

State of Preparedness Executive Order

An Overview to NEMA-ASTHO-GHSAC Joint Policy
Work Group



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A state of preparedness...

1. Provides a proactive communications tool for the public,
2. Adds flexibility and scalability to response,
3. Authorizes MDEM to direct activities while
4. Directing state departments to provide staff and resources, and
5. Works for planned special events and long-term incidents.



The State of Maryland

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EXECUTIVE ORDER

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State of Preparedness

WHEREAS

The State of Maryland faces significant hazards and threats constituting emergencies that require a coordinated, collaborative effort across State agencies to effectively protect communities ahead of any potential impact, mitigate damage, prepare, respond, and coordinate recovery;

WHEREAS

Maryland Code, Public Safety Article, § 14-102, authorizes a comprehensive emergency management system that empowers all

State of Preparedness vs. State of Emergency

	State of Preparedness	State of Emergency
Purpose	Proactive	Actual disaster or imminent threat
Timing	Pre-event	Immediately before, during, after
Government Response	Preventive actions	Emergency powers
Authority	Executive order supported by law	Law in PS article, Title 14
Flexibility	Phased	Immediate action
Resource Activation	Direct coordination, collaboration	Powers that compel resource, movement, evacuation
Communications	Ready...set...	go!

Use Cases

- Potential Threats
 - Weather
 - Public health
- Heightened security risks
- Special events

What it can't do...

- EMAC Authority
- Completely replace a State of Emergency



The mission of the Maryland Department of Emergency Management is to proactively reduce disaster risks and reliably manage consequences through collaborative work with Maryland's communities and partners.

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