
National Defense Council 1917-1918

National Emergency Council (WH/EOP) 1933-1939

Office for Emergency Management (EOP) 1940-1950

National Security Resources Board (EOP) 1949-1953

Office of Defense Mobilization (EOP) 1950-1953

National Security Resources Board 1947-1949

Defense Production Administration 1951-1953

Federal Civil Defense Administration 1950-1958

Office of Defense and Civilian Mobilization 1958


Office of Emergency Preparedness 1968-1973

Federal Emergency Management Agency 1979

Federal Disaster Assistance Administration HUD 1973-1979

Other Agencies and Offices:

Federal Insurance Administration (HUD) 1968-79
National Fire Prevention and Control Administration (DOC) 1974-1979
National Weather Service Community Preparedness Program (DOC) 1973-1979

Dam Safety Coordination (EOP) 1977-79
Earthquake Hazard Reduction (EOP) 1978-79
Consequence Management in Terrorism (EOP) Warning and Emergency Broadcast (EOP) 197779
Note:  F indicates a transfer of function from one agency to another, R indicates the renaming of an organization, M indicates the merger of organizations, T indicates a transfer of offices between departments. WH indicates White House, DOD indicates Department of Defense, EOP indicates Executive Office of the President, GSA indicates General Services Administration, HUD indicates Department of Housing and Urban Development, ARMY indicates Department of the Army, DOC indicates Department of Commerce.

The diagram above traces the organizational history of civil defense and emergency management in the Federal government of the United States. As the chart suggests this history is both complex and convoluted. It is important to note that at any specific point in time a given function might be being performed by one agency, by two or more agencies, or not be being performed at all, depending on how civil defense and emergency management were defined in doctrine, policy, and common practice.