City of Portland

Office of Emergency Management

2011 - 2013 Strategic Plan





Portland Office of Emergency Management

City of Portland, Oregon Sam Adams, Mayor - Carmen Merlo, Director

Vision

A resilient community.

Mission

Protect lives, property and the environment through a coordinated and responsive emergency management program.



Local Trends

- Population Trends
- Social and Demographic Trends
- Aging Critical Infrastructure



Seismic upgrades at Diack's pond



National Trends

- Increasing Role Social Media Networks Play in Emergency Response & Recovery Operations
- Effects of Climate Change



Challenges

- Lack of Experience with Large-Scale Disasters
- Rethinking Preparedness
- Organizational Change and Governance
- External Factors Influence Priorities
- Lack of Cohesive Public Messaging



Integrate emergency management into broader community goals and investment strategies.



Adopt a "whole community" approach to emergency management that promotes equitable access and integration of historically underserved and at-risk populations in emergency planning processes.



Prompt household action by increasing the visibility of actual preparedness and mitigation activities.







Advance Emergency
Coordination Center (ECC)
and ECC responder
readiness.



Adopt a strategic planning process that holistically integrates planning, training, exercises, and evaluation and ensures plans are vertically and horizontally synchronized with appropriate bureaus, stakeholder agencies and jurisdictions.