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National Preparedness Goal

Mission Areas and Core Capabilities



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The National Preparedness Goal identifies five mission areas and 32 core capabilities intended to assist everyone who has a role in achieving all of the elements in the Goal.

Five Mission Areas

Prevention

Prevent, avoid or stop an imminent, threatened or actual act of terrorism.

Protection

Protect our citizens, residents, visitors, and assets against the greatest threats and hazards in a manner that allows our interests, aspirations and way of life to thrive.

Mitigation

Reduce the loss of life and property by lessening the impact of future disasters.

Response

Respond quickly to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.

Recovery

Recover through a focus on the timely restoration, strengthening and revitalization of infrastructure, housing and a sustainable economy, as well as the health, social, cultural, historic and environmental fabric of communities affected by a catastrophic incident.

32 Core Capabilities

The core capabilities, established in the [National Preparedness Goal](#), are referenced in many national preparedness efforts, including the [National Planning Frameworks](#). The Goal groups the capabilities across the relevant five mission areas. Some core capabilities fall within a single mission area, while others apply to multiple or all mission areas.

Check out our [Core Capability Development Sheets](#) for tools to build or sustain capabilities and close identified gaps, including: training courses, planning partners, validation support and more.

Planning

Mission Areas: All

Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives.

Public Information and Warning

Mission Areas: All

Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable, and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.

Operational Coordination

Mission Areas: All

Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities.

Forensics and Attribution

Mission Area: Prevention

Conduct forensic analysis and attribute terrorist acts (including the means and methods of terrorism) to their source, to include forensic analysis as well as attribution for an attack and for the preparation for an attack in an effort to prevent initial or follow-on acts and/or swiftly develop counter-options.

Intelligence and Information Sharing

Mission Areas: Prevention, Protection

Provide timely, accurate, and actionable information resulting from the planning, direction, collection, exploitation, processing, analysis, production, dissemination, evaluation, and feedback of available information concerning physical and cyber threats to the United States, its people, property, or interests; the development, proliferation, or use of WMDs; or any other matter bearing on U.S. national or homeland security by local, state, tribal, territorial, federal, and other stakeholders. Information sharing is the ability to exchange intelligence, information, data, or knowledge among government or private sector entities, as appropriate.

Interdiction and Disruption

Mission Areas: Prevention, Protection

Delay, divert, intercept, halt, apprehend, or secure threats and/or hazards.

Screening, Search, and Detection

Mission Areas: Prevention, Protection

Identify, discover, or locate threats and/or hazards through active and passive surveillance and search procedures. This may include the use of systematic examinations and assessments, bio surveillance, sensor technologies, or physical investigation and intelligence.

Access Control and Identity Verification

Mission Area: Protection

Apply and support necessary physical, technological, and cyber measures to control admittance to critical locations and systems.

Physical Protective Measures

Mission Area: Protection

Implement and maintain risk-informed countermeasures, and policies protecting people, borders, structures, materials, products, and systems associated with key operational activities and critical infrastructure sectors.

Cybersecurity

Mission Area: Protection

Protect (and if needed, restore) electronic communications systems, information, and services from damage, unauthorized use, and exploitation.

Supply Chain Integrity and Security

Mission Area: Protection

Strengthen the security and resilience of the supply chain.

Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities

Mission Area: Protection

Identify, assess, and prioritize risks to inform Protection activities, countermeasures, and investments.

Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment

Mission Area: Mitigation

Assess risk and disaster resilience so that decision makers, responders, and community members can take informed action to reduce their entity's risk and increase their resilience.

Community Resilience

Mission Area: Mitigation

Enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risk and empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents.

Long-term Vulnerability Reduction

Mission Area: Mitigation

Build and sustain resilient systems, communities, and critical infrastructure and key resources lifelines so as to reduce their vulnerability to natural, technological, and human-caused threats and hazards by lessening the likelihood, severity, and duration of the adverse consequences.

Threats and Hazards Identification

Mission Area: Mitigation

Identify the threats and hazards that occur in the geographic area; determine the frequency and magnitude; and incorporate this into analysis and planning processes so as to clearly understand the needs of a community or entity.

Environmental Response/Health and Safety

Mission Area: Response

Conduct appropriate measures to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and workers, as well as the environment, from all-hazards in support of responder operations and the affected communities.

Critical Transportation

Mission Area: Response

Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas.

Situational Assessment

Mission Area: Response

Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response.

Fatality Management Services

Mission Area: Response

Provide fatality management services, including decedent remains recovery and victim identification, working with local, state, tribal, territorial, insular area, and federal authorities to provide mortuary processes, temporary storage or permanent internment solutions, sharing information with mass care services for the purpose of reunifying family members and caregivers with missing persons/remains, and providing counseling to the bereaved.

Fire Management and Suppression**Mission Area: Response**

Provide structural, wildland, and specialized firefighting capabilities to manage and suppress fires of all types, kinds, and complexities while protecting the lives, property, and the environment in the affected area.

Infrastructure Systems**Mission Area: Response, Recovery**

Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community.

Logistics and Supply Chain Management**Mission Area: Response**

Deliver essential commodities, equipment, and services in support of impacted communities and survivors, to include emergency power and fuel support, as

well as the coordination of access to community staples. Synchronize logistics capabilities and enable the restoration of impacted supply chains.

Mass Care Services

Mission Area: Response

Provide life-sustaining and human services to the affected population, to include hydration, feeding, sheltering, temporary housing, evacuee support, reunification, and distribution of emergency supplies.

Mass Search and Rescue Operations

Mission Area: Response

Deliver traditional and atypical search and rescue capabilities, including personnel, services, animals, and assets to survivors in need, with the goal of saving the greatest number of endangered lives in the shortest time possible.

On-Scene Security, Protection, and Law Enforcement

Mission Area: Response

Ensure a safe and secure environment through law enforcement and related security and protection operations for people and communities located within affected areas and also for response personnel engaged in lifesaving and life-sustaining operations.

Operational Communications

Mission Area: Response

Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces.

Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services

Mission Area: Response

Provide lifesaving medical treatment via Emergency Medical Services and related operations and avoid additional disease and injury by providing targeted public health, medical, and behavioral health support, and products to all affected populations.

Health and Social Services

Mission Area: Recovery

Restore and improve health and social services capabilities and networks to promote the resilience, independence, health (including behavioral health), and well-being of the whole community.

Economic Recovery

Mission Area: Recovery

Return economic and business activities (including food and agriculture) to a healthy state and develop new business and employment opportunities that result in an economically viable community.

Natural and Cultural Resources

Mission Area: Recovery

Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate planning, mitigation, response, and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate, and restore them consistent with post-disaster community priorities and best practices and in compliance with applicable environmental and historic preservation laws and executive orders.

Housing

Mission Area: Recovery

Implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience.



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