



# **New York State Office of Emergency Management** **State Emergency Operations Center**

The State response organization is activated based upon the scope and magnitude of an incident, and the level of capability needed to effectively respond to the event. The State EOC has four levels of activation that are preceded by day-to-day, steady state operations.

## **Steady State – Continuous Monitoring**

During steady-state operations, NYSOEM maintains the State EOC in a readiness posture, while conducting normal day-to-day operations.

The New York State Watch Center (NYSWC) conducts surveillance and monitoring of any potential or actual emergency 24 hours per day, seven days a week.

## **Level 4 – Enhanced Monitoring**

This State EOC level is warranted in situations that require additional monitoring and potential response coordination across state agencies. NYSOEM staff provide direct support to the State EOC, and facilitate operational activities and situational information across other state agencies that are external to the State EOC.

## **Level 3 – Partial Activation**

This State EOC level is warranted when multi-agency coordination is necessary in preparing for, or responding to, an incident. This level warrants the activation of several command and general staff positions, NYSOEM staff, and a partial activation of a limited number of State Emergency Support Functions (ESFs). State ESF Coordinators and select member agencies will be activated as conditions warrant.

## **Level 2 – Full Activation**

This State EOC level is warranted in situations where an incident has the potential to cause, or is causing, significant impacts on the State. In such cases, NYSOEM will activate all command and general staff positions, and most or all of the State ESFs will be activated with member agencies, as conditions warrant. State Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) efforts may be required across all agencies.

## **Level 1 – Full State/Federal Response**

This State EOC level is warranted in situations where the incident may potentially cause, or is causing, significant impacts on the State, and warrants the integration of the Federal response organization. In such cases, this level includes the activation of State MAC efforts, all State ESFs and member agencies, and full ESF integration with the corresponding Federal ESFs. A State Coordinating Officer (SCO) will be designated and will work in unison with the Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO), once established. The SCO and FCO will be located at the State EOC until a joint field office (JFO) is established.