



Department of Emergency Management

Overview

July 29, 2015



Mission Statement

“...Develop, prepare and, under disaster or emergency situations, assist in the implementation of emergency management plans and programs to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the city.”

Section 6-103
City Charter



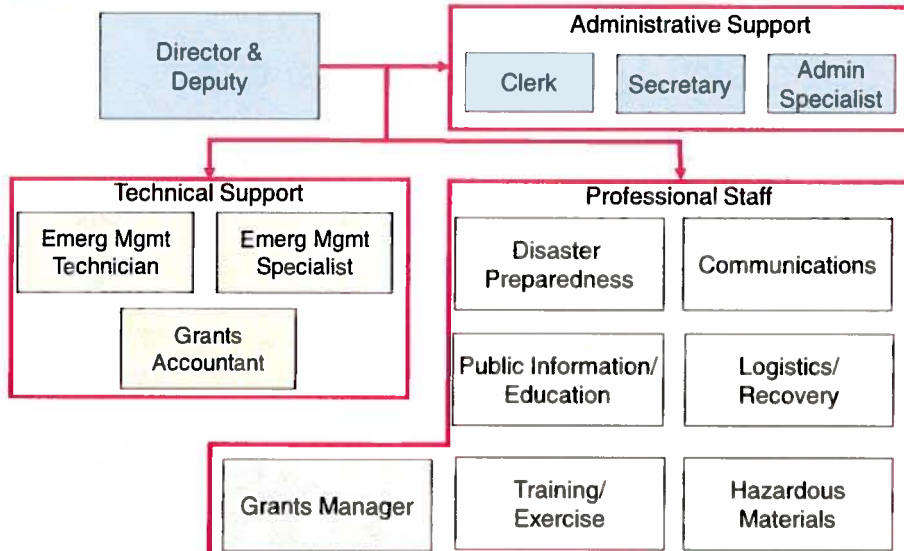


Key Functions

- Maintain City's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Provide direction and control
- Alert and warn populace
- Provide emergency public information
- Ensure continuity of government
- Assist in managing resources
- Identify, coordinate, and provide shelters
- Evacuate affected population
- Coordinate recovery
- Manage hazardous materials programs
- Train and educate responders
- Educate general population
- Conduct tests and exercises



DEM Organization





Recommendations

(1 of 2)

- Section 6-103 needs further revision due to updated Hawaii State Law
- When DEM reorganized in 2007, HRS still referred to “civil defense” as a function
- HRS§127A-5 updated the term “civil defense” with “emergency management” in 2014

Section 6-103. Department of Emergency Management -- There shall be a department of emergency management headed by a director of emergency management who shall be appointed and may be removed by the mayor in accordance with law. The director of emergency management shall: (a) Develop, prepare and, under disaster or emergency situations, assist in the implementation of [civil defense] emergency management plans and programs to protect and promote the public health, safety and welfare of the people of the city. (b) Coordinate the [civil defense] emergency management and emergency preparedness activities and functions of the city with those of the state and federal governments and other public or private organizations for [civil defense] emergency management within the state. (1998 General Election Charter Amendment Question No. 3(III), section and subsequent sections renumbered; 2007 Reorganization)



Recommendations

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- Oahu Civil Defense Agency → Dept of Emergency Management
- Reorganized 2007, charter commission revised Section 6-103
- Section 6-104 never revised:

Section 6-104. Citizens Advisory Commission on [Civil Defense] Emergency Management -- There shall be a citizens advisory commission on [civil defense] emergency management which shall consist of five members. The commission shall advise the mayor, the council, and the [civil defense administrator] director of emergency management on matters pertaining to [civil defense] emergency management, and to the promotion of community understanding and interest in such matters. The commission shall be governed by the provisions of Section 13-103 of this charter.

