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#### **OUR MISSION:**

Our Mission is to save lives, reduce injuries, & reduce Property Damage

#### **PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT:**

**Mitigation** – Preventing future emergencies or minimizing their effects

- Includes any activities that prevent an emergency, reduce the chance of an emergency happening, or reduce the damaging effects of unavoidable emergencies.
- Buying flood and fire insurance for your home is a mitigation activity.
- Mitigation activities take place before and after emergencies.

**Preparedness** – Preparing to handle an emergency

- Includes plans or preparations made to save lives and to help response and rescue operations.
- Evacuation plans and stocking food and water are both examples of preparedness.
- Preparedness activities take place before an emergency occurs.

**Response** – Responding safely to an emergency

- Includes actions taken to save lives and prevent further property damage in an emergency situation. Response is putting your preparedness plans into action.
- Seeking shelter from a tornado or turning off gas valves in an earthquake are both response activities.
- Response activities take place during an emergency.

**Recovery** – Recovering from an emergency

- Includes actions taken to return to a normal or even safer situation following an emergency.
- Recovery includes getting financial assistance to help pay for the repairs.
- Recovery activities take place after an emergency.

WEBSITE:

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## Cherokee County Emergency Management operates on three Operational Condition Levels (OPCON Levels):

### **OPCON 3:** NORMAL DAILY OPERATIONS

Agencies coordinate, plan train and exercise as warranted. Incidents are monitored by the County Warning Point and local Emergency Managers

### **OPCON 2:** ENHANCED AWARENESS

A disaster or emergency is likely to affect the state. The Emergency Operations Plan is implemented. The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is partially activated, if necessary.

### **OPCON 1:** FULL ALERT

A disaster or emergency is imminent or occurring, the Emergency Operations Plan is fully activated. All County Emergency Operations response team personnel are activated or ready to deploy.

