



County of Louisa

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To: Christian Goodwin
 County Administrator

Re: Emergency Operation Plan- 2026 Update

The County’s Emergency Operations Plan is required by Virginia Title 44 to be updated every four years in order to stay compliant with the changing emergency management procedures and laws. While reviewing the current Emergency Operations Plan, it was discovered that last time it was significantly updated was in 2005 and some important information has changed. Much of this plan remains the same both in wording and content, but there are some significant changes. Below is a list of these:

2006 Edition Material	2026 Edition Change
Basic Plan- Addresses the County Administrator as responsible for direction of emergency operations.	Change to the Fire and EMS Chief, as the Emergency Coordinator. County Administrator’s roles have been adjusted to provide leadership to the Policy Group and to establish response priorities. <i>This aligns the plan to County Code 61-52f. The previous edition was likely not changed after the adoption of the Fire/EMS Ordinance.</i>
Basic Plan- 15 days to adopt the Local Declaration of Emergency.	Changed to 45 days. <i>This aligns with state requirements under 44-146.16</i>
Throughout- Included names, phone numbers, and other items that change regularly.	Changed this to either titles, or where the correct information can be found.
Mass Sheltering- Has the Schools and the American Red Cross operating the County Shelter.	Removed the American Red Cross, added the Department of Human Services as the primary Agency. Aligned responsibility to how we currently operate the shelter. <i>After discussion with the American Red Cross representative, they will support but cannot operate the shelter.</i>
Louisa Community Emergency Response Team	Removed from the plan. This group has not been active in several years. Multiple attempts have been made to get it back without progress.
Public Information	Added information on the County’s Mass Notification process. This will include the IPAWS Policy once final approval from VDEM and FEMA. <i>The approval has been delayed due to the partial federal government shutdown. The shutdown has removed the ability to complete the needed training.</i>
Annexes- Many of these were added to the back of the plan instead of placing them in the proper Emergency Support Functions.	Moved many of these to the appropriate Emergency Support Function.