

## On Mission Areas & Core Capabilities

*of operational tactics employed by Safety Services, Office of Emergency Management for a more resilient school district.*

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*Mission Areas differ from phases of emergency management. Each mission area consists of the capabilities required for achieving the mission or function at any time (before, during, or after an incident) and across all threats and hazards. It is important to shift your thinking to capabilities rather than phases.*

### 5 Mission Areas:

**Prevention:** The capabilities necessary to avoid, prevent, or stop a threat. It is focused on ensuring we are optimally prepared to prevent an imminent terrorist attack within the United States. As defined by PPD-8, the term “prevention” refers to preventing imminent threats.

**Protection:** The capabilities necessary to secure the homeland against acts of terrorism and human-caused or natural disasters.

**Mitigation:** The capabilities necessary to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the potential impact of disasters.

**Response:** The capabilities necessary to save lives, protect property and the environment, and meet basic human needs immediately after an incident has occurred.

**Recovery:** The capabilities necessary to assist communities affected by an incident to recover effectively.

Three of the core capabilities are common to all five Mission Areas: Planning, Public Information and Warning, and Operational Coordination.

These capabilities:

- Unify the Mission Areas.
- Are necessary, in many ways, for building the other capabilities



3 Core Capabilities common to all 5 Mission Areas:

**Planning,  
Public Information and Warning,  
and Operational Coordination**

### Mission Areas/Core Capabilities

PREVENTION	PROTECTION	MITIGATION	RESPONSE	RECOVERY
Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning	Planning
Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning	Public Information and Warning
Operational Coordination	Operational Coordination	Operational Coordination	Operational Coordination	Operational Coordination
Forensics and Attribution	Access Control and Identity Verification	Community Resilience	Critical Transportation	Economic recovery
Intelligence and Information Sharing	Cybersecurity	Long-Term Vulnerability Reduction	Environmental Response / Health and Safety	Health and Social Services
Interdiction and Disruption	Intelligence and Information Sharing	Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	Fatality Management Services	Housing
Screening, Search and Detection	Interdiction and Disruption	Threats and Hazard Identification	Fire Management and Suppression	Infrastructure Systems
	Physical Protective Measures		Infrastructure Systems	Natural and Cultural Resources
	Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities		Mass Care Services	
	Screening, Search and Detection		Mass Search and Rescue Operations	
	Supply Chain Integrity and Security		On-Scene Security and Protection	
			Operational Communications	
			Public and Private Services and Resources	
			Public Health and Medical Services	
			Situational Assessment	

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