

**COMPETENCY MODEL FOR
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR
CLASS CODE 1702**

The following competencies have been identified as those that best separate superior from satisfactory job performance in the class of **EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR**. (Numbers refers to the order of competencies in the Competency Bank.)

- 3. Judgment and Decision Making
- 20. Job Knowledge
- 32. Responsiveness and Follow-up
- 37. Flexibility
- 45. Oral Communication
- 47. Written Communication
- 48. Shares Knowledge and Information
- 49. Project Management

On the following pages are descriptions of each competency, including a definition, the level of the competency required for the class (*italicized, bolded, and underlined*), examples of behavioral indicators, and satisfactory and superior performance levels.

3. JUDGMENT AND DECISION MAKING – Accurately assesses situations, seeks new information if necessary, and applies all available information to reach sound conclusions/formulate effective response.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Training and guidelines needed to respond to immediate situations within very specific function are provided (or supervisor available to assist).

Level 2: General information and guidance to assist in responding to a variety of situations across a range of circumstances are provided.

Level 3: Little guidance available for responding to a wide range of complex situations with far-reaching and/or enduring consequences.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Effectively responds to atypical situations.
- Asks questions or otherwise obtains additional relevant information to make a decision.
- Formulates a decision and necessary actions based on available facts.
- Correctly infers appropriate response based on information provided and existing policies, personal experience, and/or consultation with others.
- Discusses conclusions/possible responses with others before taking action as necessary.
- Considers impact of decisions on all affected parties.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Correctly assesses routine and unusual situations and reaches appropriate conclusions for actions needed. Obtains additional information and/or consults with others as necessary.

Superior

Evaluates new situations accurately to establish an appropriate response or plan of action. Recognizes the impact on all affected parties, as well as the possible ramifications and/or repercussions of setting a precedent.

20. JOB KNOWLEDGE – Knows information required to perform a specific job. Includes both widely available courses of study (for example, chemistry, human resources management, graphic arts) and City-specific information (parking regulation and ticketing practices; purchasing procedures; provisions of the City Charter).

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Knowledge is concrete, factual, and/or procedural and may be defined by the organization. Situations in which it is applied are quite consistent.

Level 2: Knowledge is substantive and may be defined by an external trade, field, or profession. Situations in which it is applied vary and, as such, require breadth and depth of understanding.

Level 3: Knowledge is abstract, conceptual, and/or complex and may be supported by a well-defined academic discipline or authoritative sources (e.g., laws, ordinances, government guidelines/regulations/codes). Situations in which it is applied may vary greatly or be novel.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Performs work correctly/avoids technical (job content related) errors.
- Answers technical questions about work accurately.
- Asks few technical questions about the performance of routine work activities.
- Offers advice (“coaching”) to new employees regarding their work.
- Develops training programs for other employees.
- Sought out as a source of information by others.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Sufficient job knowledge to perform work correctly independently. Answers technical questions about work correctly.

Superior

Expertise in technical job information sufficient to serve as a resource to others. May develop training manuals/ programs and/or give internal and/or external presentations related to work.

Job Knowledge Areas

1. Knowledge of various types of emergencies and the subsequent impact on operations, such as flood, civil disturbance, earthquake, fire, wildfire, hazardous materials, and terrorism sufficient to determine the necessary steps to repair and restore essential systems, services, and operations back to operating levels after an emergency.
2. Knowledge of the fundamentals of emergency management such as preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation sufficient to understand the framework and function of emergency management and plan for emergencies accordingly.
3. Knowledge of emergency management systems and procedures, such as the California Standardized Emergency Management System, and National Incident Management System sufficient to operate within a clear organizational structure in the event of a large-scale emergency.
4. Knowledge of the City's Emergency Operations Organization, including the direction and control of the planning, coordination, and management of disaster preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery sufficient to repair and restore essential systems, services, and operations back to operating levels after an emergency.
5. Knowledge of various types of training and exercise programs used to communicate information about emergency management to various audiences such as traditional classroom lectures, table-top facilitations, functional, and full-scale trainings and exercise programs sufficient to determine and develop the appropriate training and/or program for a given emergency and to evaluate its effectiveness in training City employees, outside agencies, and local residents.
6. Knowledge of non-City sources of funding for emergency management programs and trainings such as the Federal Homeland Security Grant Program and Urban Area Security Initiative sufficient to properly equip and support disaster preparedness, recovery, and mitigation trainings and programs for City employees, outside agencies, and local residents.
7. Knowledge of mutual aid agencies and the services they provide in case of an emergency such as the United States Military and American Red Cross sufficient to leverage all available resources including additional personnel to ensure sufficient coverage during an emergency.
8. Knowledge of the methods and techniques used to develop and maintain emergency operations plans and procedures, such as reviewing and updating hazard-specific plans, and considering accessibility compliance concerns sufficient to provide clear direction to the City and specific departments about their emergency management plans.

32. RESPONSIVENESS AND FOLLOW-UP – Executes actions as requested or to which a commitment has been made; continues involvement as needed.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Willingly accept job assignments and, upon completion, asks whether any other actions are necessary.

Level 2: Ensure that all job responsibilities are fulfilled within their designated timeframes. Willingly accept, and may volunteer for, additional assignments, but does not overextend. Anticipate and accommodate the need for continued involvement.

Level 3: Ensure that staff and other resources are available (or can be made available) to reasonably allow for completion of work before making a commitment. If not, make adjustments to ensure completion of work or re-establish priorities and communicate to all involved parties. Recognize the probable need for continuation of some staff involvement beyond the designated timeframe to ensure success.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Willingly accepts assignments and completes assigned work.
- Monitors “completed” work to determine whether additional issues to be addressed have arisen.
- Volunteers for assignments when able to assure their timely completion.
- Carefully considers available staff and resources, and competing priorities, before making commitments to complete additional work.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Completes assigned work. Realistically appraises the likelihood of completing additional work before accepting or volunteering for it. Recognizes the usual need for follow-up once assignments are submitted.

