

Emergency Management. Definitions.

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Section 418.004: Definitions.

In this chapter:

(1) "**Disaster**" means the occurrence or **imminent threat of** widespread or severe **damage, injury, or loss of life or property** resulting from any natural or man-made **cause, including** fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, wave action, oil spill or other water contamination, volcanic activity, **epidemic**, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, **hostile military or paramilitary action**, extreme heat, cybersecurity event, **other public calamity requiring emergency action**, or energy emergency. ...

(4) "**Interjurisdictional agency**" means a disaster agency maintained by and serving more than one political subdivision.

(5) "**Organized volunteer group**" means an organization such as the American National Red Cross, the Salvation Army, the Civil Air Patrol, the Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Services, **a volunteer fire department**, a volunteer rescue squad, **or other similar organization recognized by federal or state statute, regulation, or memorandum.**

(6) "**Political subdivision**" means **a county or incorporated city.** ...

(9) "Department" means the **Department of Public Safety of the State of Texas.**

(10) "**Local government entity**" means **a county, incorporated city, independent school district, public junior college district, emergency services district, other special district, joint board, or other entity defined as a political subdivision under the laws of this state that maintains the capability to provide mutual aid.**

(11) "**Mutual aid**" means a homeland security activity, as defined by Section 421.001, performed under the system or **a written mutual aid agreement.**

(12) "**Requesting local government entity**" means **a local government entity requesting mutual aid assistance under the system.**

(13) "**Responding local government entity**" means **a local government entity providing mutual aid assistance in response to a request under the system.**

(14) "System" means the **Texas Statewide Mutual Aid System.**