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# LA Emergency Preparedness Foundation



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## *Building Community Resilience*

2019

The Los Angeles Emergency Preparedness Foundation (LAEPF) maintains a primary focus on community resilience and collaboration across stakeholder sectors in the Los Angeles region. LAEPF works closely with the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department in the development and delivery of like-minded community preparedness, resilience, and response programs.

The following report provides a high-level overview of some of the accomplishments of LAEPF in 2018. We thank Aram Sahakian and the members of the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department for their outstanding support and contribution to community preparedness.

### **Business Operations Center (BOC)**

#### Sectors:

The Business Operations Center (BOC) located inside the City of Los Angeles Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves as a hub for Los Angeles City partners to coordinate disaster preparedness, response and recovery activities, co-located with the EOC itself. The BOC coordinates 15 sectors, each being represented by trained volunteers working for organizations in that sector. Volunteers complete the same EOC training as City staff, and the room is run based on the same ICS principles. The sectors are:

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|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. Academic                           | 9. Healthcare              |
| 2. Associations-Professional Services | 10. Hospitality            |
| 3. Construction                       | 11. Information Technology |
| 4. Critical Infrastructure            | 12. Manufacturing-Process  |
| 5. Entertainment                      | 13. Non-profits            |
| 6. Faith-based                        | 14. Retail-Commodities     |
| 7. Finance                            | 15. Transportation         |
| 8. Government                         |                            |

#### BOC Sector Growth:

In 2018 LAEPF continued to focus on expanding the number of community stakeholders in the BOC while maintaining existing relationships and participation levels. LAEPF expanded the level of participation from the Oil & Gas, Retail-Commodities, and Hospitality sectors.

- The Oil and Gas sector has been meeting quarterly, in partnership with the Port of LA and City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department. The sector is focusing on

inter-sector communication, identifying priority fuel recipients (such as airports, fire stations, and others), and collaboration for community outreach and messaging. The sector plans to work with CalOES to ensure sector participation in the State's Catastrophic Plan, and to send an attendee to the annual DSCA exercise hosted at the Port of LA.

- Retail-Commodities has begun working with the BOC through the Grocery Association
- The Hospitality sector has been proactive in learning how to assist with small and large incidents in the city, providing housing to affected citizens and staging areas to first responders. They have also been generous in offering space for training and meetings.

### BOC Structure, Guidelines and Communications

#### **BOC Training Development**

Post-Skirball/Creek fire response after-action discussions revealed a need for more focused training of BOC volunteers. BOC volunteer leadership developed training in decision-making and resource request fulfillment, which volunteers attended in addition to EMD's in-house 101 and 201 classes.

#### **BOC Guidelines Evaluation and Update**

The Guidelines document was evaluated using EMD's DOC resource template, and updated based on current technology and deeper understanding of various departments' procedures.

### LAEPF 2018 Major Activities:

#### Resource Tracker App

BOC volunteers began meeting with and demonstrating the Resource Tracker App to interested City Departments, including:

- LAFD
- GSD
- LAPD

#### City of Los Angeles Small Business Initiative

- 20 businesses in 4 bureaus

#### Shelter and Welfare Departments Shower Retrofit Project Support

- Mentorship and assistance in development of project proposal to retrofit seasonal pool locations to include hot water heaters for showers. Stakeholders included Rec & Parks, DOT, and Animal Services Departments.

#### LAFD Fire Station Backup Power Project Support

- Assisted LAFD/DHS leadership in development of long-term project to provide backup power for every fire station in the City of LA, including tertiary power sources for critical communications equipment. Stakeholders included LAFD, DHS, and General Services and Maintenance Departments.

LAEPF continues to welcome the participation of all community stakeholders and sectors as we work together to make Los Angeles a leader in preparedness, collaboration and resiliency.

### 2019 Planned Activities

Note: These programs are in addition to the ongoing growth of the BOC Stakeholder Community Participants, LAEMD and Community Preparedness Support Initiatives

#### State of CA Business Operations Center Coalition

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#### LAEMD Annual EOC Exercise

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#### LA Humanitarian and Community Support Initiative

- The homeless and in-need population living in the Mission District of Los Angeles has continued to expand bringing with increased health, security, financial, social and cultural challenges. LAEPF works with community groups and organizations that support the needs of the homeless and underserved population. LAEPF provides blankets, hats and supplies to over a thousand members of the Mission District community. LAEPF encourages businesses to hire locally and deliver services to help revitalize and strengthen this community

### LA Region Relationships

- LAEPF will continue to build and expand on the relationships with key departments and officials in support of LAEPF's primary mission to support community resilience and LAEMD.

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## Board Meeting Schedule: 2019

### General Board Meeting:

- 2019
- 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Location: Fox Studios, Century City

### General Board Conference Call:

- First week of September
- 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Conference Bridge Line

### General Board Meeting:

- First week of November
- 9:30 AM to 11:30 AM
- Location TBD