



National Preparedness Goal, Second Edition - What's New

Preparedness is the shared responsibility of our entire nation. With so many people involved and so much at stake, it is important to establish a common preparedness goal. The first edition of the National Preparedness Goal, released in September 2011, set the vision for preparedness nationwide and identified the core capabilities necessary to achieve that vision across the five mission areas—Prevention, Protection, Mitigation, Response and Recovery. The second edition of the National Preparedness Goal incorporates critical edits identified through real world events, lessons learned and implementation of the National Preparedness System.

The Goal

The National Preparedness Goal continues to define what it means for the whole community to be prepared for all types of disasters and emergencies. The goal itself remains:

“A secure and resilient nation with the capabilities required across the whole community to prevent, protect against, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the threats and hazards that pose the greatest risk.”

These risks include natural hazards such as hurricanes and pandemic influenza, accidental hazards such as dam failures and chemical spills, and manmade threats such as acts of terrorism and cyber attacks.

Changes within the Goal

The refresh of the National Preparedness Goal centered on discrete, critical content updates based on lessons learned, real world events and the results of the National Preparedness Report. In working towards development of the second edition of the Goal, FEMA and its whole community partners focused on assessing the

existing core capabilities. Resulting updates to the core capabilities include changes to select titles and definitions and the addition of one new core capability – Fire Management and Suppression. Other changes to the National Preparedness Goal include:

- **Introduction:** Revised for clarity and added language to stress the importance of community preparedness and resilience.
- **Risk and the Core Capabilities:** Enhanced narrative on cybersecurity and climate change.
- **Preliminary Targets:** Refined references to targets within the core capabilities section and updated preliminary targets.
- **New Core Capability:** Added a new core capability entitled Fire Management and Suppression.
- **Core Capability Titles:** Revised the following core capability titles:
 - Threats and Hazard Identification (Mitigation) – revised to Threats and Hazards Identification;
 - Public and Private Services and Resources (Response) – revised to Logistics and Supply Chain Management;
 - On-scene Security and Protection (Response) – revised to On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement; and
 - Public Health and Medical Services (Response) – revised to Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services.
- **Core Capability Definitions:** Revised and/or expanded language within several of the core capability definitions.

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- **Mission Area Descriptions:** Developed new or refined existing language to better define the five mission areas; including:
 - Prevention – further emphasized focus on imminent terrorist threats;
 - Protection – simplified introductory narrative;
 - Mitigation – clarified language and emphasized community preparedness and resilience;
 - Response – simplified introductory narrative; and
 - Recovery – developed new language to clarify functions and capabilities of Recovery mission area.
- **Conclusion and Next Steps:** Developed new language and revised content to focus on steps applicable in 2015, including revisions to the National Planning System.
- **Appendix:** Added relevant terms and definitions and updated existing definitions where necessary.

Prevention	Protection	Mitigation	Response	Recovery
Planning				
Public Information and Warning				
Operational Coordination				
Intelligence and Information Sharing		Community Resilience	Infrastructure Systems	
Interdiction and Disruption		Long-term Vulnerability Reduction	Critical Transportation	Economic Recovery
Screening, Search, and Detection		Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	Environmental Response/Health and Safety	Health and Social Services
Forensics and Attribution	Access Control and Identity Verification	Threats and Hazards Identification	Fatality Management Services	Housing
	Cybersecurity		Fire Management and Suppression	Natural and Cultural Resources
	Physical Protective Measures		Logistics and Supply Chain Management	
	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities		Mass Care Services	
	Supply Chain Integrity and Security		Mass Search and Rescue Operations	
			On-scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement	
			Operational Communications	
			Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services	
			Situational Assessment	

Core Capabilities by Mission Area

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