

County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland

Executive Order: 2019-10
Dated: September 26, 2019
Subject: Howard County Comprehensive
Emergency Response and Recovery Plan
(Emergency Operations Plan)

WHEREAS, the primary role of government is to provide for the health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, which are never more threatened than during disasters; and

WHEREAS, the goal of emergency management is to ensure that mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery actions exist so that public health, safety, and welfare are preserved; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 17.109(c)(1) Howard County Code, the Office of Emergency Management must prepare an emergency operations plan in accordance with applicable federal, State, and local laws and regulations; and

WHEREAS, an effective emergency operations plan provides a comprehensive framework for emergency management of disasters throughout Howard County; and

WHEREAS, an effective emergency operations plan designates the roles and responsibilities of County Government agencies and personnel, as well as those of partners from federal, State, and other local government agencies, and private and charitable organizations that may assist the Howard County Government in addressing disasters and emergencies within the County; and

WHEREAS, an effective emergency operations plan ensures consistency with current policy guidance while, at the same time, is flexible enough to evolve to reflect lessons learned from actual disaster and emergency incidents and responses, ongoing planning efforts, training, and updated guidance from federal and State agencies.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED that the Emergency Operations Plan adopted on this date is the official plan for the Howard County Government's emergency operations.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Calvin B. Ball, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland and pursuant to my authority under Section 17.109(c)(2) of the Howard County Code have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 26 th day of September, 2019.



Calvin B. Ball
County Executive