

# EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## DEFINITION

Emergency management is the managerial function that creates the framework (Our Emergency Plan) with which the County, and the communities within the County, use to reduce vulnerability to hazards and cope with disasters.

## VISION

Emergency management seeks to promote a safer, less vulnerable County, and communities within the County, that have the capacity and capability to cope with hazards and disasters.

## MISSION

Emergency management protects the County, and communities within the County, by coordinating and insuring the unity that is necessary to build, sustain, and improve the capability to mitigate against, prepare for, respond to, and recover from threatened or actual natural disasters, acts of terrorism, or other man-made disasters.

OUR JIM WELLS COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT MISSION STATEMENT:

“WE ARE PREPARING THE RESIDENTS OF JIM WELLS COUNTY TODAY.

TO INSURE THEIR SAFETY FOR TOMORROW.”

## EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES (8)

As Emergency Managers We Must Be:

**COMPREHENSIVE**- We should consider and take into account all hazards, all phases, all stakeholders and all impacts relevant to disasters.

**PROGRESSIVE** – We must anticipate future disasters and take preventative and preparatory measures to build disaster-resistant and disaster-resilient Counties and communities.

**RISK DRIVEN** – We use sound risk management principles (hazard identification, risk analysis and impact analysis) in assigning priorities and resources.

**INTEGRATED** – We must insure unity of effort among all levels of government and all elements of a county or a community.

**COLLABORATIVE** – We must create and sustain broad and sincere relationships among individuals and organizations to encourage trust, advocate a team atmosphere, build consensus and facilitate communication.

**COORDINATED** – We must synchronize the activities of all relevant stakeholders to achieve a common purpose.

**FLEXIBLE** – We must use creative and innovative approaches in solving disaster challenges.

**PROFESSIONAL** - We must value a science and knowledge-based approach based on education, training, experience, ethical practice, public stewardship and continuous improvement.