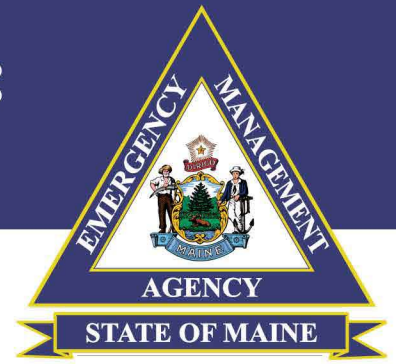


# Local Emergency Management: *What Every Municipality Should Know*



## The Law

Every Maine municipality must appoint a **Local Emergency Management Director** (*Title 37-B MRSA §781*).



## What They Do

Coordinate local disaster response and recovery across multiple departments.

Develop disaster plans and **mutual aid agreements**.

Establish and manage the town's **Emergency Operations Center** (EOC).

Act as a **liaison** to County EMA, connecting your town to additional resources, training, and aid.



## Every Town Counts

Emergency Management looks different in every community, large or small, with or without a budget.

A small town doesn't mean a small risk...and **being unprepared is not an option**.



## Why It Matters

When disaster strikes—floods, fires, storms, hazmat spills—your EMA Director becomes the **town's lead coordinator**.

**Before disaster hits**, they're planning, training, informing the public, and bringing agencies together.



## Know Your Resources

In addition to county and state EMA's, the **Maine Association of Local Emergency Managers** (MALEM.org) is a non-profit organization supporting and enhancing local emergency management efforts in the state.

Learn more  
and find the  
**Local EMA  
Director  
handbook**



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