

# AN INTRODUCTION TO EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Under the Michigan Emergency Management Act, the City of Ann Arbor has established an emergency management program responsible for coordinating disaster mitigation, preparation, response and recovery. Several programs are currently underway in the City of Ann Arbor to support this mission including projects that enhance Homeland Security, severe weather tracking and warning, and hazardous materials accident response capabilities...just to name a few.

The City of Ann Arbor has adopted the National Incident Management System (“NIMS”) and participates in both the Emergency Management Performance Grant program administered by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (“FEMA”) and the Homeland Security Grant Program administered by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (“DHS”). Here are a few of the key components:

- Emergency Action Guidelines have been established for each key discipline (Fire & HazMat, Public Health, Public Information, etc.) that describes the overall role and responsibility for each section of government during a crisis
- An Emergency Operations Center has been established to coordinate disaster response activities including public information and resource management during any significant emergency
- An Emergency Management Director, staff, and on-call Operations Officers from each key area of government have been appointed to coordinate Ann Arbor’s mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities

## ABOUT THIS BOOK

This booklet was developed in conjunction with the City of Ann Arbor Local Planning Team to provide you with the basic information needed to help you prepare for the next community emergency. It provides information that you need to become self-reliant during a disaster by helping you understand your risks, the systems that are already in place to keep you informed, and a section that helps you to create a personalized Family Emergency Action Plan.

If you still have any questions about disaster preparedness after reading this booklet, please contact the Office of Emergency Management.

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