

All Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Promulgation Statement

Keeping the City of Pinellas Park safe and secure for city staff, residents, and visitors is our highest priority. Doing so entails a commitment to emergency preparedness. This Emergency Operations Plan is a critical part of our continuing effort to guide the city in planning for, responding to and recovering from incidents that may affect Pinellas Park.

These incidents can be the result of various hazards including hurricanes, other severe weather, utility failures, transportation accidents, hazardous material spills, public health emergencies, and violent or disruptive human-caused incidents. Preparing for these hazards requires a comprehensive crisis and emergency management program. While it is impossible to guarantee that these events will never occur, careful and deliberate planning will better enable Pinellas Park to mitigate their destructive effects and respond to disruptions appropriately, effectively, and expeditiously with the ultimate goal of ensuring our resiliency.

Additionally, individual preparedness is fundamental to ensuring the safety and security of city staff, residents, and visitors. Each member of the Pinellas Park community is responsible for taking appropriate steps to prepare themselves for an emergency. Furthermore, the development and implementation of thorough departmental continuity plans can significantly enhance the safety of our community as well as our ability to minimize the impacts of disasters and sustain critical operations and services during and following disruptive incidents.

Protecting the safety and security of Pinellas Park is a responsibility we, the undersigned, take very seriously, and can only be fulfilled through collaboration. We are committed to joining with our staff, residents, and visitors in our efforts to meet that shared responsibility.

This All Hazards Plan is hereby adopted as the all-hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for the City of Pinellas Park. This plan is organized as this Base Plan, with supporting Mitigation, Preparedness, Response, and Recovery Annexes, Department-Level Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP), the Debris Management Plan, and other supporting policies and procedures.

Implementation

FEMA's Comprehensive Planning Guide-101 (CPG101) establishes the framework for a comprehensive all-hazards emergency planning process. This EOP is based on that framework, along with other Federal and State of Florida and Pinellas County planning guidance, Incident Command System (ICS), National Incident Management System (NIMS), and industry best practices.

The EOP was developed utilizing these frameworks as a starting point, and with input and expertise of individuals and departments from within Pinellas Park; and as appropriate, external private sector consultants and subject matter experts, Pinellas County, and State of Florida government partners.

This EOP and its supporting plans and annexes supersedes and replaces all previous Pinellas Park emergency management and disaster response plans.

Approval and Promulgation

This EOP is hereby approved and is effective immediately. This document, along with the referenced supporting plans and annexes, will be maintained, reviewed, and updated as defined within this document. Authority is delegated to the Pinellas Park Fire Chief or their designee to serve as the Emergency Manager, modify this plan as necessary to address operational or organizational changes, comply with municipal policy, or address mandates from the State of Florida or Federal government. All City Departments are hereby directed to follow this plan, its supporting plans, annexes, policies, and procedures.