

What the South West Metropolitan Regional Emergency Management Officers (REMOs) do in your community...



Damaged Structures

- Engaging engineers from Public Works under the Emergency Management arrangements
- Advising on authorities and responsibilities under the State Emergency and Rescue Management Act (SERM) 1989 and emergency management plans, in relation to actions of agencies when dealing with damaged structures



Evacuations

- Engaging Disaster Welfare services to establish and manage evacuation centres and care for evacuated people
- Addressing issues when utilising the Department of Housing temporary accommodation arrangements
- Assisting Police Officers performing the role of Evacuation Coordinator
- Evacuation planning



Exercises & Training

- Assist with developing and conducting Emergency Management or rescue exercises
- Develop, conduct and/or facilitate specific Emergency Management related training for individual or cluster Police Area Commands
- Develop, conduct and/or facilitate multi-agency Emergency Management training
- Presenting at Emergency Management training at Police Area Commands



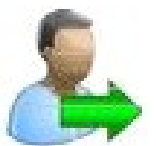
Local & Facility Planning

- Reviewing existing high-risk facility plans to ensure compliance with Emergency Management roles, functions, policy and legislation
- Assisting Police personnel who contribute to development of Local Emergency Management Committees, site or facility emergency plans in the emergency management context
- Assisting with development of operational plans during emergencies



Briefings

- To Senior Management Teams and Police Area Command staff on Emergency Management arrangements or updates in the arrangements
- Assist with the development and conduct of multi-agency briefings during emergency situations or major incidents



Agency Engagement

- Assisting with engaging appropriate support services and agencies for incidents and emergencies
- Assist with facilitating or negotiating complex issues with other agencies related to Emergency Management or Rescue



On Site Assistance

- Providing strategic advice to Senior Police Officers on scene in relation to consequence management
- Performing the role of Emergency Management advisor and assist with managing consequences of emergencies to Police Officers performing Emergency Management functions
- Providing initial advice on the use of powers under the SERM Act 1989



Emergency Operations Centres (EOC)

- Provide advice and assist Local Emergency Operations Controllers (LEOCONs) to establish and manage Emergency Operations Centres
- Assist with Emergency Management planning and response operations
- Provide advice on recovery arrangements



Debriefs

- Assist with the preparation and conduct of multi-agency debriefs
- Prepare debrief reports for Local Emergency Operations Controllers (LEOCONs) and Site Controllers as a result of emergency operations occurring

When the SWM REMOs are engaged to support your community in Wollondilly...

The REMO is commonly notified of the following events (not exhaustive):

- Severe storms
- Large grass or bush fires
- Significant flooding, including flash flooding
- Large fires in commercial or industrial premises
- Large hazardous material incidents (e.g. chemical spills, gas/smoke clouds)
- Searches for lost persons, particularly if the search will extend overnight or the next day and may require external resources (i.e. RFS or SES personnel)
- Transport incidents including train derailments, aircraft accidents or bus crashes with significant injuries and/or children involved
- Evacuation of hospitals, nursing homes, child care facilities and/or schools
- Evacuations from residential areas (where more than a few adjoining homes are evacuated) or high-rise apartment blocks, where residents will be away from their residences for more than a few hours or has the potential of mass displacement of persons
- Any incident that occurs within a designated Major Hazard Facility

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The REMO, whose function in these matters is to monitor or attend the situation on behalf of the Region Emergency Operations Controller (REOCON), is also available to provide emergency management advice and/or assistance to Police, Local Emergency Operations Controller (LEOCON), combat agencies, other emergency services and functional areas at their request, or as deemed necessary by the REMO.

Police are aware that the REMO has access to resources such as engineers, transport, welfare assistance and local councils through the Local Emergency Management Committees, as well as regional resources from the SES and RFS. Other key contacts or state resources are available including health, EPA, animal and agricultural services.