

# City of Winston-Salem Public Safety Committee



*Winston-  
Salem/Forsyth  
County  
Office of Emergency  
Management*



# Mission Tasks

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- ◉ Training
- ◉ Public Education
- ◉ Planning
- ◉ Exercises
- ◉ Response
- ◉ Coordination
- ◉ Collaboration



# Past 7 Years – Highlighted Events

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- Hurricanes and Tropical Storms
- Ice Storm
- Snow Events
- Flooding Incidents
- Hurricane Helene
- Deployments
- COVID-19
- Weaver Fire
- Coastal Mega Shelter
- School Shootings
- Plane Crashes
- Major Cyber Event
- Large Concerts
- Large Protests
- Large Events
- Presidential & Campaign Visits
- NASCAR







# Events Past Three Weeks

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- Extreme Heat Planning
- Responded to Alamance County to support their response to flooding from Tropical Storm Chantal
- East Winston-Salem “Microburst”



# Your Emergency Management Team

- US Department of Homeland Security (*Federal Emergency Management Agency*) [FEMA]
- NC Division of Emergency Management
- Winston-Salem/Forsyth County Office of Emergency Management





# Current Questions & Clarification

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- ◉ EM Local Planning
- ◉ FEMA
- ◉ Stafford Act
- ◉ Post-Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act
- ◉ FEMA Process
- ◉ Locally led, state-managed, and federally supported



# Uncertainty

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- ◉ Funding confusion and misinformation
- ◉ Funding Types



# Elected Roles & Responsibilities

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During times of crisis, elected officials can assist their communities by:

- Understanding how the government responds to emergencies and disasters
- Being aware of what resources are available
- Being aware of what types of assistance can and cannot be provided to citizens and local governments



# Key Work Items 2026

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- Enhancing COOP
- City & County All-Hazards Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- City & County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Situation Room (SITROOM)