

DEFINITIONS AND ACRONYMS

A CENTRAL COMPUTERIZED ENFORCEMENT SERVICE SYSTEM (ACCESS) - Statewide law enforcement data network controlled and administered by the Washington State Patrol. Provides capability to send warning and notification of emergencies from state to local jurisdictions.

ACCESS CONTROL POINT (ACP) - Road intersection or other logistically viable point on the relocation and food control boundaries, which enable law enforcement and other emergency workers to maintain access control of the respective area(s).

ADVANCE ELEMENT OF THE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM (ERT-A) - The portion of the Federal Emergency Response Teams that is the first federal group deployed to the field to respond to a disaster.

AEROSOL - Fine liquid or solid particles suspended in a gas such as fog or smoke.

AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE - Search and rescue operations for aircraft in distress, missing, or presumed down are conducted by the Washington State Department of Transportation, Aviation Division, under authority of Revised Code of Washington (RCW) 47.68 and Washington Administrative Code (WAC) 468.200. Related land SAR operations, including the rescue and/or recovery of victims of a downed aircraft incident, are the responsibility of the chief law enforcement officer in whose jurisdiction the incident site is located. Air search and rescue does not include air support of land search and rescue operations conducted under authority of Chapter 38.52 RCW. See also SEARCH AND RESCUE.

ANAEROBIC - Pertaining to a microorganism that can live and grow in the absence of oxygen.

ANIMAL - any live or dead dog, cat, nonhuman primate, guinea pig, hamster, rabbit, or any other warm blooded animal, which is being used, or is intended for use for research, teaching, testing, experimentation, exhibition purposes, or as a pet. This term excludes: Birds; rats of the genus *Rattus* and mice of the genus *Mus* bred for use in research; horses not used for research purposes; other farm animals including but not limited to livestock or poultry used or intended for use as food or fiber; livestock or poultry used or intended for use for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, or production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. With respect to a dog, the term means all dogs, including those used for hunting, security, or breeding purposes.

EXOTIC ANIMAL - any animal not identified in the definition of "animal" provided in this part that is native to a foreign country or of foreign origin or character, is not native to the United States, or was introduced from abroad. This term specifically includes animals including but not limited to lions, tigers, leopards, elephants, camels, antelope, anteaters, kangaroos, water buffalo, and species of foreign domestic cattle such as Ankole, Gayal, and Yak.

FARM ANIMAL - any domestic species of cattle, sheep, swine, goats, llamas, or horses, which are normally and have historically been kept and raised on farms in the United States, and used or

intended for use as food or fiber, for improving animal nutrition, breeding, management, production efficiency, or for improving the quality of food or fiber. This term also includes animals such as rabbits, mink, and chinchilla when they are used solely for purposes of meat or fur, and animals such as horses and llamas when used solely as work and pack animals.

PET ANIMAL - any animal that has commonly been kept as a pet in family households in the United States such as dogs, cats, guinea pigs, rabbits, and hamsters. This term excludes exotic animals and wild animals.

SERVICE ANIMAL - any animal individually trained to do work or perform tasks for the benefit of a person with a disability. Such tasks can include guiding a person with impaired vision, alerting a person with impaired hearing to the presence of people or sounds, pulling a wheelchair, retrieving dropped items, etc. Dogs are most frequently trained as service animals, but sometimes other animals can do this work. (American with Disabilities Act, 1990)

WILD ANIMAL - any animal that is now or historically has been found in the wild, or in the wild state, within the boundaries of the United States, its territories, or possessions. This term includes, but is not limited to, animals such as deer, skunk, opossum, raccoons, mink, armadillos, coyotes, squirrels, fox, and wolves.

ANTIBIOTIC - A substance that inhibits the growth of or kills microorganisms.

AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL - An individual authorized under Chapter 38.52 RCW and Chapter 118.04 WAC to direct the activities of emergency workers. These individuals are The Adjutant General of the Military Department or designee, the Director for the Emergency Management Division or designee, the Director or designee of a local emergency management agency, the chief law enforcement officer or designee of a political subdivision, or other such officials as identified in ESF 9 - Search and Rescue of a local comprehensive emergency management plan.

AUTHORIZED ORGANIZATION - A state or local agency authorized under Chapter 38.52 RCW and Chapter 118.04 WAC to register and/or employ emergency workers. These agencies are: the Military Department, Emergency Management Division, local jurisdiction emergency management agencies, and law enforcement agencies of political subdivisions.

ANTHRAX - An acute bacterial disease that usually affects the skin, but which may also involve the intestinal or respiratory tract. *Bacillus anthracis*, the agent that causes Anthrax, is usually transmitted to humans through contact with infected animals or animal products. Depending on the mechanism of transmission, a cutaneous (skin) form (contact), a gastrointestinal form (food borne), or pulmonary form (airborne) may develop. Antibiotics are necessary for treatment.

BACTERIA - Single celled organisms that multiply by cell division and that can cause disease in humans, plants or animals. Plural of bacterium

BRUCELLOSIS - A disease caused by one of several *Brucella* species that is characterized by

fever, night sweats, anorexia, headache and back pain. *Brucella* is found naturally worldwide. Associated with infectious abortions in animals, the six species of *Brucella* are linked to chronic infections in animals and pose an occupational hazard to those who work with animals. Antibiotics are necessary for treatment.

BIOLOGICAL WARFARE - The intentional use of biological agents as weapons to kill or injure humans, animals, or plants, or to damage equipment.

CATASTROPHE - An expected or unexpected event in which a community, because of the severity of the event, is unable to use its resources or the need for resources has greatly exceeded availability disrupting the social or economic structure of the community, preventing the fulfillment of the community's essential functions, and rendering the community incapable of responding to or recovering from the effects of the event without massive and prolonged outside help.

