



OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES



VENTURA COUNTY SHERIFF *Emergency Services*

Who we are

The Office of Emergency Services (OES) is a division of the Ventura County Sheriff's Office consisting of emergency managers from a variety of background experience, including law enforcement, fire, planning, technology experts and finance. Together, this powerhouse team manages a full-time plus operation of daily operations and emergency activities.

Our Mission

To protect life, property and the environment by leading the development and implementation of a cooperative countywide plan for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, and recovery drawing from all local, state and federal resources.

What We Do

Using a whole community approach, OES coordinates with County agencies, the ten Cities, as well as public and private organizations and community groups to lead countywide disaster planning, mitigation, response and recovery activities.

Daily Operations

OES updates and maintains local emergency response plans, provides Countywide training and exercises to public safety personnel, maintains and exercises the emergency notification systems, manages grant-funded preparedness projects, and provides public education and information on preparing for disasters to unincorporated areas and through the ten Cities.

When Disaster Strikes

In the event of a disaster, OES activates the County's Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is a centralized location for coordinating countywide emergency response activities, supporting field operations and coordinating damage assessments and cost recovery from state and federal governments. Ventura County utilizes the National Incident Management System and Standard Emergency Management System to establish common operating procedures and to ensure an effective organizational structure for a unified disaster response. OES regularly provides training on these incident management systems to local public safety personnel

OES, in partnership with the Ventura County Human Services Agency, is responsible for the preparation, planning and deployment of the Mass Care and Shelter system. The County's comprehensive evacuation and shelter plan is supported by a large-scale supply of inventory and equipment specifically designed to meet the needs of displaced Ventura County residents during a disaster. This well-equipped team is trained, exercised and ready to respond.

Emergency Information

VC Alert is the County's emergency notification system, which is used to communicate life safety messaging to specific areas. Register today at www.vcalert.org

