

- **What is an EMD and what are they responsible for?**
 - The Emergency Management Director (EMD) is an appointed individual in each town or city who has direct responsibility for the organization, administration, and coordination of the local organization for emergency management, subject to the direction and control of the executive officer or legislative branch. Generally, the Emergency Management Director manages the local emergency management organization, including the identification of the resources and organization that would be used to support incident command; manages the creation and maintenance of the Local Emergency Operations Plan; manages the maintenance of the Local Emergency Operations Center; facilitates Emergency Management meetings with municipal stakeholders to discuss current emergency management plans, organization, equipment, training, and exercises; coordinates citizen preparedness initiatives; coordinates volunteer recruitment; participates in the creation of the Local Hazard Mitigation Plan; and, if determined necessary, appoints an Emergency Management Coordinator to assist in executing any of these responsibilities.

As an Emergency Management Director (EMD), you'll:

- Organize and lead local emergency preparedness efforts
- Work with first responders, town officials, and volunteers
- Develop and maintain emergency plans for your community
- Take charge when disaster strikes, ensuring a coordinated response
- Help your community recover from disasters

Who makes a great EMD?

- Strong communicators who can rally the community
- Problem-solvers who stay calm under pressure
- Leaders and organizers with a commitment to public safety
- A team player who can adapt to changing situations
- Someone who can quickly sort through noise and confusion to accomplish a task

Individuals with skills or experience in:

- Leadership & Community Engagement – Local leaders, volunteers, student government members
- Education & Public Outreach – Teachers, school administrators, trainers, public speakers
- Healthcare & Human Services – Nurses, social workers, public health professionals
- Logistics & Project Management – Organizers, planners, problem-solvers
- Environmental Science & Urban Planning – Hazard mitigation, land use, sustainability
- Communications & Public Relations – Public speakers, journalists, event planners
- Military, JROTC & ROTC – Leadership, crisis response, coordination skills
- Public Safety & First Response – Firefighters, EMS, law enforcement, dispatchers