

SEMS FACT SHEET

The State of California Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) was made effective in 1993 by Senator Petris after the Oakland fires. It is a framework for responding to and managing emergencies and disasters involving multiple jurisdictions or multiple agency responses. It includes and requires:

Major components of SEMS

- Use of the Incident Command System (ICS)
- Multi-agency or Inter-agency Coordination System (MACS)
- Master Mutual Aid Agreement/Systems
- Operational Area Concept

Five Levels of Response (depending upon situation)

- Field Response
- Local Government
- Operational Area
- Regional
- State

Standard Incident Command System/Emergency Management Functions

- Management/Command
- Operations
- Planning/Intelligence
- Logistics
- Finance/Administration

Incident Command System Benefits

- Flexibility
- Clear Accountability and Coordination of Resources
- Span of Control
- Common Terminology
- Management by Objectives
- Action Planning
- Operational Periods

Operational Area (OA)

The OA is “an intermediate level of the state of emergency services organization, consisting of all political subdivisions within a County”. It is a special purpose organization consisting of the geographic area of the County, created to prepare for and coordinate emergency response information, resources, and priorities among local governments within the OA. It serves as the coordination and communication link between the local government level and the regional level. The County is the lead agency for the OA, providing the 24 hour contact point and initial staffing. The County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is used as the OA EOC.

**State of California
Office of Emergency Services
MUTUAL AID REGIONS**

REGION 1

Los Angeles
Orange
San Luis Obispo
Santa Barbara
Ventura

REGION 4

Alpine	Sacramento
Amador	San Joaquin
Calaveras	Stanislaus
El Dorado	Tuolumne
Nevada	Yolo
Placer	

REGION 2

Alameda	Napa
Contra Costa	San Benito
Del Norte	San Francisco
Humboldt	San Mateo
Lake	Santa Clara
Marin	Santa Cruz
Mendocino	Solano
Monterey	Sonoma

REGION 5

Mariposa
Merced
Madera
Fresno
Tulare
Kings
Kern

REGION 3

Butte	Sierra
Colusa	Siskiyou
Glenn	Sutter
Lassen	Tehama
Modoc	Trinity
Plumas	Yuba
Shasta	

REGION 6

Mono
Inyo
San Bernardino
Riverside
San Diego
Imperial