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Municipal Emergency Operations Centre Activation

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Policy Statement:

To activate the municipal Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) to facilitate the emergency response procedures in a timely and effective manner based on event criteria. The Director of Emergency Management (DEM) will decide to activate the EOC based on the established criteria.

Guidelines:

To facilitate the Municipal EOC Activation Procedure that forms part of the Municipal Emergency Management Plan.

The activation will ensure that the County will support the emergency event first response operations, coordinate the public safety operations beyond the emergency site, and coordinate the overall Agency and Government support. As well, activation will ensure public information and media activities, first response, and critical municipal services are available to those parts of the municipality not immediately affected by the emergency.

Activation will also coordinate municipal business continuity and recovery procedures, if necessary.

Not activating the EOC in a timely manner could prevent the municipality from supporting the incident response as required and the protection of public safety, property and the environment.

The Municipal EOC Activation Procedure should be included in training and exercises regularly.