

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The purpose of the Larimer County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) is to provide the basis for emergency prevention/preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery for Larimer County government before, during and after emergence and disaster events. The planning components are consistent with the accepted standards and principles of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) as outlined in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 5 (HSPD 5) and the State of Colorado Governor's Executive Order D 011 04.

Major emergencies and disasters are complex events that present communities and emergency personnel with extraordinary problems and challenges that cannot be adequately addressed within the routine operations of local government. Since no disaster is the same as another, and

our complex emergency environment is evolving, this plan is meant to be a flexible framework that is easily adapted to small and large events, as well as catastrophic disasters. This plan is intended to provide Larimer County officials with a basis for the coordinated management of disaster incidents so that impacts to people, property, and public services are minimized and so that normal community conditions can be restored as quickly as possible.

The plan is organized into seven sections, including the primary emergency management planning documents: emergency preparedness, pre-disaster mitigation, emergency response, disaster recovery, community resilience, continuity of operations and continuity of government. Additionally, all supporting annexes are included to ensure a coordinated and consistent planning process across all phases.

All departments, agencies and organizations in Larimer County are responsible for developing and maintaining up-to-date internal plans and procedures for carrying out assigned emergency functions as outlined in this plan, and for ensuring that their personnel are adequately trained. The Larimer County CEMP outlines the emergency management system components that allow for coordinated planning, preparedness, response and recovery from emergencies and disasters in collaboration with all local, state and federal partners, non-profit organizations, non-governmental partners, private sector and volunteer agencies.

