

WHO WE ARE

The Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management coordinates Emergency Response activities and assistance in the County of Middlesex, New Jersey; to prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from the affects of any emergency; natural or man-made, or technological disasters and national security crisis.

We provide effective and professional assistance to other county departments and the twenty-five municipalities within our county by aiding them in their planning and preparation for emergencies and by responding to incidents, consistent with the policies of the Middlesex County Board of Chosen Freeholders and the New Jersey State Police Office of Emergency Management.

The important feature of the Middlesex County Office of Emergency Management Operations is that our staffing is mainly through volunteer members comprised of public safety professionals from all disciplines.



OUR BUREAUS

Emergency Medical Services

The Emergency Medical Services Bureau supplies mutual aid support to the volunteer, municipal and paid ambulance services that provide emergency medical aid to the public in Middlesex County. At any time, when local medical units are over-extended, this group facilitates the procurement of additional ambulances, heavy rescue vehicles, light trucks etc. The Bureau also assists at stand-bys for civic events and other community functions.

In order to qualify for membership, an individual must be an active member of a first aid squad for a minimum of 5 years, served as a field officer for two years and have completed the new Jersey State Police incident command course # 200.

Emergency Services

The Emergency Services Bureau has responsibility for all aspects of field response as well as the Emergency Operations Center. The bureau coordinates and directs the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is the “nerve center” where all County and Emergency Response Operations are coordinated during times of emergency. The EOC also contains an emergency communications dispatch center. An additional area of responsibility is “Field” response, which includes responsibility for all of the response vehicles, which include: **a mobile command post, a field communications center, emergency portable lighting, portable generators, and a traffic diversion trailer.**

The membership of the Bureau is comprised of various emergency service professionals including Police Officers, Firefighters, Emergency Medical Personal as well as members of the private and municipal sector. Thus making the Bureau a well rounded, highly trained, emergency response organization able to adapt to any situation.

Fire

The Fire Bureau is responsible for coordinating the response plans for all county fire services providers (volunteer and paid fire companies and industrial fire brigades) and provide mutual aid coordination for all twenty-five municipalities handling large scale fire scenes or other major incidents, as well as to provide fire protection for specialized events and other related tasks.

In order to qualify for membership, an individual must be an active member of a Middlesex County Fire Department, must have been a line officer, of lieutenant or higher rank, for at least one year and have completed the following approved training courses: Fire Fighter I & II, HazMat Awareness, HazMat Operational, either NJ State Police or National Fire Academy Incident Command System (ICS) 100 and 200.



Police

The Police Bureau is responsible for coordinating the response plans for all county police departments and provide mutual aid coordination for municipalities handling large scale law enforcement situations.

In order to qualify for membership, an individual must hold a valid New Jersey Police Training Commission certificate as a Law Enforcement Officer, or Federal Equivalent, or: a certificate of successful completion of the Auxiliary Police Training Course. An individual must also be one of the following:

An active or retired sworn member of a full time Law Enforcement Agency, or;
An active member of a Municipal Police Auxiliary Unit in Middlesex County, or; An active Class 1 or Class 2 Special Police Officer of a Municipal Police Agency.

Public Information

The Public Information Bureau is responsible for providing press/media management assistance to municipalities that must provide information to the media or public during times of emergency. The Bureau also coordinates the preparation and use of the Emergency Alert System within the county.



In order to qualify for membership, an individual must possess superior written and oral communication skills, an Associate's Degree or higher, must have experience in Public Speaking and must have five years of previous Emergency Service experience.

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<http://www.state.nj.us/njhomelandsecurity/index.html>

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