

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

POLICY

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Objective:

The City of Mandurah (the 'City') aims to minimise the impact of disruptive and disaster events through an ongoing commitment to emergency Prevention, Preparedness, Response and Recovery.

In achieving this, the City will:

- promote risk, emergency management and business continuity principles throughout the organisation and community to enhance disaster resilience;
- support community and neighbouring local governments following disaster events to aid local and regional recovery (where practicable);
- ensure that the Natural, Built, Social and Economic environments are considered when aiding community recovery;
- provide an effective after hours response to emergencies within the City's normal service delivery area;
- effectively communicate and report on disruptive/disaster events and impacts;
- provide ongoing commitment to emergency and business continuity preparations, training and exercising to build and maintain individual and organisational confidence and capacity;
- mitigate the impact of disruptive events (where practicable) ; and
- promote a smooth and rapid restoration of normal business functions following a disaster.

Statement:

This policy applies to all City employees, demonstrating that emergency management is a shared responsibility between City staff, emergency services and the community.

In support of the above objectives, the City will:

- encourage emergency preparedness within all business units;
- develop and maintain business continuity plans;
- ensure compliance with emergency communications and reporting procedures; and
- participate in regional or district mutual aid agreements.

By preparing and planning for such events, the City can respond and recover more effectively minimizing the impacts to the City and it's community.

The City acknowledges that before, during or after an emergency, services may be rescheduled or adapted to support a community in need.

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Related Documentation and/or Legislation:	<i>Local Government Act 1995 - s6.8(1)(c)</i> <i>Emergency Management Act 2005</i> Emergency Management Memorandum of Understanding International Standard ISO 31000/2009 Australian Standards for Business Continuity AS/NZ 5050 WESTPLAN Recovery Mandurah Local Emergency Management Arrangements Procedure - Approved Emergency Communication & Reporting