

# King County Regional Emergency Management Assistance Team – KC-EMAT

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## **BACKGROUND**

The need has been demonstrated numerous times for EOC/ECC support for large incidents that overwhelm a jurisdiction by magnitude and/or duration. The statewide Emergency Management Advisory Group (EMAG) has undertaken work on developing Emergency Management Assistance Teams (EMATs) to provide on-call assistance for jurisdictions in need of EOC/ECC support.

Snohomish County launched the initial EMAT from within their county, which is now reaching to include partners in Homeland Security Region 1.

King County is building the King County Regional Emergency Management Assistance Team (KC-EMAT) to not only be deployable to support jurisdictions across the state, but also to assist our colleagues within our region.

## **PURPOSE**

The KC-EMAT is an on-call team to support any county or city EOC/ECC that needs assistance in conducting emergency management operations, including interfacing with a managing Incident Management Team (IMT), state agencies, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs).

## **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

The KC-EMAT is a support coordination asset; it is not a field operations team.

The Team can be requested through mutual aid, including Washington Mutual Aid System (WAMAS), by any EM agency when in need of support, advice or guidance during major events.

The Team will follow basic ICS structure and methodology.

This initial EMAT will consist of a minimum of 6 members, with an additional 7<sup>th</sup> member added under certain circumstances:

- ✓ ***EMAT Leader***
- ✓ ***Finance Section Specialist***
- ✓ ***Logistics Section Specialist***
- ✓ ***Operations Section Specialist***
- ✓ ***Planning Section Specialist***
- ✓ ***Public Information Specialist***
- ★ ***Strategic Advisory Specialist***

King County OEM will act as coordinating agency for the Team. This includes:

- ✓ ***24-hour Duty Officer contact point***
- ✓ ***Records and documentation management***
- ✓ ***As available; equipment and material support***