Superior

Completes assigned work in an expeditious manner. Often ready to accept additional work or volunteer for it. Readjusts priorities and/or revises plans to maximize productivity. Diligently monitors the possible need for follow-up.

37. FLEXIBILITY – Changes behavior to more effectively respond to differences or changes in situations, circumstances, objectives or people.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Modify behavior as necessary to accommodate differences/changes.

Level 2: Initiate changed behavior when initial approach proves ineffective.

Level 3: Perceive subtle cues/feedback to determine modifications in behavior necessary to improve effectiveness.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Adjusts speaking in terms of volume (softer/louder) and/or manner (for example, explanatory vs. directive).
- Offers a different option when the first is rejected.
- Completes work in a nonroutine manner when usual approach is inefficient or ineffective.
- Readily accepts changes in work assignments.
- Willingly works with any others as assigned or required by job duties.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Changes approach or objective when directed to do so. Recognizes failure of initial approach to achieve objective and tries a different one.

Superior

Identifies opportunities to improve performance by changing the goal or personal behavior to reach the goal. Supports changes imposed by others.

45. ORAL COMMUNICATION – Communicates orally in a clear, concise, and effective manner.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Exchange specific, job-related information orally with others in the immediate work environment or via telephone and/or radio.

Level 2: Obtain/provide/present general and/or job-specific information orally to a variety of others in various situations.

Level 3: Obtain/provide/present a diverse array of information orally at varying levels of complexity to a wide range of others across many different situations and circumstances.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Audience clearly understands the intended message.
- Rarely must repeat information in response to questions.
- Refrains from use of unnecessary words, phrases, or jargon.
- Provides a level of detail appropriate to the situation (avoids too much or too little detail).
- Speaks at a level appropriate to the audience in terms of terminology, sentence structure, and simplicity/complexity of ideas expressed.
- Uses words with precision (vocabulary) to convey exact information.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Speaks clearly and audibly, providing the appropriate information and level of detail. Typically conveys the message on the first attempt. Answers questions accurately and directly.

Superior

Speech is direct and to the point. Speaks convincingly and with authority when appropriate. Maintains sensitivity to the audience while providing thorough information with the appropriate level of detail through the use of precise language.

47. WRITTEN COMMUNICATION – Communicates effectively in writing.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Write notes/e-mails. Completes forms with some open-ended responses (sentences).

Level 2: Write letters, articles/reports, and/or detailed descriptions of activities/occurrences.

Level 3: Write lengthy reports, instruction manuals, in-depth analyses/reviews of complex issues and/or articles for publication. Reviews the written work of others.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Writing includes the necessary information to convey the intended message.
- Sufficiently few errors in spelling, punctuation, grammar to not interfere with the intended message or distract the reader.
- Little editing or re-writing needed to produce a final product.
- Composes materials efficiently.
- Information is presented in a well organized manner.
- Tone and degree of formality are appropriate to the purpose and audience.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Writes material that clearly communicates the necessary information; needs little editing.

Superior

Precisely uses words and organizes information in a way that enhances presentation of the message. Virtually no editing needed.

48. SHARES KNOWLEDGE AND INFORMATION – Conveys all information relevant to each involved party in a thorough and timely manner.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Provide job-related information as it becomes available to others who are likely to need it or to whom it might be helpful.

Level 2: Keep all involved parties informed of work/project progress and other new information. Tailors content, level of detail, and timing of information provided to the perspective of each recipient.

Level 3: Recognize different needs for different information and provide all affected parties with a description of the “big picture” as well as the breadth and detail of information relevant to their perspective.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Provides thorough explanations with all relevant details.
- Uses multiple means of communicating (e.g., e-mail, telephone, meetings).
- Provides status reports of work/project progress to all involved parties.
- Informs others of changes at the earliest feasible time.
- Uses multiple addressees and “copies” others so all parties see exactly the same information and know who already has been informed.
- Draws from job knowledge and work experience to provide thorough descriptions and explanations.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Readily communicates new, job-related information to all employees to whom it is relevant. Provides a level of detail and explanation appropriate to the recipient.

Superior

Ensures that all involved parties are provided the maximum amount of information feasible in as timely a manner as possible to facilitate work/project status. Shares job knowledge and experience to serve as a mentor or coach to others.

49. PROJECT MANAGEMENT – Anticipates and plans for all aspects of a multi-faceted, discrete endeavor to ensure resources are available and actions are taken at proper times for successful completion.

Level of Competency Required by Job:

Level 1: Plan, coordinate, and oversee accomplishment of multi-step projects involving other employees.

Level 2: Design, plan, coordinate, and manage large, multi-faceted projects involving employees from various segments of the organization representing different perspectives.

Level 3: Design, plan, secure approval and resources, and manages large-scale, complex projects involving many employees representing a large number of diverse segments of the organization and perspectives, which may at times be in conflict.

Examples of Behavioral Indicators:

- Establishes project plans that gain management acceptance.
- Establishes realistic timeline and estimates of resources needed.
- Assembles appropriate team with complementary skills to efficiently execute all portions of a project.
- Secures necessary resources for successful project completion.
- Clearly designates roles/responsibilities/accountability.
- Addresses failure to perform or other problems in a timely and effective manner to minimize negative impact.

Performance Levels:

Satisfactory

Establishes acceptable project plan; assembles team with required skills; establishes personal responsibility/accountability. Ensures the necessary time and resources are available.

Superior

Designs efficient project plan to maximize benefits and minimize use of resources. Designates precise mix of people to best accomplish the project. Completes on time, with resources allocated.