

**State Emergency Response Commission (SERC)**  
**Fiscal Year 2025/2026 Work Plan**  
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***MISSION***

The mission of the SERC is to ensure State, federal, and local emergency planning and preparedness is established, integrated, and mutually supportive.

***GOALS***

Each local community (single or multi-jurisdictional) has a local emergency operations plan (EOP) or Small Community Emergency Response Plan (SCERP) appropriate to the size of the community which is regularly reviewed and exercised to ensure each community's operational readiness to respond to disasters.

Each State and federal agency in Alaska has an agency specific EOP which is regularly reviewed and exercised to ensure each agency's operational readiness to respond to disasters.

Community, industry, State, and federal disaster plans are integrated under a single unified Incident Command System (ICS) maintained by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (DHS&EM).

Communities in geographic areas which have been unable to establish a single or multi-jurisdictional planning organization are served by State agencies under the leadership DHS&EM.

Active programs are established at State and local levels to raise public awareness of natural and technological hazards, as well as promote individual and family preparedness and risk reduction.

***SERC COMMITTEES***

- All Hazards Plan Review Committee (AHPRC)
- Finance Committee
- Interoperable Communications Committee
- Training Committee
- Work Plan Committee
- Disaster Search and Rescue Committee
- Alaska Citizen Corps
- Alaska Intrastate Mutual Aid System Committee

## ***SERC TASKS (including proponent)***

1. Revise SERC Policies and Procedures Manual (P&PM) to align with Alaska State Statute and SERC Bylaws. (SERC, DHS&EM, Work Plan Committee)
2. Revise Bylaws to support SERC P&PM. (SERC, DHS&EM, Work Plan Committee)
3. Reassess the continued viability of the SERC committees and sub-committees and provide recommendations regarding the need for each on-going committee. (SERC, All committees and sub-committees).
4. Clarify, identify and develop resource needs for the All-Hazards Plan Review Committee (AHPRC) regarding meeting Alaska Statute to review plans. (SERC, DHS&EM, AHPRC)
5. Reassess the boundaries of the LEPC's and LEPD's to enhance LEPC coverage. (SERC, LEPCA)
6. Participate in finding solutions to support LEPC's lack of funding and resources to meet requirements in Alaska Statutes. (SERC, LEPCA)
7. Participate in finding solutions to statewide emergency communications issues. (SERC, DMVA, Interoperable Communications Committee)
8. Transition implementation and operation of AIMAS credentialing to replace the "Blue Card". Credentialing process to be defined by the All-Hazards Qualification Guide. (AIMAS)

## ***STANDING SERC TASKS (including proponent)***

1. Promote the adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) to facilitate interaction with State, local and industry response to all hazards, multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional disasters and emergency incidents. (SERC, DHS&EM)
2. Maintain an active SERC membership. (SERC Coordinator)
3. Approve Local Emergency Planning Districts (LEPD) changes. (SERC Coordinator, DHS&EM, Finance Committee).
4. Approve appointments to Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC). (SERC)
5. Provide technical and financial assistance to maintain active LEPC's. (DHS&EM, DEC, Finance Committee)

6. Encourage LEPC's to maintain an active membership. (DHS&EM)
7. Review and comment on emergency response plans prepared by local, State and federal agencies. (AHPRC)
8. Provide technical and financial assistance for the preparation and implementation of local emergency operations plans. (DHS&EM, DEC, AHPRC, Finance Committee)
9. Maintain the SERC and LEPC Association websites. (SERC Coordinator)
10. Identify funding sources for State and local emergency response preparedness. (DHS&EM, Finance Committee, LEPC Association)
11. Manage the LEPC grant process. (SERC, DEC, DHS&EM, Finance Committee)
12. Synchronization of the SERC and Alaska's Regional Response Teams (DEC, EPA, USCG) was encouraged by the Workgroup. Both bodies have a nexus to Hazardous Material (HazMat) response.
13. Committee Chairs and Membership must be updated to reflect any attrition, resignations, or new members. New chairs require a SERC vote, either through a consent agenda or floor vote (ALL).
14. State agencies that respond to a disaster or State Disaster Declaration provide AAR reporting to SERC rather than from individual communities.
15. DHS&EM Training Office to implement and maintain the National Incident Management System (NIMS), National Qualification System (NQS) to update and track personnel with training and skills pertinent to disaster response, recovery, prevention, and preparedness. (AIMAS/SERC)