

COMMON EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ACRONYMS

ACRONYM	DEFINITION
AAR	After Action Report
ACM	Asbestos Containing Material
ACS	Alternative Care Site
AEM	Area Emergency Manager
AIS	Automated Information System(s)
ALS	Advanced Life Support
AOD	Administrative Officer of the Day
APIC	Association for Professionals in Infection Control & Epidemiology
ARS	Acute Radiation Syndrome
ASISTS	Automated Safety Incident Surveillance & Tracking System
ASPR	Assistant Secretary for Preparedness and Response
ASTM	American Society of Testing and Materials
AWOL	Absent Without Leave
BETR	Biological Event and Terrorism Readiness
BLS	Basic Life Support
BSL	Biosafety Level
CAHAN	California Health Alert Network
CAP	Corrective Action Program
CBC	Complete Blood Count
CBRNE	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and Explosive
CCP	Common Communications Plan
CDC	Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CDPH	California Department of Public Health
CEM	Comprehensive Emergency Management
CEMP	Comprehensive Emergency Management Program
CERT	Citizen Emergency Response Team



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CIO	Chief Information Officer/Office
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
COS	Chief of Staff
CP	Command Post
CSEPP	Clinical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
CWAD	Clinical Warnings, Alerts and Directives
Decon	Decontamination
DHS	Department of Homeland Security
DMAT	Disaster Medical Assistance Team
DOC	Department Operations Center
DoD	Department of Defense
DPH	Department of Public Health
EC	Environment of Care
EES	Employee Education Service
EM	Emergency Management
EMA	Emergency Management Agency
EMRT	Emergency Medical Response Team
EMS	Emergency Medical Service
EMTALA	Emergency Medical Treatment and Active Labor Act
EOC	Emergency Operations Center
EOD	Explosive Ordinance Disposal
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
EPA	Environmental Protection Agency
EPC	Emergency Preparedness Committee
ER	Emergency Room
ESF	Emergency Support Function

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FBI	Federal Bureau of Investigation
FCC	Facility Command Center
FCC	Federal Coordinating Center
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FRP	Federal Response Plan
GAO	Government Accountability Office
HAZMAT	Hazardous Materials
HAZWOPER	Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response
HCC	Hospital Command Center
HEICS	Hospital Emergency Incident Command System
HEPA	High Efficiency Particulate Air Filter
HERN	Hospital Emergency Radio Network
HHS	Department of Health and Human Services
HICS	Hospital Incident Command System
HIPAA	Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act
HRSA	Health Resources and services Administration
HSPD	Homeland Security Presidential Directive
HVA	Hazard Vulnerability Analysis
HVAC	Heating, Ventilation and Air Conditioning
IAP	Incident Action Plan
IC	Incident Commander
ICS	Incident Command System
IDLH	Immediately Dangerous to Live and Health
IEMS	Integrated Emergency Management System
IM	Incident Manager
IMT	Incident Management Team

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IPG	Incident Planning Guide
IRG	Incident Response Guide
IRM	Information Resources Management
ISO	Information Security Officer
JAS	Job Action Sheets
JC	Joint Commission on Accreditation of Healthcare Organizations
JIS/JIC	Joint Information System/Center
JOC	Joint Operations Center
LEPC	Local Emergency Planning Committee
LIP	Licensed Independent Practitioner
LHD	Local Health Department
LHO	Local Health Officer
LSC	Life Safety Code
MAA	Mutual Aid Agreement
MCI	Mass Casualty Incident
MEM	Military and Emergency Medicine
MHOAC	Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator
MMRS	Metropolitan Medical Response System
MOA	Memorandum of Agreement
MOC	Medical Operations Center
MOU	Memorandum of Understanding
MRC	Medical Reserve Corps
MSDS	Material Safety Data Sheet
NBHP	National Bioterrorism Hospital Preparedness Program
NCEH	National Center for Environmental Health
NCRP	National Council for Radiation Protection and Measures



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NDMS	National Disaster Medical System
NERT	Neighborhood Emergency Response Teams
NHCC	Nursing Home Command Center
NHICS	Nursing Home Incident Command System
NIC	NIMS Integration Center
NIMS	National Incident Management System
NGO	Non-Governmental Organizations
NRF	National Response Framework
NRP	National Response Plan
NSPD	National Security Presidential Directive
NWS	National Weather Service
OR	Operating Room
OSHA	Occupational Safety and Health Administration
PAPR	Positive Air-Purifying Respirator
PAS	Personal Alert System
PCR	Polymerase Chain Reaction
PHS	Public Health Service
PIO	Public Information Officer
PPE	Personal Protective Equipment
PRC	Primary Receiving Center
RA	Risk Assessment
RDMHS	Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialist
REAC/TS	Radiation Emergency Assistance Center/Training Site
REOC	Regional Emergency Operations Center
RERO	Radiological Emergency Response Operations
RESTAT	Resources Status Officer

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RFA	Request for Assistance
RMERT	Regional Medical Emergency Response Team
SARS	Severe Acute Respiratory Syndrome
SCBA	Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus
SEOC	State Emergency Operations Center
SICU	Surgical Intensive Care Unit
SIP	Shelter in Place
SITREP	Situation Report
SITSTAT	Situation Status
SOP	Standard Operating Procedure
WMD	Weapons of Mass Destruction