CHEMICAL AGENT - A chemical substance that is intended for use in military operations to kill, seriously injure, or incapacitate people through its physiological effects. Excluded from consideration are riot control agents, smoke, and flame materials. The agent may appear as a vapor, aerosol, or liquid. It can be either a casualty/toxic agent or an incapacitating agent.

BLISTER AGENT (vesicants) - Category of chemical warfare agents that damage any tissue they contact. Vapor can affect the eyes, respiratory tract, and blister the skin. They may produce lethality's, but skin damage is their main casualty-causing effect. All these agents are persistent and can poison food and water, make other supplies and installations dangerous, and restrict the use of contaminated terrain. Blister agents include mustards, arsenicals, and urticants.

BLOOD AGENT - Cyanide-containing compounds that are absorbed into the body primarily by breathing. They poison the body's cytochrome oxidase system, preventing cell respiration and the normal transfer of oxygen from the blood to body tissues. Blood agents are rapid acting, causing effects within seconds and death within minutes. Typical agents include hydrogen cyanide (AC), cyanogen chloride (CK), and arsine (SA). All are highly volatile and therefore non-persistent even at low temperatures.

CHOKING AGENT - Compounds that injure an unprotected person chiefly in the respiratory tract (the nose, throat and particularly the lungs). In extreme cases, membranes swell, lungs become filled with liquid, and death results from lack of oxygen; thus, these agents "choke" an unprotected person. Choking agents include phosgene, diphosgene, and chlorine.

NERVE AGENT - Organophosphate ester derivatives of phosphoric acid. Nerve agents are potent inhibitors of the enzyme acetyl cholinesterase (AChE), causing a disruption in normal neurological function. Symptoms appear rapidly with death occurring as rapidly as several minutes. Nerve agents are generally divided into G-series agents and V-series agents. They include tabun (GA), sarin (GB), soman (GD), and VX.

CLAIMANT - The individual making a claim or their legal representative.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - See EMERGENCY

MANAGEMENT.

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT NETWORK (CEMNET) - Dedicated 2-way Very High Frequency (VHF) low-band radio system. Provides direction and control capability for state and local jurisdictions for administrative use, and during an emergency or disaster. This is an emergency management net belonging to and managed by the Washington State Military Department, Emergency Management Division.

COMMON PROGRAM CONTROL STATION (CPCS) - A broadcasting station in a local operational area that has special communications links with appropriate authorities (e.g. National Weather Service, and local jurisdiction Emergency Operations Centers). Provides common emergency program for its operational area.

CONGREGATE CARE CENTER - A public or private facility that is pre-designated and managed by the American Red Cross during an emergency, where evacuated or displaced persons are housed and fed.

CONSEQUENCE MANAGEMENT - Measures to alleviate the damage, loss, hardship and/or suffering caused by emergencies. It includes measures to restore essential government service, protect public health and safety, and provide emergency relief to affected governments, businesses and individuals.

CONTAGIOUS - Capable of being transmitted from one person to another.

COUNTER-TERRORISM - Strategic and/or tactical measures taken, in a collaborative effort, to prevent or respond to acts of terrorism.

CRISIS MANAGEMENT - Measures to identify, acquire, and plan the use of resources needed to anticipate, prevent, and/or resolve a threat, act, or incident. In a terrorist incident, crisis management includes intelligence, surveillance, tactical operations, negotiations, forensics, investigation, agent identification, search, render safe procedures, transfer and disposal, limited decontamination, and assurance of public health and safety.

CUTANEOUS - Pertaining to the skin.

DECONTAMINATION - The process of making people, objects, or areas safe by absorbing, destroying, neutralizing, making harmless, or removing the hazardous material.

DEPLETED URANIUM AD-38 - Uranium with a concentration of Uranium-235 smaller than that found in nature (0.711 percent). It is largely a byproduct (“tails”) of the Uranium enrichment process. This material is essentially not harmful to human health. It is often found in aircraft as counterweights and in boats as ballast material. It is also used in anti-tank or armor-piercing ammunition to enhance penetration.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL EXERCISE - An activity in which emergency management officials respond to a simulated incident from their command and control centers. It mobilizes emergency management and communications organizations and officials. Field response

organizations are not normally involved.

DISASTER - An event expected or unexpected, in which a community's available, pertinent resources are expended, or the need for resources exceeds availability, and in which a community undergoes severe danger, incurring losses so that the social or economic structure of the community is disrupted and the fulfillment of some or all of the community's essential functions are prevented.

DISASTER FIELD OFFICE (DFO) - The office established in or near the designated area to support federal and state response and recovery operations. The Disaster Field Office houses the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) and the Emergency Response Team (ERT) and where possible, the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) and support staff.

DISASTER RECOVERY CENTER (DRC) - A temporary facility where, under one roof, representatives of federal agencies, local and state governments, and voluntary relief organizations can explain the disaster recovery programs and process applications from businesses.

DISASTER RECOVERY MANAGER (DRM) - This is a function, rather than position, to which the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Director delegates the authority to administer the Federal Emergency Management Agency response and recovery programs. The function oversees the physical obligation from the President's Disaster Relief Fund.

DISASTER SEARCH AND RESCUE - Large scale search and rescue operations conducted as a result of a natural or technological (human-caused) emergency, disaster, or catastrophe.

DIRECT EFFECTS - The effect classified as "direct" includes flash, blast, thermal radiation, electromagnetic pulse, and initial nuclear radiation.

DIRECT FEDERAL ASSISTANCE - Emergency work or assistance, beyond the capability of state and local jurisdictions, which is performed by a federal agency under mission assignment from Federal Emergency Management Agency.

DOSIMETER - A radiation detection device that can measure accumulated radiation dose. The device could be a film badge, thermo luminescent dosimeter (TLD), or an electrostatic pocket dosimeter. Different dosimeter designs are required to measure gamma radiation, neutron radiation, etc.

EMERGENCY - An expected or unexpected event involving shortages of time and resources that places life, property, or the environment in danger and requires response beyond routine incident response resources.

EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM (EAS) - Established to enable the President, federal, state, and local jurisdiction authorities to disseminate emergency information to the public via the Commercial Broadcast System. Composed of amplitude modulation (AM), frequency modulation (FM), television broadcasters, and the cable industry. Formerly known as the Emergency Broadcast System (EBS).

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT or COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT - The preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which the military forces are primarily responsible, to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters, to aid victims suffering from injury or damage resulting from disasters caused by all hazards, whether natural or technological, and to provide support for search and rescue operations for persons and property in distress.

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) - A designated site from which government officials can coordinate emergency operations in support of on-scene responders.

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) – The functional approach that groups the types of assistance that a state is most likely to need, (e.g. mass care, health and medical services) as well as the kinds of federal operations support necessary to sustain state response actions (e.g., transportation, communications).

EMERGENCY WORKER - Emergency worker means any person including but not limited to an architect registered under Chapter 18.08 RCW or a professional engineer registered under Chapter 18.43 RCW, who is registered with a local emergency management organization or the department and holds an identification card issued by the local emergency management director or the department for the purpose of engaging in authorized emergency management activities or is an employee of the state of Washington or any political subdivision thereof who is called upon to perform emergency management activities.

ENDOGENOUS - Produced or originating from within the cell or organism or concerning spore formation within the bacterial cell.

ENGINEER - Any person registered under Chapter 38.52 RCW as an emergency worker who is an architect or professional engineer as registered under Chapters 18.08 and 18.43 RCW respectively.

EXPLOSIVE ORDNANCE DISPOSAL (EOD) - The detection, identification, field evaluation, rendering-safe, and/or disposal of explosive ordnance which has become hazardous by damage or deterioration when the disposal of such explosive ordnance is beyond the capabilities of personnel assigned to routine disposal.

FEDERAL COORDINATING OFFICER (FCO) - The individual appointed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency Director (by delegation of authority from the President) to coordinate assistance in a federally-declared disaster.

FEDERAL INFORMATION PROCESSING STANDARD (FIPS) - Pre-assigned numbers by the Federal government to identify local jurisdictions throughout the nation. The code for any location consists of eight (8) digits.

FEDERAL RESPONSE PLAN (FRP) - The plan that establishes the basis for the provision of federal assistance to a state and the local jurisdiction impacted by a catastrophic or significant disaster or emergency that results in a requirement for federal response assistance.

FIELD ASSESSMENT TEAM (FAST) - A designated team of technical experts from federal, state, and local emergency management organizations that are alerted and deployed to a disaster to augment or supplement state and local jurisdiction assessment capabilities.

FIRE COMMUNICATIONS (FIRECOM) - Statewide mutual aid firefighting frequency used by firefighters of different departments and districts for the command and coordination of fire suppression operations.

FOOD ACCESS CONTROL POINT (FACP) - An access control point established along the food control boundary to ensure that food control measures are maintained. (Synonymous with Food Control Point).

FOREST FIRE - The uncontrolled destruction of forested lands by wildfires caused by natural or human-made events. Wildfires occur primarily in undeveloped areas characterized by forestlands.

FORMALIN - A watery solution of 37 percent formaldehyde.

FULL-SCALE EXERCISE - An activity intended to evaluate the operational capability of emergency management systems in an interactive manner over a substantial period of time. It involves the testing of a major portion of the emergency plan and organizations in a highly stressful environment. It includes the mobilization of personnel and resources to demonstrate coordination and response capabilities. The EOC is activated and field command posts may be established. A full-scale exercise is always formally evaluated.

FUNCTIONAL EXERCISE - An activity designed to test or evaluate the capability of individual or multiple emergency management functions. It is more complex than a tabletop exercise in that activities are usually under time constraints and are followed by an evaluation or critique. It usually takes place in some type of coordination or operating center. The use of outside resources is often simulated. No field units are used.

GAMMA RADIATION - High-energy electromagnetic radiation emitted by nuclei during nuclear reactions or radioactive decay. These rays have high energy and a short wave length. Shielding against gamma radiation requires thick layers of dense materials, such as lead. Gamma rays or radiation are potentially lethal to humans, depending of the intensity of the flux.

GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (GAR) - The person empowered by the Governor to execute, on behalf of the state, all necessary documents for disaster assistance.

G-SERIES NERVE AGENTS - Chemical agents of moderate to high toxicity developed in the 1930's. Examples are tabun (GA), sarin (GB), soman (GD), and GF.

HAZARD MITIGATION GRANT PROGRAM - A program authorized under Section 404 of the Stafford Act, which provides funding for hazard mitigation projects that are cost effective and complement existing post-disaster mitigation programs and activities by providing funding for beneficial mitigation measures that are not funded through other programs.

HEMORRHAGIC - Pertaining to or marked by an abnormal, severe internal or external discharge of blood.

HOSPITAL EMERGENCY ADMINISTRATIVE RADIO (HEAR) - Radio frequency for communications between emergency medical responders.

INCAPACITATING AGENTS - Produce temporary physiological and/or mental effects via action on the central nervous system. Effects may persist for hours or days and victims usually do not require medical treatment; however, such treatment does speed recovery.

VOMITING AGENTS - Produce nausea and vomiting effects, can also cause coughing sneezing, pain in the nose and throat, nasal discharge, and tears.

TEAR (riot control agents) - Produce irritating or disabling effects that rapidly disappear within minutes after exposure ceases.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM DEPRESSANTS - Compounds that have the predominant effect of depressing or blocking the activity of the central nervous system. The primary mental effects include the disruption of the ability to think, sedation, and lack of motivation.

CENTRAL NERVOUS SYSTEM STIMULANTS - Compounds that have the predominant effect of flooding the brain with too much information. The primary mental effect is loss of concentration, causing indecisiveness and the inability to act in a sustained, purposeful manner.

