

APPENDIX 2

EOC ACTIVATION CRITERIA

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ACTIVATION LEVEL	ACTIVATION DESCRIPTION	ACTIVATION CRITERIA
Level 3 Monitoring	An EOC Level 3 Activation will be initiated by the CEMA AD. This activation level is considered a Monitoring Phase in response to a potential threat. Notifications to local agencies and ESF partners who need to take action will be made by CEMA staff as required. The CEMA DO will serve as the primary monitor of the event.	An event which could impact Chatham County is possible or assistance may be needed in coordinating County resources for an actual event.
Level 2 Partial	An EOC Level 2 Activation will be initiated by the CEMA Director. This activation level is considered a Partial EOC Activation in response to an event where support for response operations exceeds the day-to-day responsibilities of local agencies or when local assistance is required though resource or technical support over extended periods of time. The EOC Level 2 Team and additional EOC positions will be activated as required to meet the demand of the event. Notifications to local agencies and ESF partners who need to take action will be made by CEMA staff as required. The CEMA DO has the responsibility to initiate EOC Level 2 Activations.	An event which could impact Chatham County is imminent and requires additional coordination of resources or an actual event is expected to escalate to a point where EOC coordination efforts are prudently assumed to be anticipated.
Level 1 Full	An EOC Level 1 Activation will be initiated by the CEMA Director. This activation level is considered a Full EOC Activation in response to an actual event having significant impacts over large geographic areas, resource support from a majority of local and state agencies are likely or the results of the event will have significant impacts to response operations of local critical workforce personnel and entities. All EOC positions are staffed and ESF partners are placed in ready status. Formal EOC Structure is in place.	An event which is anticipated to impact or actually occurring in Chatham where local resources and capabilities will be taxed to the point where County-wide, Regional or State resources will be required.

GRADUATED RESPONSE LEVELS AND CONDITIONS

CONDITION TYPE	CONDITION DESCRIPTION	EXAMPLE SITUATION	RESPONSE & NOTIFICATION	FACILITY
Routine or Immediate Emergency	Day-to-Day Activities. Local emergency with responders on scene or on alert.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initial response to emergency events • Structure Fire • Train Incident • Minor Hazmat • Routine Weather 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEMA DO • CEMA AD • CEMA Staff Notified • GEMA FC Notified 	Action from office or other remote location
Level 3 EOC Activation (Monitoring)	Conditions exist which could have adverse impacts to Chatham County or an occurring incident which could possible escalate into a larger event.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe Weather • Weather Watches • Emergency Events with potential to demand greater resources • Events of high profile or political nature 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEMA DO • CEMA AD • CEMA Staff on Stand-by • GEMA FC on Stand-by • Phone Operators (as required) • EMPG Notified • CPG Notified 	Action from office or other remote location. If event warrants additional staffing, actions will be done from the CEMA Office.
Level 2 EOC Activation (Partial)	Level 3 incidents escalate to non-routine emergency with multiple departments and jurisdictions involved. Conditions exist which pose potential adverse impacts to Chatham County and the emergency response community. The event could potentially demand greater resources and require out of area assistance.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Severe Weather • Weather Watches and Warnings • Emergency Events with potential to demand greater resources • Events of high profile or political nature • Large scale emergencies • Tornado Event • Local Flooding • Hazmat Incident • Special Events • Multi Alarm Fire • Isolated Evac and Population Mgmnt 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEMA Staff Activated • EOC Structure Initiated • GEMA FC Stand-by • Phone Operators Activated • EOC Level 2 Team Activated • Additional EOC Position Activated Based on Incident Needs. • EMPG Notified • CPG Notified 	Primary EOC and CEMA Office.
Level 1 EOC Activation (Full)	Assistance from State and other jurisdictions outside Chatham County required. Wide area or local area disaster.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Hurricane Threat • Large Hazmat Incident • Multi-Casualty Incident • Extensive Tornado • Severe Weather Damage & Flooding • Mass Care of large populations 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CEMA Staff Activated • EOC Structure Initiated • GEMA FC Activated • Phone Operators Activated • EOC Positions Activated • CPG Activated • EMPG Activated 	Primary EOC and CEMA Office.