



Acronym List

ARES	Amateur Radio Emergency Services (Ham Radios)
CAHAN	CA Health Alert Network
Cal EMA	California Emergency Management Agency: Lead agency for coordinating emergency activities related to fire and rescue, management, search and rescue, law enforcement, and public information.
CD	Communicable Disease
CDPH	California Department of Public Health: A State agency that works closely with health care professionals, county governments and health plans to provide a health care safety net for California's low-income residents and persons with disabilities.
CERC	Crisis Emergency Risk Communication (Plan)
COOP	Continuity of Operations Plan
CPCA	California Primary Care Association
DHCS	Department of Healthcare Services
DMAT	Disaster Medical Assistance Team
DOC	Department Operations Center
DHS	U.S. Department of Homeland Security
DHV	Disaster Health Volunteers
DOC	Department Operations Center: An emergency operations center (EOC) specifically set up by a single department or agency such as Public Health.
DSW	Disaster Service Worker
EM	Emergency Management
EMP	Emergency Management Plan
EMS	Emergency Medical Services: Refers to the providers of pre-hospital 911 response and medical treatment.

EMSA	Emergency Medical Services Authority: Responsible for prompt delivery of disaster medical resources to local governments in support of their disaster medical response.
EOC	Emergency Operations Center: The physical location at which the coordination of information and resources to support incident management (on-scene operations) activities takes place.
EOM	California Public Health and Medical (EF8) Emergency Operations Manual, EOM. Provides guidance to local health departments (LHDs) on responding to disasters that require resources outside the response capability of the Operational Area (OA).
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
FTS	Field Treatment Site (See FTS Plan)
GMC	Glenn Medical Center
HAvBED	Hospital Available Beds for Emergencies and Disasters
HCC	Hospital Command Center: Site within the hospital or health care facility where overall emergency response and support activities are coordinated.
HICS	Hospital Incident Command System
HO	Health Officer
HPP	Hospital Preparedness Program
HSEEP	Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program
HVA	Hazard Vulnerability Assessment
IAP	Incident Action Plan: An oral or written plan containing general objectives reflecting the overall strategy for managing an incident.
IC	Incident Commander
ICS	Incident Command System. A standardized on-scene emergency management specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents, without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries.
ITAM	Initial Threat Assessment Meeting
JEOC	Joint Emergency Operations Center (CDPH/EMSA EOC)

JERP	Joint Epidemiological Response Plan (10 County N-E CA Regional Epi Project)
JIC	Joint Information Center
JIS	Joint Information System; integrates incident information and public affairs into a cohesive organization designed to provide consistent, coordinated, accurate, accessible, timely, and complete information during crisis or incident operations.
LEMSA	Local Emergency Medical Services Agency. The agency, department, or office having primary responsibility for administration of emergency medical services in a county.
LHD	Local health department. The agency, department, or office having primary responsibility for administration of public health services in a county.
LTCF	Long Term Care Facility
MACS	Multiagency Coordination System
MCI	Mass Casualty Incident. An incident resulting in a large number of persons with injuries or deaths.
MHCC	Medical and Health Coordination Center
MHOAC/P	Medical Health Operational Area Coordinator/Program. A functional designation within the Operational Area normally fulfilled by the county health officer and local EMS agency administrator (or designee), responsible for the development of a medical and health disaster plan and coordination of situational information and mutual aid during emergencies.
NIMS	National Incident Management System. Provides a systematic, proactive approach guiding government agencies at all levels, the private sector, and non-government organizations to work seamlessly to prevent, protect against, respond to, recover from and mitigate the effects of incidents, regardless of cause, size, location, or complexity, in order to reduce the loss of life or property and harm to the environment.
OA	Operational Area. An intermediate level of the State's emergency organization, consisting of a county and all other political subdivisions within the geographical boundaries of the county.
OA EOC	Operational Area Emergency Operations Center (County EOC)
OES	Office of Emergency Services
PH	Public Health

PHEP	Public Health Emergency Preparedness program
PHICS	Public Health Incident Command System
PIO	Public Information Officer
POC	Point of contact
POD	Point Of Dispensing. Used for rapid dispensing of life saving medications including antibiotics and vaccines.
RDMHC/S	Regional Disaster Medical Health Coordinator or Specialist. Regional contact for local PH and medical coordination.
REOC	Regional Emergency Operations Center. Provide centralized coordination of resources among Operational Areas (OAs) within their respective regions, and between the OA and the State government level.
RIMS	Response Information Management System
SEMS	Standardized Emergency Management System. A system required by California Government Code for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional emergencies in California.
SITREP	Situation Report
SNF	Skilled Nursing Facility
SNS	Strategic National Stockpile (AKA Medical Countermeasures Program)
SO	Sheriff's Office
SOC	State Operations Center (State EOC)
TTX	Tabletop Exercise