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# HOW WE GOT STARTED:

**Back in the 1950s through the 1990s Civil Defense (CD) was the driving force to educate the public on how to respond to a disaster. With the development on the Department of Homeland Security, CD was absorbed and became part of the local Emergency Management Agency (EMA). In 2004 Governor Daniels restructured the State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) into what is now the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). At that time, we implemented our new name to Lake County Homeland Security & Emergency Management Agency.**

# WHAT WE DO:

*(THIS IS JUST SOME OF WHAT WE DO)*

- 1. Consider conceivable risks to the county (man-made or natural).**
- 2. Devise a plan(s) to prepare, mitigate, respond, and recover from those risks.**
- 3. Make sure the resources are available to execute the plan work (equipment, trained personnel, etc).**

**Lake County Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency accomplishes these by following IDHS standard format of planning, mitigation, response and recovery.**

# RESPONSIBILITIES:

*(THIS IS JUST A FEW OF THE MANY RESPONSIBILITIES)*

## **Hazard Analysis / Disaster History**

**Natural:** snow storms, tornados, floods

**Manmade:** explosions, derailments, traffic accidents

**Terrorist:** Oklahoma, Militia (homegrown or foreign)

## **Develop the Lake County**

### **Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. (CEMP)**

The purpose of this plan is to minimize or prevent damage to persons or property; and restore to usefulness governmental services and public utilities and general welfare of the public. This plan should embrace the use of all of the facilities, equipment, manpower, and other resources of the County.

## **Provide oversight of the Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC).**

**Identify and submit for grant monies in an effort to reduce impact on local agencies.**

**Educate the public as to actions necessary in case of an emergency or disaster.**

**Conduct exercises to insure the efficient operation of the emergency plan.**

**Coordinating the activity of public and private agencies engaged in any emergency.**

**Develop and maintain a County Resource Manual.**

**Establish and maintain a local radiological defense program**

**Assist in the development of mutual aid agreements.**

**Coordinate county emergency management with the state and adjacent jurisdictions.**

**Coordinate with schools, medical facilities, factories and other businesses to assist in the development of consistent action plans to standardize responses.**