

Standardized Emergency Management System

Numerous agencies must work together effectively to protect lives, property and the environment during a multi-jurisdiction, multi-agency emergency incident. The Oakland Hills fire, which occurred in October 1991, drew attention to the need for better coordination among the emergency services responders. As a result, the Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) was developed which incorporates the principles from the Incident Command System (ICS), the Multi-interagency Coordination System (MACS), the Master Mutual Aid Agreement, the Operational Area Satellite Information System (OASIS), and the operational area concept. SEMS facilitates priority setting, interagency cooperation, and the efficient flow of resources and information. For additional information on SEMS including the principle systems, organizational levels and functions click on the SEMS introductory course and self-test.

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