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# Updates on Citywide Disaster Preparedness Efforts

Disaster and Fire Safety Commission

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## Our team



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## Our role

- Prepare the City organization
- Response
- Recovery
- Hazard analysis
- Community resilience



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# Prepare the City organization







## Prepare the City organization

- **Emergency Operations Center**
  - Maintain ~175-person EOC team (includes city staff representing all departments)
  - Conduct staff training and exercise for EOC roles
  - Maintain EOC systems, equipment and space





## Prepare the City organization

- **Mass Care & Shelter**
  - Coordinate with stakeholders
  - Train staff
  - Maintain information about available sites for mass care activities
  - Maintain supportive supplies and equipment to conduct mass care operations





# Prepare the City organization

- **Alert and Warning**

- Maintain alerting systems
- Train staff on alerting systems
- Maintain operational protocols and plans for alert and warning
- Educate community members on alert and warning protocols, get community signed up for systems





## Prepare the City organization



- **Response Planning**

- Conduct planning processes for the Emergency Operations Plan and related procedures
- Exercise and improve plans and procedures
- Advise Departments and response partners on emergency management.





## Prepare the City organization

- **Additional Staff Training**

- Train staff in Disaster Service Worker roles/responsibilities
- Offer personal preparedness training to increase staff readiness to fulfill emergency duties





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# Response

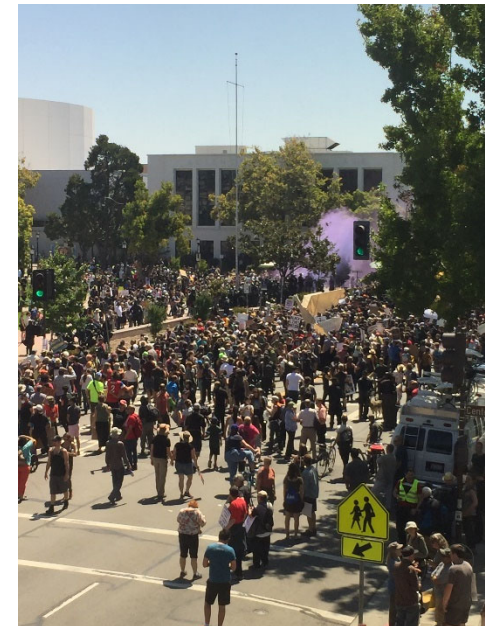






## Emergency Response

- Monitor and support escalating incidents
- Coordinate activations of the City's Emergency Operations Center
- Operate City alert and warning systems to provide timely life safety alerts to the public





# Response: EOC Activation Overview

2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Storms x2	COVID	COVID	COVID	COVID	Fire weather	Hepatitis A	Homeless
	Tsunami	Caldor Fire	Election	Malcom X MCI	Civil Unrest	Grizzly Fire	MH Clinic Closure
	People's Park	Storms	PSPS	PSPS x2	McGee Trees	Civil Unrest x6	
	Matt Walsh	Chauvin			Smoke		

Federally declared disasters

**List does not include situation monitoring work**





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# Recovery





## Recovery

1. During emergencies, coordinate reporting to justify disaster assistance
2. After emergencies, coordinate City government applications for FEMA assistance (when available)







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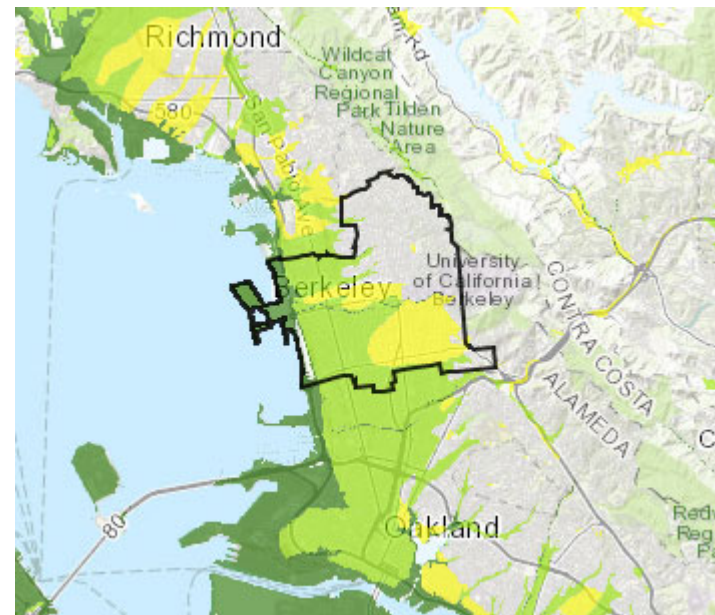
# Hazard Analysis





# Hazard Analysis

- **Maintain and Continuously update organizational understanding of Berkeley's hazards, exposure, and vulnerabilities.**
- Local Hazard Mitigation Plan
- Evacuation Time Study







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# Community Resilience



# Community Resilience

- **Design, implement, and continually improve programs to increase Berkeley community members' ability to withstand emergencies and disasters.**
- **Established Programs**
  - Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) training
  - Disaster Cache





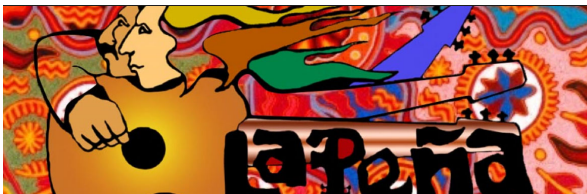
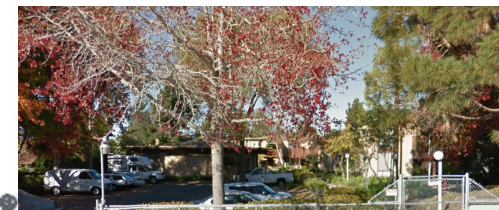
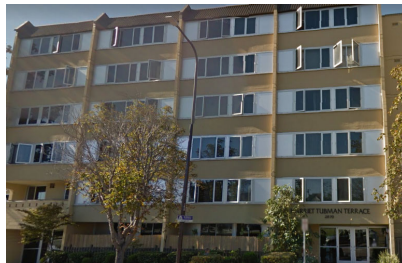


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# Community Resilience

- Pilot Programs (in partnership with Public Health)
  - Community Resilience Centers
  - Apartment Resilience Centers





# Community Resilience

- Ongoing efforts
  - Community Based Organization coordination
  - Community education
  - Assessing effectiveness of resilience programs







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**Thank you!**

**Questions?**

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