



**AMERICAN SAMOA
DEPARTMENT OF
HOMELAND SECURITY
(ASDHS)**



MISSION STATEMENT:

- ❖ **The mission of the American Samoa Department of Homeland Security is to be the single, Territory-wide focal point for coordinating the Territory's efforts to prevent threats and protect the lives and property of all people living in American Samoa during emergencies or disaster events.**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC):

- **The EOC is the centralized location of emergency response and recovery support operations during incidents. While tactical on-scene operations are conducted from the Incident Command Post (ICP), the EOC supports and helps coordinate ICP operations and any other adjacent incident operations.**

ROLE:

- **The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) serves a critical role in every phase of emergency management, from being the hub for all coordination during an incident to facilitating and directing recovery/clean-up. However, the EOC does not manage an incident — it coordinates.**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC): COMMAND & STRUCTURE

- **The EOC utilizes the Incident Command System (ICS) as the command-and-control structure. Within this structure, the EOC is organized into four sections to manage operations. These EOC sections include:**
 - **Operations: This section represents on-scene emergency responders and provides coordination between the EOC and field operations, including the ICP.**
 - **Planning: This section is responsible for receiving, evaluating and analyzing all disaster information and providing updated status reports to EOC management and field operations.**
 - **Logistics: Logistics is responsible for procuring supplies, personnel and material support necessary to conduct emergency responses (e.g. personnel call-out, equipment acquisition, lodging, transportation, food, etc.).**
 - **Finance: This section handles cost accountability, purchase authorizations, documentation and risk assessment.**



EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC): CHAIN OF COMMAND

GOVERNOR OF AMERICAN SAMOA	The ONLY authority that can activate and de-activate the EOC.
GOVERNOR'S AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE (GAR)	Designated by the Governor to execute all necessary documents for disaster assistance programs on behalf of the State/Territory and local grant recipients. The GAR is responsible for State compliance with the FEMA-State Agreement.
TERRITORIAL COORDINATING OFFICER (TCO)	Designated by the Governor to coordinate State/Territory and local disaster assistance efforts with that of the Federal government.
INCIDENT COMMANDER (IC)	Responsible for all aspects of an emergency response; including developing incident objectives, managing all incident operations, application of resources as well as responsibility for all persons involved.
SECTION CHIEFS	Heads of the Operations, Planning, Logistics & Finance sections.
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS (ESFs)	Organized groups of government and private-sector entities that provide personnel, supplies, facilities and equipment used in a response.



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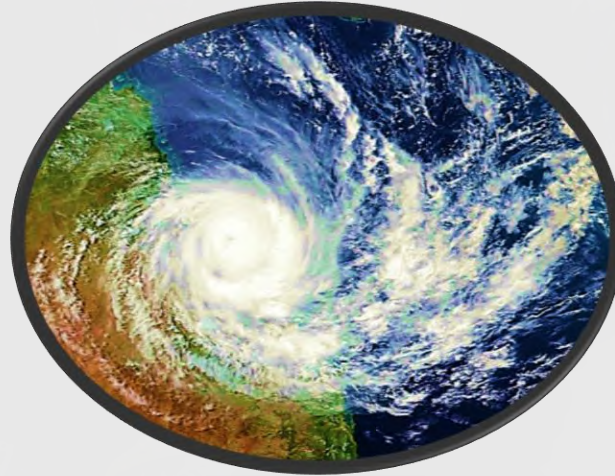
ESF-1: TRANSPORTATION	DPA, DPW, DAS & DOE
ESF-2: COMMUNICATIONS	ASTCA & ASDHS
ESF-3: PUBLIC WORKS & ENGINEERING	DPW
ESF-4: FIREFIGHTING	SAR & DPS
ESF-5: INFORMATION & PLANNING	ASDHS
ESF-6: MASS CARE	DOE, DHSS, OSA & ASDHS
ESF-7: RESOURCE SUPPORT	OP
ESF-8: PUBLIC HEALTH & MEDICAL SERVICES	DOH & LBJ
ESF-9: SEARCH & RESCUE	SAR & DPS
ESF-10: OIL & HAZARDOUS MATERIAL RESPONSE	SAR FIRE, DPS, EPA & ODAPM
ESF-11: AGRICULTURAL & NATURAL RESOURCES	DOA, ASPA & OSA
ESF-12: ENERGY	ASPA, TEO & ODAPM
ESF-13: PUBLIC SAFETY & SECURITY	DPS
ESF-14: LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY	ASDHS & ODAPM
ESF-15: EXTERNAL AFFAIRS	OPI-KVZK-TV



QUESTIONS?



