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**"WHAT DOES AN EMA DO?"**

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**"WITH WHOM DOES THE EMA WORK?"**

THESE ARE ALL QUESTIONS WE ENCOUNTER ON A REGULAR BASIS. MANY PEOPLE HAVE ONLY HEARD OF THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY. THEY AREN'T AWARE THERE IS A STATE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AGENCY AS WELL AS EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ON THE COUNTY LEVEL.

**Question: What is an Emergency Management Agency?**

**Answer:** An agency created to lead America to prepare for, prevent, respond to and recover from disasters with a vision of "A Nation Prepared." **Question:** Who/What grants an EMA authority? **Answer:** The Stafford Act gives EMAs the responsibility for coordinating government-wide relief efforts. (Beginning at the Federal level and trickling down through the state to the county level.)

**Question: How does an EMA serve a city?**

**Answer:** During non-emergency times, the Emergency Management Director and their staff help to coordinate, plan, sponsor, and enable their partners to participate in training and community efforts to prepare for actual emergencies. During an actual emergency, the EMD opens the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) to help keep information flowing and keep efforts from being duplicated or missed in the chaos. The EMD facilitates cooperation among local government, volunteer, and private-sector organizations, as well as representatives at the state and federal level when necessary.

**Question: With whom does the EMA work?**

**Answer:** This may be a long list. We work with everyone interested in emergency preparedness. This includes (but is not limited to): fire, police, sheriff, ems, 911 operators, volunteer organizations, local business owners, faith-based groups, other EMAs, healthcare facilities, and many more!