



REQUEST FOR ACTION

City of Rochester Emergency Operations Plan

MEETING DATE:

June 1, 2026

ORIGINATING DEPT:

Emergency Management

AGENDA SECTION:

Consent Agenda

PRESENTER:

Asst. Chief Brett Knapp

Action Requested:

Adopting a Resolution approving the updated City of Rochester Emergency Operations Plan.

Report Narrative:

Submitted is the 2026 update of the City of Rochester Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) for Council approval, which occurs every 5 years. This year's updates to the EOP are limited to some updated language and procedural information, as well as contact information. The plan and its means of implementation remain essentially unchanged since the previous version approved by the Council in 2021.

The EOP contains information pertaining to the deployment, mobilization, and tactical operations of City of Rochester in response to emergencies. It is exempt from public disclosure under Minnesota state law.

Certain items in the risk assessment section of the plan were adjusted to reflect the most recent version of the Olmsted County Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP), which was approved by the Council for a term of 5 years in September 2024. For example, extreme heat was adjusted up to Moderate from Low as a local risk. This change reflected the risk assessment discussions that took place among local stakeholders as part of the HMP review and updating process that culminated in 2024.

Priorities & Foundational Principles:

Public Safety

Quality Services

Policy Considerations & DEI Impact:

The EOP is the primary document by which Emergency Management prepares for and responds to large-scale emergencies and hazards that occur in the City. The EOP is meant to ensure that all emergency management functions of the City be coordinated to the maximum extent practicable with the comparable functions of the federal government, or state and local governments, and of private agencies of every type. Tasks are assigned to the agencies best suited to performing such tasks.

Prior Legislative Actions & Community Engagement:

2021 - Council adopted previous Emergency Operations Plan

Fiscal & Resource Impact:

None.

Alternative Action(s):

No alternative actions are recommended at this time.

Prepared By:

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Attachments:

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