

Seattle's disaster response plan

In most cases, local officials direct the emergency response to a disaster. If a large earthquake were to strike Seattle, Mayor Greg Nickels would lead the response, with county, state and federal officials providing support.

MAJOR DISASTER OCCURS

Firefighters, police, volunteer organizations and other emergency crews respond to provide immediate aid. They alert...



CITY

Mayor
Greg Nickels



COUNTY

County Executive
Ron Sims



The city and county activate local emergency operations center and requests aid from...



STATE

Governor
Christine Gregoire



The governor activates state emergency operations center, declares state of emergency, requests presidential emergency declaration, calls up the National Guard if needed and informs...



FEDERAL GOVERNMENT

FEMA regional director
John Pennington



Acting FEMA director
R. David Paulison



Activates catastrophic disaster response group, emergency support team and contacts the President.



President of the United States
George W. Bush

Declares emergency/major disaster and appoints a ...



Federal coordinating officer

Who sets up the ... and works with...

State coordinating officer

who joins the ...

Disaster field office

The disaster field office supports ...



Emergency response team

Response team supports and provides transportation, communications, public works and engineering, firefighting, medical services, urban search and rescue, food and other services and supplies. With these resources, local, state and federal responders comprise the disaster field operations that provide ongoing disaster relief and recovery.