

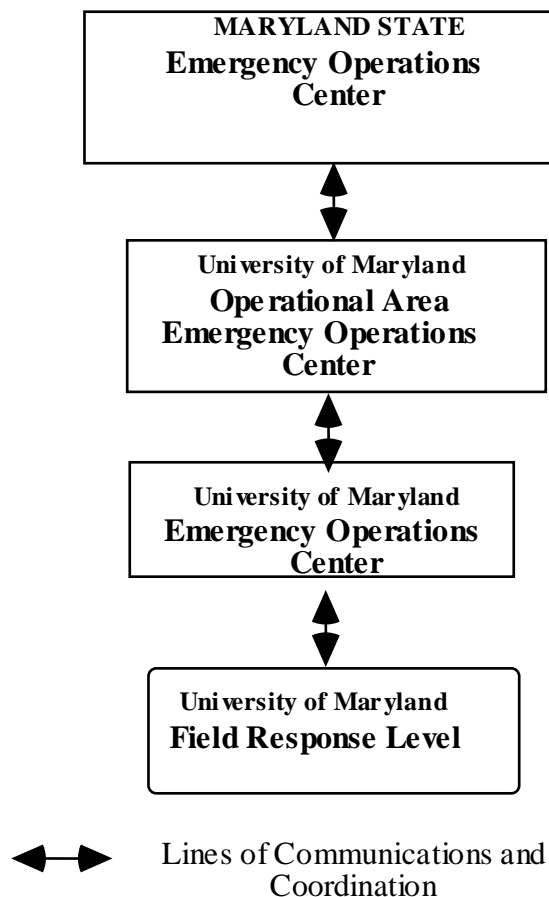
RELATIONSHIP TO THE SYSTEM

The University is responsible for emergency response within its geographical boundaries. The *State of Maryland Emergency Services Act* requires the University to manage and coordinate the overall emergency response and recovery activities within its jurisdiction. During disasters, it is required to coordinate emergency operations with the University Operational Area and, in some instances, other local governments.

Under the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS), the University has responsibilities at two levels, the field response and local government levels. At the field response level, all agencies will use the Incident Command System (ICS) to standardize the emergency response.

At the local government level, a designated Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is used as the central location for gathering and disseminating information, coordinating all jurisdictional emergency operations, and coordinating with the University's Operational Area.

The following diagram depicts the relationship between the University of Maryland, the University of Maryland Operational Area, and the State's Regional Emergency Operations Center



University of Maryland, College Park Emergency Operations Management Levels

Emergency System Management

The President, any institutional Vice President or the Director of Public Safety may declare an emergency condition and request an institutional management response for the coordination of activity around an identified emergency

The Director of Public Safety is responsible for managing any declared emergency affecting the safety and security of the university community through the implementation of a disaster response protocol designed to identify and allocate resources, and to commit those resources to the successful resolution of the emergency situation.

Incident Response Team (IRT)

The President is the chair of the Incident Response Team and the Vice President for Student Affairs has been appointed by the President to be the institutional coordinator/manager of this team. The team will be called into operation as soon as practical after an emergency condition or incident occurs requiring a coordinated institutional response. The President, any Vice President, or the Director of Public Safety may initiate the Disaster Response Protocol and implement the IRT. Membership in this team will comprise the President's Chief of Staff, a representative of the President's Legal Office, institutional Vice Presidents and /or their designees, and any additional members deemed necessary on an as needed basis. It will always include a member of the Office of University Communications staff to coordinate public information issues.

Liaison duties and informational briefings to the Incident Response Team will be provided by the Director of Public Safety or his designee. The IRT will be the focal point for institutional leadership and global decision making during the emergency response. The Vice President of Student Affairs, with the assistance of the President's Chief of Staff, will be responsible for coordinating, managing, and reporting to the President on the status of the incident and decisions made by the Incident Response Team. The staging area for the IRT will be the conference room in either the Mitchell Building or the Main Administration Building, depending on the availability of essential resources (power, news briefings, etc). In the event that neither of these locations have essential services or these essential services become unavailable, an alternate location will be procured by the Vice President of Student Affairs.

Emergency Operations Center Group (EOC)

If the emergency condition is either long term, catastrophic or severe enough to cause an institutional response on a 24 hour a day/multi-day process, the IRT will call for the activation of the EOC. This group will comprise representatives of departments affected by or identified as responders to the emergency. Department heads will ensure continuing staffing to the EOC by appropriate level personnel as long as the emergency requires. The EOC will coordinate asset and resource allocations necessary to successfully respond to the emergency situation.

The IRT will identify those departments required for staffing inclusion based on the type, severity and impact of the emergency. The EOC group may include Resident Life, Environmental Safety, the Health Center, Facilities Management, Residential Facilities, Transportation Services, Business Services, the Office of Information Technology, Dining Services, and any other department deemed necessary by the EEC. The staging area for the EOC will be in the DPS facility. This facility will require adequate coordinated communication, equipment, and staffing as identified by the Director of Public Safety. A back-up EOC will be located on the 3rd floor of the Pocomoke Building in the UMDPS SOC.

Incident Command Center Group (ICC)

The Incident Command Center group may comprise local/state/federal public safety/police command level officers, local/state/ federal/ fire/EMS/hazmat teams, local/state/federal environmental/public health resources or any other operational group deemed necessary based on the emergency characteristics and requirements.

The ICC will design, coordinate and implement the operational response to any incident identified as a major crime, threat to public safety, or health incident.

The staging area for the ICC will vary depending upon the location of the threat. The staging area for the ICC should include adequate communications equipment and other logistical support. In the event the incident requires outside agency intervention/response (MSP, FBI, PUBLIC HEALTH, etc), the ICC group will act as the coordinator of services during the operational phase of the stated incident. The ICC may utilize the Department of Public Safety Command Trailer or a Joint Operations Command Center (JOCC).