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS





ASDHS VISION:

- ❖ **TO BUILD A CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS FOR AMERICAN SAMOA**
- ❖ **TO PREPARE THE TERRITORY FOR CATASTROPHIC DISASTERS**



CULTURE OF PREPAREDNESS:

- ❖ **UNDERSTANDING THE DIFFERENT TYPES OF HAZARDS/THREATS THAT AMERICAN SAMOA FACES. NATURAL VS. MAN – MADE**

- ❖ **UNDERSTANDING THE OVERALL MAKE-UP AND BACKGROUNDS OF THE PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES OF AMERICAN SAMOA**
 - **CROSS CULTURAL COMMUNICATION**
 - **EMBRACING DIVERSITY**
 - **SUPPORT LOCAL (VILLAGE LEVEL) SUCCESSFUL DISASTER RESPONSE PRACTICES**



DISASTER PLANNING:

- ❖ **DEVELOP, MAINTAIN, AND UPDATE THE TERRITORIAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**
- ❖ **THREAT, HAZARD IDENTIFICATION, AND RISK ASSESSMENT (THIRA)/STATE PREPAREDNESS REPORT (SPR)**
- ❖ **DEVELOP TRAINING AND EXERCISE PLAN**
- ❖ **CONDUCT TRAINING, WORKSHOPS AND EXERCISES TO IDENTIFY ANY GAPS AND SHORTFALLS IN RESPONSE PLANS**
- ❖ **UTILIZE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GRANT PROGRAM FUNDING TO ADDRESS IDENTIFIED GAPS AND SHORTFALLS**



DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

❖ ACCOUNTABILITY

- **ALWAYS BE AWARE WHERE YOUR PEOPLE ARE AT**
- **INFORM OTHERS WHERE YOU ARE AT**





DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Be Prepared for at Least Two Weeks

❖ EMERGENCY SUPPLY KIT



-  Water (1 Gallon Per Person, Per Day) Tasi le Kalone Vai mo le Tagata e To'atasi
-  Canned Food ; (Mea'ai Tu'uapa)
-  First aid Kit (Ato Fusi Manu'a)
-  Can Opener (Tala Apa)
-  FM/AM Radio (Leitio)
-  Flashlight (Moli Uila)
-  Batteries (Ma'a mo Moli Uila & Leitio)
-  Cash (Tupe mo Fatauga)
-  Medications (Fuala'au ma Vaiala'au Fa'atonuina)
-  Identification & Important Documents (Pepa Tāua: Tusi Folau, ID, Saogalemu, Pepa Aso Fanau)
-  Extra Clothing (Teuga Lavalava)



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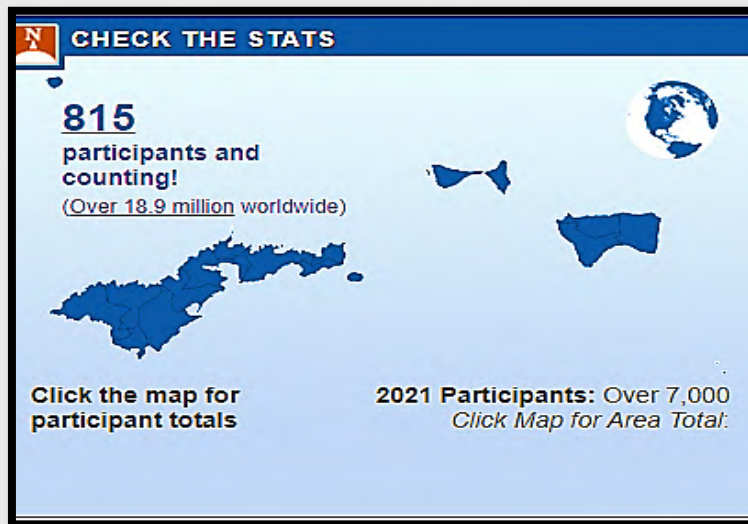
❖ PREPAREDNESS STARTS WITH EVERYONE

- ✓ DEVELOP A PLAN**
- ✓ KNOW THE PLAN**
- ✓ PRACTICE THE PLAN**
- ✓ UPDATE THE PLAN**



THE GREAT AMERICAN SAMOA SHAKEOUT:

- To register your family, community, school, organization and also for more information please visit www.ShakeOut.org
- October 20 at 10:20 am
- Current registrant/participant count for American Samoa: **815**



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