

DATE: February 5, 2018

TO: Mayor Chelminiak and City Councilmembers

FROM: Curry Mayer, Emergency Manager, Fire Department

SUBJECT: Emergency Management Report

Purpose: Description of the roles and responsibilities of the Fire Department's Office of Emergency Management.

The Office of Emergency Management's (OEM) mission is to empower City employees, the public, and regional partners to prepare for, mitigate, respond to and recover from disasters. The OEM accomplishes this through a multi-faceted program, which includes internal and external training and exercise events, planning across all City departments, extensive community preparedness activities and the support and expertise provided during response.

During an event, the OEM coordinates City department resources from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). The EOC is the location from which the OEM provides the overarching support and coordination for Bellevue's operational departments, including Police, Fire, Parks, Utilities, Transportation and Civic Services. The OEM provides the global context for planned events (Snowflake Lane) and unplanned incidents, allowing for the most efficient coordination of City resources.

The OEM builds community resilience through public engagement. This is the vehicle the OEM uses to help the community to be prepared. Public engagement and education are done through training, presentations, and participation in events throughout the City and the year.

The OEM has established regional partnerships with the private sector and other government agencies which further enhance its ability to effectively and efficiently prepare for, mitigate, respond to, and recover from any hazard that may impact the City of Bellevue.