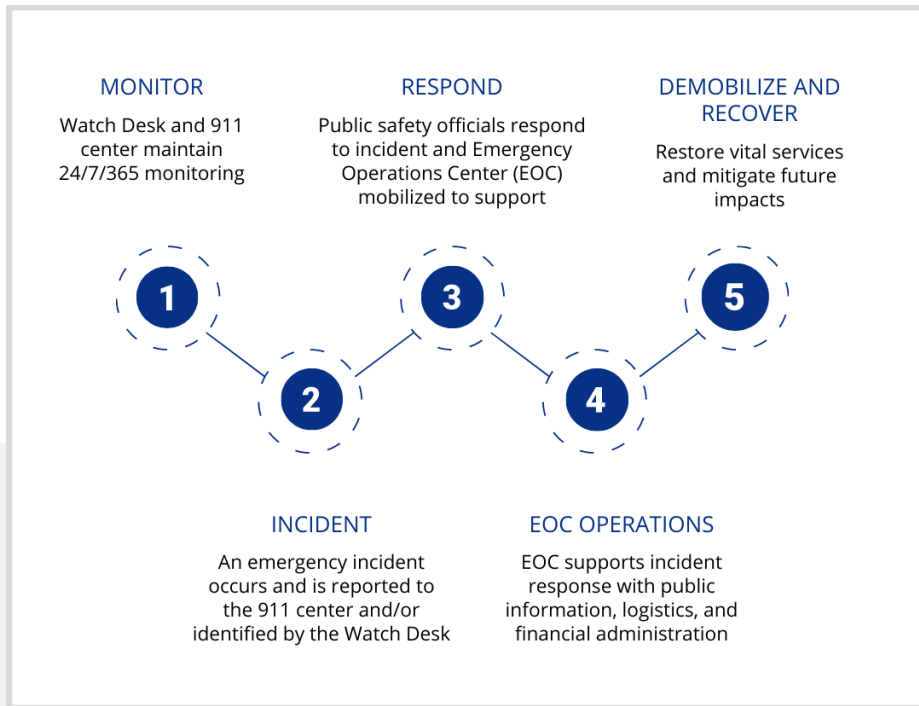


Transportation, plane crash, hazardous materials release

The Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) is a guidance document that outlines roles and responsibilities during an emergency. The EOP is based on the [National Incident Management System \(NIMS\)](#) and [Incident Command System \(ICS\)](#) principles for managing emergency response. The plan is applicable to all hazards that may impact Arlington County.

Concept of Operations

The Concept of Operations describes how Arlington County will respond to an emergency (left).



Responsible Parties During an Emergency



Arlington County Board



County Manager



Emergency Policy Team



Department of Public Safety
Communication and Emergency
Management (DPSCEM)



Emergency Support
Functions



Partners

Partners include Arlington Public Schools, Arlington Community Emergency Response Team (CERT), and the Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

Emergency Support Functions

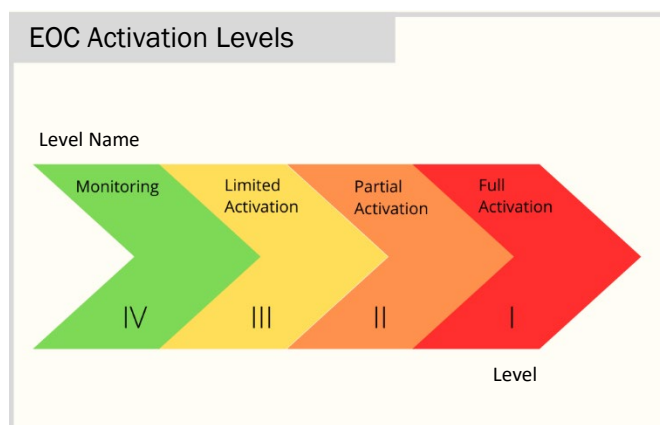
Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are groupings of County departments, private sector companies, and voluntary organizations that provide staff, equipment, and supplies to support emergency response.

ESFs are activated to meet needs fitting their expertise. A table of Arlington's 17 ESFs and their associated sectors can be found in Section III of the EOP.

Emergency Operations Center

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is an in-person and virtual coordination center that helps the County to address resource, personnel, and policy needs during an emergency.

The EOC can be activated at one of four levels in response to an emergency or ahead of large, planned events (right).



If an emergency exceeds Arlington County's ability, support is available through mutual aid, state assistance, and federal assistance.

The EOP is a living document. It is tested annually through exercises and drills, and it is updated every four years or as necessary.