

V. RESPONSE PROCEDURES

1. The emergency management organization responds to the variety of emergencies and disasters that could confront the University. The emergency management organization consists of certain executives, administrative officials, field forces of existing departments and offices, special forces of volunteer groups and others, and specified private resources.

Upon the occurrence or threat of an emergency situation or disaster, the emergency management organization, the Marshall University Emergency Management Plan (EMP) and Emergency Operations Center (EOC) are activated in whole or part as appropriate to the circumstances. In time of disaster such actions will be taken in response to the declaration of a state of emergency by the university president or his/her designee. Such occurrences or threats are classified according to an Emergency Action Level Classification System to facilitate staged actions and the degree of response. Minimum EOC staffing, public warning and communications watches occur under less severe classifications, whereas full EOC staffing, public protective actions and complete response mobilization occur under the most severe classifications.

The University responds using existing resources supplemented by local volunteer and public organizations. Immediate disaster assessment (with reports to state government if necessary) occurs concurrently with response activities. All such response activities are coordinated through the EOC to assure effective response and recovery.

For those situations where response is beyond the capability of Marshall University due to the severity or the need for special equipment or resources, the President may request city or county resource aid. Supplemental assistance may also be requested directly from the state. The governor may declare a disaster, emergency, or incident that requires activation of state assistance (pursuant to the Marshall University Emergency Management Plan). A state EOC is established for the coordination with the local EOC's when response is beyond the capability of state and local resources, supplemental assistance from the federal government may be provided until full recovery is achieved.