

Commonly Used Acronyms

ARC - American Red Cross
ARES - Amateur Radio Emergency Services
CCP - Citizens Corps Program
CDC - Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
CERT - Community Emergency Response Team
COOP - Continuity of Operations Plan
DHS - Department of Homeland Security (Federal)
DPS - Department of Public Safety
EMD - Emergency Management Director
EMI - Emergency Management Institute
EMPG - Emergency Management Performance Grant
EMS - Emergency Medical Services
EOC - Emergency Operations Center
EOP - Emergency Operations Plan
EPA - Environmental Protection Agency
FE - Functional Exercise
FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency
HAZMAT - Hazardous Material
HMEP - Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning (Grant)
IAP - Incident Action Plan
IC - Incident Commander
IRAA - Individuals Requiring Additional Assistance
ICS - Incident Command System
LEOC - Local Emergency Operations Center
LEOP - Local Emergency Operations Plan; also referred to as the “Local Template”.
LEPC - Local Emergency Planning Committee
MAA - Mutual Aid Agreements
MAG - MRC Advisory Group
MEMA - Massachusetts Emergency Management Agency
NAS - Nuclear Alert System
NAWAS - National Warning System
NIMS - National Incident Management System
NOAA - National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
NWS - National Weather Service
ODP - Office of Domestic Preparedness
PIO - Public Information Officer
PPE - Personal Protective Equipment
RACES - Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services
RPC - Regional Planning Commission

SEOC - State Emergency Operations Center
SEOP - State Emergency Operations Plan
SERC - State Emergency Response Commission
SHMC - State Hazard Mitigation Committee
SHMO - State Hazard Mitigation Officer
SOG - Standard Operating Guidelines
SOPs - Standard Operating Procedures
TTX - Tabletop Exercise
WRHSAC – Western Region Homeland Security Advisory Council
VERV - Vermont Emergency Response Volunteers
VOAD - Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters