

12-2 DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

The Santa Rosa Emergency Operations Plan addresses how the city will respond to extraordinary events or disasters, from preparation through recovery. It includes a comprehensive assessment of potential hazards and threats, and sets forth policies and procedures pertaining to emergency planning, organization, and response. The plan is based on the principles and functions of the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS). Additionally, in ~~2006~~ **2021**, the City adopted a Local Hazard Mitigation Plan¹ (LHMP) which is incorporated by reference and integrated into this Element to ensure consistency with the LHMP. The plan's overall goal is to make Santa Rosa a disaster resistant community by reducing the potential loss of life, property damage, and environmental degradation from natural disasters while accelerating economic recovery. The Sonoma County Fire and Emergency Services Department is the lead agency for the Sonoma Operational Area and the City is one of nine incorporated cities within the organizational boundary.

12-8 GOALS AND POLICIES

NS-A Prepare for disasters.

NS-A-1 Maintain the Emergency Operations Plan as the city's disaster-response plan. Work with Sonoma County to update joint-emergency response and disaster response plans, as needed.

NS-A-2 Continue to promote the Citizens Organized to Prepare for Emergencies (COPE) public awareness program on the nature and extent of natural hazards in the Planning Area, and ways of minimizing the effects of disasters.

NS-A-3 Establish community programs which train volunteers

NS-A-4 Implement the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan to better prepare Santa Rosa for disaster.

The Local Hazard Mitigation Plan¹ is ~~an adopted "implementation appendix" to this~~ incorporated by reference into this Safety Element. ~~It can be viewed on the City of Santa Rosa website.~~

¹ The Santa Rosa City Council adopted an updated hazard mitigation plan ([Volume 1](#) and [Volume 2](#)) on December 7, 2021.