

DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT FACT SHEET



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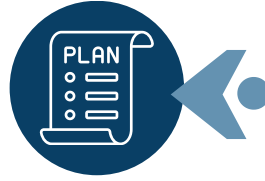
The Department of Emergency Management (DEM) in the County of Monterey professionally coordinates comprehensive emergency preparedness, response, and recovery initiatives, ensuring public safety and resource coordination during emergencies and disasters.

Projects & Initiatives

DEM has a **24/7 Duty Officer** to respond to emergencies and support local jurisdictions year-round. It manages the County's Emergency Operations Center, coordinating local, state, and federal agencies for efficient community response. The department oversees a **\$25 million grant portfolio** to support disaster preparation, response, and recovery in Monterey County.

Did You Know

Last fiscal year (FY 2023-24), DEM became a standalone entity and rebranded. Key actions included concluding the COVID-19 response, activating the Emergency Operations Center for the January and March 2023 winter storms, overseeing Pajaro disaster recovery, and transitioning and testing the Alert and Warning System.



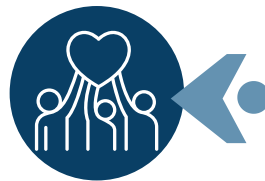
Be Prepared

Your actions and emergency preparedness will help you and your family stay safe and be ready for the next disaster. Understand disaster risks in your region and develop a plan to stay safe, have an emergency kit, and receive information as events unfold.



Respond to Emergencies

In the last 20 months, the County responded to the devastation of **3 Presidentially declared disasters** (January 2023, March 2023, February 2024) and **7 Federally declared disasters** over the last seven years. To keep our communities safe, the Department disseminated **195 emergency alerts and warnings** in 2023.



Recover

The Department of Emergency Management is actively involved in helping communities recover from disasters of all types of emergencies, from fires to floods, and earthquakes to pandemics. As part of our recovery efforts in 2023, we helped the residents of Pajaro remove over **9,021 cubic yards (CY) of flood debris** in the county's first "Right Of Way" debris removal program. In addition, the Department is working vigorously with the Federal Government to get FEMA reimbursements for recent and declared disasters over five years ago.


Alert Monterey County



Alert Monterey County is the official emergency alert system for Monterey County and its municipalities. It delivers critical public safety information from local government and safety officials. Managed by the County's Department of Emergency Management, it is administered by Public Safety Answering Points, law enforcement, fire, public health, and emergency management agencies.



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