INCIDENCE – Frequency of disease occurrence.

INCIDENT - An occurrence or event, either human-caused or natural phenomena, that requires action by emergency services personnel to prevent or minimize loss of life or damage to property and/or the environment.

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM (ICS) - An all-hazards, on-scene functional management system that establishes common standards in organization, terminology, and procedures, provides a means (unified command) for the establishment of a common set of incident objectives and strategies during multi-agency/multi-jurisdiction operations while maintaining individual agency/jurisdiction authority, responsibility, and accountability, and which is a component of the National Interagency Incident Management Systems (NIMS).

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE (IA) - Supplementary federal assistance available under the Stafford Act to individuals, families, and businesses which includes disaster housing assistance, unemployment assistance, grants, loans, legal services, crisis counseling, tax relief, and other services or relief programs (see Individual and Family Grant Program below).

INDIVIDUAL ASSISTANCE OFFICER (IAO) - The individual who, under the direction of the Federal Coordinating Officer monitors the Individual Assistance programs of all agencies, and reports to the Federal Coordinating Officer on the total effectiveness of the Individual Assistance effort.

INDIVIDUAL AND FAMILY GRANT (IFG) PROGRAM - The program authorized under Section 411 of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act for the purpose of making grants to individuals and families whose disaster-related serious needs or necessary expenses cannot be satisfied by any other federal, state, or volunteer program. The grant program is normally seventy five percent federally funded and twenty five percent state funded. The state administers the program.

INDUSTRIAL AGENTS - Chemicals developed or manufactured for use in industrial operations or research by industry, government, or academia. These chemicals are not manufactured, primarily, for the specific purpose of producing human casualties or rendering equipment, facilities, or areas dangerous for use by man. Hydrogen cyanide, cyanogen chloride, phosgene, chlorine, chloropicrin, and many herbicides and pesticides are industrial chemicals that also can be chemical agents.

INFECTIOUS - Capable of being transmitted with or without contact. Pertaining to a disease caused by a microorganism. Producing infection.

INGESTION - The process of taking material (particularly food) into the gastrointestinal tract or the process by which a cell takes in foreign particles.

INHALATION - The act of drawing breath, vapor, or gas into the lungs.

INTERFACE AREA - The area where residences are built in proximity to the flammable fuels naturally found in wildland areas, such as forests, prairies, hillsides and valleys.

INTERFACE FIRE - Fire that threatens or burns the interface area. Fire affecting both wildland areas and homes.

INTERMIX FIRE - Fire that threatens or has caused damage in areas containing both forestlands and structures.

IRRADIATION - Exposure to neutrons in a nuclear reactor or more generally, exposure to any source of radiation.

IONIZING RADIATION - Any radiation displacing electrons from atoms or molecules, thereby producing ions. Examples: alpha, beta, gamma radiation, X-ray or short-wave ultraviolet light. Ionizing radiation may produce severe skin or tissue damage.

JOINT INFORMATION CENTER (JIC) - A facility that may be used by affected utilities, state agencies, counties, local jurisdictions, and/or federal agencies to jointly coordinate the public information function during all hazards incidents.

LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE - See SEARCH AND RESCUE.

LAW ENFORCEMENT RADIO NETWORK (LERN) - Statewide law enforcement mutual aid frequency controlled by the Washington State Police Chiefs Association and Washington State Patrol.

LESION - An injury or wound. A single infected patch in a skin disease.

LIQUID AGENT - A chemical agent that appears to be an oily film or droplets. The color ranges from clear to brownish amber.

LOCAL DIRECTOR - The director or designee of a county or municipal emergency management agency jurisdiction.

LOCAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY - The emergency management or emergency services organization of a political subdivision of the state established in accordance with RCW 38.52.070.

LOCAL EMERGENCY PLANNING COMMITTEE (LEPC) - The planning body designated by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Title III legislation as the planning body for preparing local hazardous materials plans.

LYMPHATIC - Of or pertaining to the alkaline fluid found in the lymphatic vessels

MAJOR DISASTER - As defined in federal law, is any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, or other technological or human caused catastrophe in any part of the United States which, in the determination of the President, causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance... in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

MEDICAL EMERGENCY DELIVERY NETWORK (MEDNET) - Dedicated two-way Ultra High Frequency (UHF) radio system to provide communications between emergency medical responders and hospitals.

MILITARY DEPARTMENT - Refers to the Emergency Management Division, the Army and Air National Guard, and Support Services.

MISSION - A distinct assignment of personnel and equipment to achieve a set of tasks related to an incident, emergency, disaster, catastrophe, or search and rescue operations that occurs under the direction and control of an authorized official.

MITIGATION - Actions taken to eliminate or reduce the degree of long-term risk to human life, property, and the environment from natural and technological hazards. Mitigation assumes our communities are exposed to risks whether or not an emergency occurs. Mitigation measures include but are not limited to: building codes, disaster insurance, hazard information systems, land use management, hazard analysis, land acquisition, monitoring and inspection, public education, research, relocation, risk mapping, safety codes, statues and ordinances, tax incentives and disincentives, equipment or computer tie downs, and stockpiling emergency supplies.

MORBIDITY - State of being diseased. The number of sick persons or cases of disease in relationship to a specific population.

MORTALITY - The condition of being mortal. The death rate; the ratio of the number of deaths to a given population.

NATIONAL WARNING SYSTEM (NAWAS) - The federal portion of the Civil Defense Warning System, used for the dissemination of warnings and other emergency information from the Federal Emergency Management Agency National or Regional Warning Centers to Warning Points in each state. Also used by the State Warning Points to disseminate information to local Primary Warning Points. Provides warning information to state and local jurisdictions concerning severe weather, earthquake, flooding, and other activities affecting public safety.

NEBULIZER - A device for producing a fine spray or aerosol.

