

The LA County Emergency Operations Center coordinates the county level response and recovery effort and is staffed by the LA County Sheriff's Department and other agencies.



Commerce maintains a mobile EOC that can be designated as a temporary command unit at a moments notice.



The Search and Rescue Team assisted County Firefighters search through debris following the Ferguson Drive train derailment in Commerce.



Disasters Happen Anytime and Anywhere

Californians know earthquakes and other types of disasters can occur with little or no warning. Will you be ready? If help is delayed by hours or even days, individual emergency preparedness is essential to ensure your safety.

In the event of a major disaster that has a direct effect on the City of Commerce, the Commerce City Administrator in conjunction with the Director of Community Services, the city's Emergency Preparedness Officer, city officials and county emergency service providers may decide to activate the city's Emergency Operations Center to coordinate local response activities.

As the city's crisis command center, the EOC would serve as a base of operations for the Emergency Management Team and other key personnel throughout the city who are specifically trained to provide critical services to the public during an emergency.

Depending on the type of disaster that has occurred, officials might also activate the Commerce Community Alert Network to send an emergency telephone notification message to the specific parts of the city that are affected. The CAN system message would tell you what to do or how to get specific information regarding city operations and rescue efforts.

Individual city employees from several city departments have also been assigned to the city's Urban Search and Rescue Team. The team is trained in rescue systems and certified by the State for light urban search and rescue service.

In the event of a major emergency that requires the City of Commerce to evacuate residential neighborhoods, the city has designated five emergency shelters for the community. Each shelter has a storage container with tools and other emergency items and is equipped with water, cots, blankets and first aid supplies.

Specific emergency information regarding city operations and relief efforts would be televised on cable channel 12 and on the Internet at www.ci.commerce.ca.us. You would get regular updates and be told to listen for selected local reports on AM 980 or AM 1070.

The EOC would remain operationally on a 24-hour basis to monitor local rescue efforts and provide safety information to city residents until the crisis was contained.

