

# **NEW YORK STATE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT** **STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER**

## **EMERGENCY ACTIVATION LEVELS**

In all levels of activation, the New York State Watch Center (NYSWC) staff continues their monitoring of state, national and international events twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week.

### **Level 1 – Full Activation (with possible National Response Framework (NRF) Coordination)**

During Level 1 activations, the State Emergency Operations Center (State EOC) is staffed with OEM personnel in a twelve hour rotating shift pattern, two shifts per day. The shifts directly correlate with OEM Operations Periods, which begin and end at 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. All Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC) agencies are required to staff the State EOC during Level 1 activations. All agencies present are able to assist with requests for technical support and resource assistance. Information is gathered for submission to the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for possible federal assistance, or mobilization of Federal resources. Federal elements may also be co-located within the State EOC. Decision-level OEM staff is available at the State EOC at all times.

### **Level 2 – Partial Activation**

During Level 2 activations, the State Emergency Operations Center (State EOC) is staffed with OEM personnel in a twelve hour rotating shift pattern, two shifts per day. The shifts directly correlate with OEM Operations Periods, which begin and end at 8:00 am and 8:00 pm. Selected Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC) agencies are required to staff the State EOC during Level 2 activations. All agencies present are able to assist with requests for technical support and resource assistance.

### **Level 3 – Limited Activation (with possible staffing of Situation Room)**

During Level 3 activations, Office of Emergency Management (OEM) staff is available from 8:00am to 8:00 pm, with the potential to transition to a 24 hour staffing pattern. All Disaster Preparedness Commission (DPC) agencies are alerted, and appropriate agency liaisons may be requested to staff a Situation Room. OEM staff will work closely with DPC agencies to collect information, develop a state of situational awareness and establish a ready posture should the incident or event warrant additional state assistance.

### **Demobilization**

As conditions improve, and at the discretion of the Director, the emergency activation status shall be reduced accordingly until normal operations return.



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