NEUROLOGIC - Adjective relating to the branch of medicine that deals with the nervous system and its diseases.

NEUROMUSCULAR - Concerning both nerves and muscles

NEUROTOXIN - A substance that attacks nerve cells.

NIMS - National Incident Management System. A system mandated by HSPD-5 that provides a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, state, local and tribal governments, private sector and non-governmental organization to work effectively and efficiently to prepared for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents regardless of cause, size, complexity.

NON-PERSISTENT AGENT - An agent that, upon release, loses its ability to cause casualties after 10-to-15 minutes. It has a high evaporation rate and is lighter than air and will disperse rapidly. It is considered to be a short-term hazard. However, in small and unventilated areas, the agent will be more persistent.

ON-SCENE COMMAND AND COORDINATION RADIO (OSCCR) - A frequency used by “on-scene” emergency responders of different agencies for command and coordination of an incident or emergency, according to a joint Military Department, Emergency Management Division and Association of Police Communications Officers (APCO) agreement.

ORGANIC ASSETS/RESOURCES – Those assets or resources that are normally part of an organization by structure, by function, or by use. Example: Buses are organic resources of Island Transit.

ORGANO-PHOROUS COMPOUND - A compound, containing the elements phosphorus and carbon, whose physiological effects include the inhibition of neurotransmitters. Many pesticides (malathion and parathion) and virtually all nerve agents are organo-phosphorous compounds.

PATHOGEN - Any organism (usually living) capable of producing serious disease or death, such as bacteria, fungi, and viruses.

PATHOGENIC AGENTS - Biological agents capable of causing serious disease.

PERSISTENT AGENT - An agent that upon release retains its causality-producing effects for an extended period of time, usually anywhere from 30 minutes to several days. A persistent agent usually has a low evaporation rate and its vapor is heavier than air. Therefore, its vapor cloud tends to hug the ground. It is considered to be a long-term hazard. Although inhalation hazards are still a concern, extreme caution should be taken to avoid skin contact as well.

PLAGUE - A disease caused by *Yersinia pestis*, which is usually transmitted occupationally or recreationally to humans through the bite of infected fleas but may also be disseminated by aerosol. Can result in three clinical forms Bubonic, Septicemic or Pneumonic with the later being the most common result of a bioterrorist event. Pneumonic plague is characterized by sudden onset of fever, headache, fatigue, muscle aches and cough progressing to pneumonia, respiratory distress and death, if untreated. Treatment with appropriate, sensitive antibiotics is necessary.

PLUME - Airborne material spreading from a particular source; the dispersal of particles, gases, vapors, and aerosols into the atmosphere.

POINT-SOURCE DELIVERY SYSTEM - A delivery system in which the biological agent is dispersed from a stationary position. This delivery method results in coverage over a smaller area than with the line-source system. (See also "Line-Source Deliver System.")

PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (PDA) - The joint local, state, and federal analysis of damage that has occurred during a disaster and which may result in a Presidential declaration of disaster. The PDA is documented through surveys, photographs, and other written information.

PRELIMINARY DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TEAM - An ad hoc group that comes together after a disaster whose main purpose is to determine the level of disaster declaration that is warranted. The team usually consists of federal, state, and local representatives to do an initial damage evaluation to sites damaged.

PREPAREDNESS - Actions taken in advance of an emergency to develop operational capabilities and facilitate an effective response in the event an emergency occurs. Preparedness measures include but are not limited to: continuity of government, emergency alert systems, emergency communications, emergency operations centers, emergency operations plans, emergency public information materials, exercise of plans, mutual aid agreements, resource management, training response personnel, and warning systems.

PRESIDENTIAL DECLARATION - Formal declaration by the President that an Emergency or Major Disaster exists, based upon the request for such a declaration by the Governor and with the verification of Federal Emergency Management Agency preliminary damage assessments.

PRIMARY AGENCY - A county agency or agency assigned primary responsibility to manage and coordinate a specific ESF. Primary agencies are designated on the basis of who has the most authorities, resources, capabilities, or expertise relative to accomplishment of the specific Emergency Support Function (ESF) with assistance, if requested, from the county EOC. An example of a primary agency is the Island Transit for ESF 1, Transportation.

PROJECT WORKSHEET - Detailed record of an on-site inspection of disaster damage caused to property of the county, state, and local jurisdictions.

PROJECT WORKSHEET TEAMS - Teams of federal, state, and local jurisdiction experts, typically architects or engineers who conduct detailed on-site inspections, of disaster damage caused to property of county, state and local jurisdictions. The team determines costs and categories of repair work needed for damages offered. The results are used in the preparation of Project Worksheets. Commonly used in conjunction with Presidential Disaster Declaration.

PROPHYLAXIS - Observance of rules necessary to prevent disease. Protective treatment for or prevention of disease.

PROTECTION - Any means by which an individual protects their body. Measures include masks, self-contained breathing apparatuses, clothing, structures such as buildings, and vehicles.

PROTECTIVE ACTION DECISION (PAD) - An action or measure taken by public officials to prevent or minimize radiological or chemical exposures to people.

PROTECTIVE ACTION RECOMMENDATION (PAR) - A recommendation based on technical scientific data for public officials to use in forming a decision to prevent or minimize the contamination of people and foodstuffs.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE (PA) - Supplementary federal assistance provided under the Stafford Act to state and local jurisdictions, special purpose districts, Native Americans, or eligible private, nonprofit organizations.

PUBLIC ASSISTANCE OFFICER (PAO) - A member of the Federal Emergency Management Agency Regional Director's staff who is responsible for management of the Public Assistance Program.

PULMONARY - Concerning or involving the lungs.

Q FEVER - A disease caused by the rickettsia *Coxiella burnedi* that is characterized by fever, malaise, and muscular pains. The average incubation period is 2 to 3 weeks but may be less depending on the dose. Q-fever is rarely transmitted from person to person. Antibiotics are necessary for treatment.

