

Local Government Responsibilities

- ▶ Identifying hazards and assessing their potential risk to the community.
- ▶ Determining the community's capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies.
- ▶ Identifying and employing methods to improve the community's emergency management capability through efficient use of resources, improved coordination, and cooperation with other communities and with the State and Federal governments.
- ▶ Establishing mitigation measures such as building codes, zoning ordinances, or land-use management programs.
- ▶ Developing and coordinating preparedness plans.
- ▶ Establishing warning systems.
- ▶ Stocking emergency supplies and equipment.
- ▶ Educating the public and training emergency personnel.
- ▶ Assessing damage caused by the emergency.
- ▶ Activating response plans and rescue operations.
- ▶ Ensuring that shelter and medical assistance are provided.
- ▶ Recovering from the emergency and helping citizens return to normal life as soon as possible.