

# San Mateo County Department of Emergency Management





# Mission

Our mission is to advance community resilience through a proactive and comprehensive approach to emergency management, involving the whole community in every phase of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery.





# Responsibilities

Coordinate countywide preparedness, response, and recovery services

Oversee resource management during disasters

Operate the County's alert and warning systems

Provide training programs and emergency exercises



# Winter Storm Preparedness

DEM coordinated meetings with County Department heads regarding winter storm preparedness

DEM conducted a full inventory of the four Care and Shelter trailers

DEM participated in a Human Services Agency-led temporary evacuation point training in Pescadero

Sandbags have been forward deployed to the corporation yards in HMB, Princeton, La Honda, and Pescadero

Department of Public Works is reinforcing and repairing roads for flood mitigation and recovery

Emergency Medical Services is planning to augment staffing during winter storms





# Ag ID Program

The San Mateo County Ag ID program offers a standardized identification system for owners/managers of commercial livestock, allowing them to access restricted areas during emergencies to care for their animals and support emergency personnel.

A minimum number of livestock is required for an operation to be considered commercial.

Ag ID passes will be checked by law enforcement at road closures during wildfires or other disasters.

The Ag ID Program only grants access to perform essential agricultural activities.






# Personal Preparedness




Develop an emergency plan. This plan should include information on evacuation procedures, meeting places, and contact information for family members and emergency services.



Build an emergency kit. This kit should include food, water, first-aid supplies, medications, and other essential items.



Stay informed about the weather and other hazards. This can be done by monitoring local news and weather reports, and by signing up for emergency alerts.

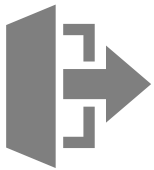


Create a communications plan. This plan ensures that family members or individuals can stay in touch and receive information when regular communication channels are disrupted.

# Alert and Warning Systems



**SMC Alert** is the County's primary alert and warning system. Alerts can be sent via e-mail, SMS text, or by voice message, and they can be distributed in English, Spanish, Chinese Simplified, Russian, Filipino, and Arabic.



**Genasys Protect** is used by emergency management officials to provide the public with real-time updates regarding evacuations. Genasys also allows officials to designate temporary evacuation points (TEPs) and other important sites on the Genasys Protect app.



**Tsunami Sirens** along the Coastside are used to provide early warning of the imminent threat of tsunamis. All 8 sirens are tested monthly by DEM and can be triggered remotely in the event of a tsunami.





# Sign Up for Alerts and Warnings

GENASYS – GOOGLE PLAY



SMC ALERT



GENASYS – APPLE STORE





**QUESTIONS?**