RADIO AMATEUR CIVIL EMERGENCY SERVICES (RACES) - Licensed amateur radio operators who support state and local jurisdictions during emergencies or disasters.

RADIOGRAPHIC - Adjective relating to the process of producing an image on a radiosensitive surface like photographic film with radiation other than visible light, especially by x-rays passed through an object.

RADIOLOGICAL CONTAMINATION - Radioactive material deposited on the surface of structures, areas, objects, or persons following a release of any radioactive material.

RADIOLOGICAL COUNTERMEASURES - Protective actions to reduce the effects of any nuclear incident, including fallout, upon the population. Example: decontamination.

RADIOLOGICAL MONITOR (RM) - An individual trained to measure, record, and report radiation exposure and exposure rates, and to provide limited field guidance on radiation hazards.

RADIOLOGICAL RESPONSE TEAM (RRT) - A community-based radiological defense cadre consisting of members from the community emergency services, vital facilities, and essential services. This cadre, trained and exercised on an on-going basis, forms a baseline radiological defense capability which can be used for surge training and to assist in the rapid build up of community radiological defense capability during an increased readiness period. The Radiological Response Team may be used to respond to peacetime radiological accidents such as transportation and nuclear power plant accidents.

RECOVERY

a. Activity to return vital life support systems to minimum operating standards and long-term activity designed to return life to normal or improved levels, including some form of economic viability. Recovery measures include, but are not limited to, crisis counseling, damage assessment, debris clearance, decontamination, disaster application centers, disaster insurance payments, disaster loans and grants, disaster unemployment assistance, public information, reassessment of emergency plans, reconstruction, temporary housing, and full-scale business resumption.

b. The extrication, packaging, and transport of the body of a person killed in a search and rescue incident.

RECOVERY and RESTORATION TASK FORCE (RRTF) - In the wake of a catastrophic disaster, the Governor may direct the formation of the RRTF. Its purpose is to guide, recommend and coordinate efforts to restore normalcy to areas adversely impacted by the disaster. The RRTF will determine the extent of economic impacts on citizens, businesses, as well as the ecological impacts on land and property.

RECOVERY RESOURCE GROUP (RRG) – The group constituted by the Governor, at the request of the senior locally elected official, to assist with recovery activities for the Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program. The RRG will be chaired by the senior locally elected official or designee and composed of a representative from the local jurisdiction, state, and federal governments. The group will coordinate recovery activities of the members' respective government and provide advice to the chairperson on recovery issues.

REMOTE PICK-UP UNIT (RPU) - A radio transmitter and receiver used in conjunction with Emergency Alert System to provide communications between the Primary Emergency Alert System (EAS) station and the local emergency operations center.

RESCUE COORDINATION CENTER (RCC)

- a. (Federal) - A unit responsible for promoting efficient organization of search and rescue services and coordinating conduct of search and rescue operations within a search and rescue region (National Search and Rescue Plan).
- b. (State) - An extension of the state Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activated in an emergency or disaster to support local search and rescue operations by coordinating the state, out-of-state, and federal search and rescue resources responding to the incident. The RCC may be co-located with the EOC or deployed to a location in the proximity of the incident site.

RESPONSE - Actions taken immediately before, during, or directly after an emergency occurs, to save lives, minimize damage to property and the environment, and enhance the effectiveness of recovery. Response measures include, but are not limited to, emergency plan activation, emergency alert system activation, emergency instructions to the public, emergency medical assistance, staffing the emergency operations center, public official alerting, reception and care, shelter and evacuation, search and rescue, resource mobilization, and warning systems activation.

ROBERT T. STAFFORD DISASTER RELIEF AND EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE ACT (Public Law 93-288, as amended) - The act that authorizes the greatest single source of federal disaster assistance. It authorizes coordination of the activities of federal, state, and volunteer agencies operating under their own authorities in providing disaster assistance, provision of direct federal assistance as necessary, and provision of financial grants to state and local jurisdictions as well as a separate program of financial grants to individuals and families. This act is commonly referred to as the Stafford Act.

ROENTGEN MAN EQUIVALENT (REM) - The unit of exposure expressed as dose equivalent. The amount of ionizing radiation needed to produce the same biological effect as one roentgen of high-penetration x-rays.

ROUTE OF EXPOSURE (Entry) - The path by which a person comes into contact with an agent or organism; for example, through breathing, digestion, or skin contact.

SEARCH AND RESCUE - The act of searching for, rescuing, or recovering by means of ground, marine, or air activity any person who becomes lost, injured, or is killed while outdoors or as a result of a natural or human-caused event, including instances of searching for downed aircraft when ground personnel are used. Includes **DISASTER, URBAN, and WILDLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE**. Also referred to as **LAND SEARCH AND RESCUE** to differentiate from **AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE**.

SPILL RESPONSE - All actions taken in carrying out the Washington State Department of Ecology's responsibilities to spills of hazardous materials, e.g. receiving and making notifications, information gathering and technical advisory phone calls, preparation for and travel to and from spill sites, direction of clean-up activities, damage assessment, report writing, enforcement investigations and actions, cost recovery, and program development.

SPORE - A reproductive form some microorganisms can take to become resistant to

environmental conditions, such as extreme heat or cold, while in a “resting stage.”

STATE COORDINATING OFFICER (SCO) - The individual appointed by the Governor to act in cooperation with the Federal Coordinating Officer to administer disaster recovery efforts. The SCO may also function as the Disaster Recovery Manager and as the Governor’s Authorized Representative.

SUPPORT AGENCY - An agency designated to assist a specific primary or joint primary agency with available resources, capabilities, or expertise in support of Emergency Support Function (ESF) activities under the coordination of the primary or joint primary, agency. An example of a support agency is the Department of Agriculture for ESF 8 - Health and Medical Services.

