

Concept of Operations

Concepts presented in the Emergency Management Plan consider the full spectrum of emergency responses, from a minor involvement (Level I) to total involvement from a destructive impact (Level III). Some emergencies will be preceded by a buildup period that, if recognized and analyzed effectively, can provide advance warning to individuals on campus who might be affected. Other emergencies occur with little or no advance warning, requiring mobilization and commitment of campus resources just prior to or after the onset of the emergency. All available elements of the campus Emergency Management Organization must respond promptly and effectively to any foreseeable emergency to include the provision and utilization of mutual aid.

The California Emergency Services Act (California Government Code Section 8550 *et seq.*, hereinafter referred to as the Act) provides the basic authority for conducting emergency operations following a proclamation of emergency by the Governor and/or appropriate local authorities. The provisions of the Act are supplemented by emergency regulations at the local level. Local and campus Emergency Plans are considered to be extensions of the California Emergency Plan.

The California Emergency Plan is published in accordance with the Act. It describes overall statewide authorities and responsibilities and outlines the functions and operations of government agencies at all levels.