

California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM)

The California Public Health and Medical Emergency Operations Manual (EOM) is a state document developed for the purpose of establishing a common operational framework in disaster response that strengthens the ability of the Public Health and Medical System to rapidly and effectively respond to emergencies. The EOM establishes a set of common operating procedures that are well understood and used by all organizations involved in the response.

The goal of the EOM is to strengthen coordination within the Public Health and Medical System during unusual events and emergencies that have public health or medical impact. The EOM describes basic roles and activities within the Public Health and Medical System and coordination with the emergency management structure at all levels of California's Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). The EOM supports California's ability to provide assistance to local governments or Operational Areas when disasters overwhelm available resources.

The EOM was developed by a workgroup of representatives and subject matter experts from local emergency medical services agencies (LEMSAs), local health departments (LHDs), local environmental health departments (EHDs), Regional Disaster Medical Health Specialists (RDMHSs), the California Department of Public Health (CDPH), the Emergency Medical Services Authority (EMSA) and the California Office of Emergency Services (CalOES).

The EOM builds on previous efforts to provide guidance on the roles, procedures, and coordination between California's many partners in the Public Health and Medical System. The EOM's foundation was established by the following predecessor documents:

- The California Disaster Medical Operations Manual (CDMOM) issued by EMSA in 2008.
- The Interim California Disaster Health Operations Manual (Interim CDHOM) issued by CDPH and EMSA in 2009.
- The State Emergency Plan (SEP) revised by Cal EMA in 2009. The SEP includes California Emergency Function 8 (CA-EF8), Public Health and Medical, under the leadership of the California Health and Human Services Agency.
- California Health and Safety Code §1797.152 that establishes the Regional Disaster Medical and Health Coordinator (RDMHC).
- California Health and Safety Code §1797.153 that establishes the Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator (MHOAC).