SYNDROME - A group of symptoms and signs of disordered function related to one another by means of some anatomical, physiological, or biochemical peculiarity. Provides a frame of reference for investigating an illness.

TABLETOP EXERCISE - An activity in which officials and key staff or others with emergency responsibilities are gathered together informally to discuss simulated emergency situations. It is designed to elicit constructive discussion by the participants without time constraints. Participants evaluate plans and procedures and resolve questions of coordination and assignment of responsibilities in a non-threatening format under minimum stress.

TERRORISM - The unlawful use of force or violence committed by an individual or group against persons or property in order to intimidate or coerce a government, the civilian population, or any segment thereof in furtherance of political or social objectives.

TITLE III - Public Law 99-499, Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986, Title III, Emergency Planning Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA), requires the establishment of state and local planning organizations, State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) - a subcommittee of the Emergency Management Council -, and Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPCs) to conduct emergency planning for hazardous materials incidents. It requires (1) site-specific planning for extremely hazardous substances, (2) participation in the planning process by facilities storing or using hazardous substances, and (3) notifications to the commission or committee of releases of specified hazardous substances. It also provides for mechanisms to provide information on hazardous chemicals and emergency plans for hazardous chemical events to the public.

TOXICITY - A measure of the harmful effect produced by a given amount of a toxin on a living organism. The relative toxicity of an agent can be expressed in milligrams of toxin needed per kilogram of body weight to kill experimental animals.

TOXINS - A substance, in some cases produced by disease-causing microorganisms, that is toxic to other living organisms. Numerous organisms including bacteria, fungi, algae, and plants produce toxins. Many toxins are extremely poisonous, with a toxicity that is several orders of magnitude greater than the nerve agents. Since toxins have low volatility, they are dispersed as aerosols and then taken up primarily through inhalation. Some examples of toxins include:

BOTULINUM TOXIN - Produced by the bacterium *Clostridium botulinum* and is one of the most lethal compounds known. There are three forms of botulism – food borne (the classic form), wound, and intestinal (infant and adult) botulism. The site of toxin production is different for each of the forms but all share the flaccid descending paralysis. In its natural form, botulism toxin is most often found in improperly canned or undercooked foods. Ventilatory assistance is required for recovery and if available administration of the botulism antitoxin can aid treatment.

RICIN - A toxin made from the processing of Castor beans for oil. Symptoms of ricin poisoning would result about 3 hours after exposure through inhaling, ingesting or injecting and would cause cough, tightness of the chest, difficulty breathing, nausea and muscle aches. This could progress to death within 36-48 hours from respiratory or circulatory collapse. No vaccine or anti-toxins are available, only supportive treatment.

SAXITOXIN - A potent neurotoxin produced by certain dinoflagellates that accumulates in shellfish feeding on these organisms and consequently causes paralytic shellfish poisoning in human beings who eat the contaminated shellfish. Development of this illness is extremely rapid with initial symptoms such as numbness or tingling in the lips, tongue and fingertips followed by a general lack of muscle coordination. At high doses death from respiratory paralysis may occur within less than 15 minutes.

TRAINING EVENT - A planned, non-emergency activity for the development, maintenance, or upgrading of emergency worker skills.

TRIAGE - The screening and classification of sick, wounded, or injured persons during disasters to determine priority needs for the efficient use of medical and nursing personnel, equipment, and facilities. Triage is also done in emergency rooms and acute care clinics to determine priority of treatment. The use of triage is essential to save the maximum number of lives specifically during an emergency situation that produces many more sick and wounded individuals than the available medical care facilities and personnel can handle.

TULAREMIA - A disease caused by the bacterium *Francisella tularensis* that is characterized by an abrupt onset of fever, chills, headaches, muscle aches and non-productive cough. The average incubation period is 3 to 5 days but can range from 1 to 21 days. Tularemia is usually transmitted occupationally to humans through infected animals, animal products or tick bites. Tularemia is not transmitted from person to person. Antibiotics are necessary for treatment.

UNPROTECTED LANDS - Lands that are not protected by any fire suppression agency. (There is private property that does not have fire protection from rural fire districts, but does have protection from the Department of Natural Resources. This protection is for wildland and forest fires and not for protection of structures.)

URANIUM DIOXIDE - The chemical form of Uranium that is most commonly used in power reactors. Also known as “Brown Oxide,” even though it is nearly black when pressed into pellets.

URBAN FIRE - Fire that is primarily found within the boundaries or limits of a city.

URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE (USR) - Locating, extricating, and providing for the immediate medical treatment of victims trapped in collapsed or damaged structures.

VACCINE - A preparation of killed or weakened microorganism products used to artificially induce immunity against a disease.

VAPOR AGENT - A gaseous form of a chemical agent. If heavier than air, the cloud will be close to the ground. If lighter than air the cloud will rise and disperse more quickly.

VENOM - A poison produced in the glands of some animals such as snakes, scorpions, and bees.

VESICLE - A blister-like, small elevation on the skin containing fluid or a small sac or bladder containing fluid. Vesicles may vary in diameter from a few millimeters to a centimeter. They may be round, transparent, opaque, or dark elevations of the skin.

VIRUS - An infectious microorganism that exists as a particle rather than as a complete cell. Particle sizes range from 20 to 400 nanometers (one billionth of a meter). Viruses are not capable of reproducing outside of a host cell. Some examples include:

HEMORRHAGIC FEVER - Any of a diverse group of diseases characterized by a sudden onset of fever, aching, bleeding in the internal organs, petechiae, and shock. They include Ebola, Lassa, and Marburg viruses.

SMALLPOX - An acute, highly contagious, sometimes fatal, disease caused by Variola Major Virus. Symptoms include a high fever and successive stages of severe widespread skin eruptions (papules) that eventually blister, suppurate, and form pockmarks. Smallpox can be spread by direct contact or through the airborne route.

