

During an Incident, or “Gray Skies”

Response and Coordination

When an emergency occurs, EM supports the response by coordinating **people, information, and resources.**

Key functions include:

- ♦ Developing and maintaining **situational awareness**
- ♦ Creating a shared understanding of **what is happening and what is needed**
- ♦ Supporting **first responders** and **operational agencies**
- ♦ Providing **timely, accurate information** to senior leadership and elected officials
- ♦ **Coordinating emergency operations** at the local or regional level



EM does not replace first responders; it helps ensure the entire response effort is **organized, informed, and effective.**

After an Incident

Recovery

Recovery begins once life-safety threats have passed, with a focus on restoring services and helping the community return to as close to normal as possible.

Recovery efforts may include:

- ♦ **Assessing damage** to homes, businesses, and public infrastructure
- ♦ Identifying community needs such as **housing, food, and essential services**
- ♦ Coordinating **disaster assistance programs** for residents and the city
- ♦ Supporting **cost recovery** through state and federal programs
- ♦ Incorporating mitigation measures to **reduce future disaster impacts**

Recovery efforts often **require close coordination** with local, state, federal, and non-profit partners.

Recovery can last anywhere from a few months to several years.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Helping the Flagstaff community prepare for, respond to, and recover from large emergencies and disasters



**CITY OF
FLAGSTAFF**

Our Mission

To help ensure Flagstaff is **prepared**, **resilient**, and **ready to respond to** and **recover from** large emergencies and disasters



Emergency Management (EM) is a core **public safety function** that works year-round to keep our community safe before, during, and after emergencies.



While first responders handle incidents in the field, EM focuses on support and situational awareness behind the scenes.

What We Do on “Blue Sky” Days:

Prevention and Mitigation

These actions reduce risk and limit damage before emergencies or disasters happen:



- ♦ **Identifying hazards** specific to Flagstaff
- ♦ **Reducing potential impacts** to life, property, and the environment
- ♦ **Strengthening infrastructure and community resilience**
- ♦ Serving as a **coordination point** for senior leadership and elected officials
- ♦ Acting as a subject matter resource expert to **support preparedness and resilience** across the Flagstaff community

Preparedness

Preparedness ensures the city and community are ready to respond to large emergencies and disasters by:

- ♦ Developing and maintaining **emergency plans**
- ♦ **Training** city staff and response partners
- ♦ **Coordinating shelter planning** with County Emergency Management, the Red Cross, and other partners
- ♦ Maintaining agreements and contracts that allow **rapid access to resources**
- ♦ **Ensuring continuity** of essential city services and government operations
- ♦ Maintaining **public warning and notification systems**
- ♦ Developing and delivering **public education and preparedness outreach**
- ♦ Managing **training and exercises** to test readiness

