

FOUNDATIONAL CAPABILITY:

Emergency Preparedness and Response

SPECS

Natural disasters, emerging infectious diseases, and the potential for rapid spread of communicable diseases require that public health agencies maintain a high level of preparedness for emergency response. All public health agencies should have the ability to lead their local public health emergency response and assure communication among all Emergency Support Function 8 - Public Health and Medical Services organizations. Agencies should be able to issue and enforce emergency health orders, share key information with partners and the general public, and promote ongoing community resilience and preparedness.



DISCUSSION

1. How can we build competency among our employees in emergency preparedness planning and response capabilities?
2. What steps can we take to develop stronger ESF-8 collaboration?
3. What are our priority emergency response planning needs?
4. How does emergency planning and response intersect with other areas of the FPHS model?

APPLICATION

1. Work as a group to complete the training, [Tornado Warning: Four Roles for Social Change](#). Ask each person to identify the role they are most likely to assume.
2. Complete a [Hazard and Vulnerability Analysis](#) for your community, in partnership with your local Emergency Management Director and community partners.

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RESOURCES

- Public Health Preparedness and Response Capabilities, CDC
- Public Health Preparedness, NACCHO
- ESF-8: The Big Picture (video), South Central Kansas
- PHEP Stories from the Field: Joplin Tornado, CDC
- Create Community (resilience), CDC
- Missouri Public Health Risk Assessment Tool, MO SEMA