VENEZUELAN EQUINE ENCEPHALITIS (VEE) - VEE is a mosquito-borne arbovirus. In nature, VEE infects animals and is transmitted to humans through mosquitoes that have fed on the infected animals. The disease is characterized by sudden onset of headache, chills and fever, nausea and vomiting, muscle and bone aches, and encephalitis occurring in a very small portion of cases.

V-SERIES NERVE AGENTS - Chemical agents of moderate to high toxicity developed in the 1950s. They are generally persistent. Examples are VE, VG, VM, VS, and VX.

VOLATILITY - A measure of how readily a substance will vaporize.

WASHINGTON STATE EMERGENCY INFORMATION CENTER (WEIC) - State level emergency public information may be established, provided to media and public, and managed through the WEIC, which is a part of the Washington State Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

WEAPON OF MASS DESTRUCTION (WMD) (TITLE 18 USC, SECTION 2332a) - Any weapon or device that is intended or has the capability to cause death or serious bodily injury to a significant number of people through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic or poisonous chemicals or their precursors; a disease organism; or radiation or radioactivity. Any explosive, incendiary, or poison gas, bomb, grenade, rocket having a propellant charge of more than four ounces, missile having an explosive or incendiary charge of more than one-quarter ounce, mine or device similar to the above; poison gas; any weapon that is designed to release radiation or radioactivity at a level dangerous to life.

WILDLAND FIRE - Fire that occurs in wildland areas made up of sagebrush, grasses, or other similar flammable vegetation.

WILDLAND SEARCH AND RESCUE - Search and rescue conducted in wildland areas. Due to the increasing wildland urban interface, wildland search and rescue strategy and tactics may also be employed for subjects lost or missing in urban or suburban areas. See **SEARCH AND RESCUE**, **DISASTER SEARCH AND RESCUE**, and **URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE**.

WIND (DF) MESSAGES - Weather information concerning wind direction and speed. The information would be used for fallout forecasting.

ACRONYMNS

AA	Additional Assistance (Red Cross)
ACCESS	A Central Computerized Enforcement Service System
ACP	Access Control Point
ADA	Americans with Disabilities Act
ALS	Advanced Life Support
APHIS	Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services (USDA)
ANRC	American National Red Cross
ARC	American Red Cross
ARES	Amateur Radio Emergency System
AVIC	Area Veterinary In Charge (USDA)
BLS	Basic Life Support
BOCC	Board of County Commissioners
CAEC	County Animal Emergency Coordinator
CAIRA	Chemical Accident/Incident Response and Assistance
CAMEO	Computer Aided Management for Emergency Operations
CEMP	Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
CFR	Code of Federal Regulation
DEM	Department of Emergency Management
DFO	Disaster Field Office
DNR	Washington State Department of Natural Resources
DOD	US Department of Defense

DRAC	Disaster recovery Assistance Center
DRC	Disaster Recovery Center
DRM	Disaster Recovery Manager
EAS	Emergency Alert System
EMD	Washington State Emergency Management Division
EMS	Emergency Medical Services
EMT	Emergency Medical Technician
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOD	Explosive Ordnance Disposal
EOP	Emergency Operating Procedures
EPA	Environmental Protection Plan
EPC	Emergency Processing Center
ESF	Emergency Support Function
EWAC	Emergency Worker Assistance Center
FACP	Food Access Control Point
FAST	Federal Assessment Team
FCO	Federal Coordinating Officer
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FIPS	Federal Information Processing Standards
FIRECOM	Fire Communications
FRP	Federal Response Plan
GA	Washington State Department of General Administration
GAR	Governor's Authorized Representative
GSA	General Services Administration
HF	Statewide Emergency Communications System
HIVA	Hazard Identification and Vulnerability Assessment
HMS	Hazard Mitigation Strategy
HSPD-5	Homeland Security Presidential Directive -5
IA	Individual Assistance
IAO	Individual Assistance Officer
IC	Incident Commander
IFGP	Individual and Family Grant Program
ICS	Incident Command System
ICOM	Island Communications
JIC	Joint Information Center
JTF	Joint Task Force
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee
LERN	Law Enforcement Radio Network
LNO	Liaison Officer

MAA	Mutual Assistance Agreement
MEDNET	Medical Emergency Delivery Network
NAWAS	National Warning System
NFIRS	National Fire Incident Reporting System
NRP	National Response Plan
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NWACP	Northwest Area Contingency Plan
OFA	Office of Family Assistance
OSC	On-Scene Coordinator
OSCCR	On-Scene Command and Coordination Radio
PA	Public Assistance
PAD	Protective Action Decision
PAO	Public Affairs Officer
PAO	Public Assistance Officer
PAR	Protective Action Recommendation
PAZ	Protective Action Zone
PDA	Preliminary Damage Assessment
PHS	Public Health Services
PIO	Public Information Officer
POE	Point of Entry
PSAP	Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1)
PW	Project Worksheet
RACES	Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
RCC	Rescue Coordination Center
RCW	Revised Code of Washington
REM	Roentgen Man Equivalent
ReVAC	Regional Veterinary Activities Commander
RM	Radio Monitor
ROC	Regional Response Center (FEMA)
RPU	Remote Pick-Up Unit
RRG	Recovery Resource Group
RRT	Radiological Response Team
RRTF	Washington State Recovery and Restoration Task Force
SAR	Search and Rescue
SARA	Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act
SCO	State Coordinating Officer
SEPA	State Environmental Policy Act
SLA	State and Local Assistance

TANF	Temporary Assistance to Needy Families
TBD	To Be Determined
TBP	To Be Published
UC	Unified Command
UHF	Ultra High Frequency
US&R	Urban Search and Rescue
WAC	Washington Administrative Code
WEIC	Washington Emergency Information Center
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction
WNG	Washington National Guard
WSP	Washington State Patrol
WSDOT	Washington State Department of Transportation
WUTC	Washington Utilities and Transportation Commission