

# SMALL COMMUNITY EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN FACT SHEET



## Introduction

Successful management of a disaster begins and ends at the local level. When a community is prepared to deal with a disaster the impact can be minimized and lives may be saved. One key to community preparedness is a community emergency response plan that defines how the community will respond to disasters.

The Small Community Emergency Response Plan (SCERP) is an exciting approach to emergency management for small communities. The SCERP is a customized flipbook with essential, community-specific, information to assist the community's response to a disaster. The SCERP differs from an Emergency Operation Plan (EOP) and does not replace your community or borough EOP. Instead, the SCERP supports an EOP by providing a quick response reference tool that assists communities with limited response capabilities through the crucial first 72 hours of an event.

## The Goal for the SCERP Project

This initiative strives to provide small communities with a mechanism to develop emergency response plans that will increase their capability to respond to an event.

## Highlights

- The SCERP is a response plan which provides actionable items for a community to perform in response to an event
- The SCERP is designed for communities with a population of 2000 or less
- The process to complete the SCERP is cost-free and requires minimal time past the first meeting
  1. Download the Toolkit found at <http://ready.alaska.gov/plans/SCERP>
    - **Incorporated Toolkit** for communities with a legal governing body
      - This may be a city government, tribal government, or both
    - **Unincorporated Toolkit** for communities with no legal governing body
  2. Complete the Toolkit with a planning team of stakeholders
    - Area administration, city/tribal council, law enforcement, fire/medical, school administration, utility officials, communications, interested community members, etc.
  3. Send the Toolkit to DHS&EM [mva.dhsem.plans@alaska.gov](mailto:mva.dhsem.plans@alaska.gov)
  4. DHS&EM will provide 7 copies of the SCERP to your community
  5. Reconvene the planning team and test exercise the SCERP
  6. Work with DHS&EM to make revisions based on lessons learned during the exercise
  7. Update the SCERP annually to identify personnel and contact changes
- Request technical assistance through [mva.dhsem.plans@alaska.gov](mailto:mva.dhsem.plans@alaska.gov)

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