

AGENDA ITEM 8

REPORT FROM THE AD HOC COMMITTEE ON DISASTER PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE.

Included are the Following:

- DCA Help Center Page
- Disaster Preparedness Resources for Licensees
- Disaster Preparedness Resources for Consumers
- Disaster Preparedness and Response Survey

DCA Disaster Help Center:

https://www.dca.ca.gov/consumers/disaster_help_center.shtml



Disaster Help Center

When wildfires, power shutoffs, and other disasters threaten the California way of life, finding help can be a stressful and confusing experience. This page contains links to resources to help Californians impacted by these unique challenges.

Response.ca.gov

Governor Gavin Newsom announced the launch of a new state website with tools and resources for Californians who have been impacted by wildfires and utility-directed power shutoffs. The website combines emergency response and recovery information into a single place for easy access. It is a one-stop portal that includes information on local and state resources, health services, shelters and housing, preparedness, and more.

Web: www.response.ca.gov

The California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES)

Cal OES is responsible for overseeing and coordinating emergency preparedness, response, recovery, and homeland security activities within the state of California. Cal OES regularly dispatches team members to join first responders, emergency leaders, and those affected by disasters that threaten public safety, to tell their stories and provide information essential to the public.

Web: www.caloes.ca.gov

Facebook: [@CaliforniaOES](https://www.facebook.com/CaliforniaOES) | **Twitter:** [@cal_oes](https://twitter.com/cal_oes)

The California Board of Occupational Therapy

During a disaster, emergency or evacuation, the Board's DISASTER PREPAREDNESS webpage advises consumers of the benefit of occupational therapy during this time of stress, dislocation, and disruption of daily self-care, occupations and routines. There are also links to state and local resources.

The Board's DISASTER PREPAREDNESS webpage also provides valuable information for OTs and OTAs to use in their practice, including sample emergency plans and Go-Kit checklists. There are also resources for OTs and OTAs to use when responding in a disaster, including information on caregiver training, accessing personal care or equipment, and more.

Web: www.bot.ca.gov

Disaster Preparedness Resources

Occupational Therapy practitioners help California consumers reduce disaster risks and respond to emergencies in a number of ways. The following resources can help OTs and OTAs learn more about disaster response and risk reduction, and get involved in federal, state of California, and community efforts. When wildfires, power shutoffs, or other disasters affect you and your family or your practice, finding help can be a stressful and confusing experience. Below are links to resources to help Californians impacted by these unique challenges.

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Office of Access and Functional Needs (OAFN) under OES

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Web: <https://www.caloes.ca.gov/office-of-the-director/policy-administration/access-functional-needs/>

World Health Organization (WHO)

Training for Emergencies: "Prevention and preparedness as much as in response and recovery, with an emphasis on rehabilitation"

Web: <https://www.who.int/emergencies/training>

World Federation of Occupational Therapy (WFOT)

WFOT Disaster Preparedness and Risk Reduction Manual

Web: <https://wfot.org/resources/wfot-disaster-preparedness-and-risk-reduction-manual>

California Health and Human Services Emergency Resource Guide

California Department of Health and Human Services information and links to disaster- related resources.

Web: <https://www.chhs.ca.gov/blog/2023/01/04/calhhs-emergency-resource-guide/>

Want to be a disaster healthcare volunteer? GET INVOLVED!

FEMA Community Emergency Response Teams (CERTs)

FEMA Preparedness Community: Get involved with a CERT (Community Emergency Response Team)

Web: https://community.fema.gov/PreparednessCommunity/s/welcome-to-cert?language=en_US

California Disaster Healthcare Volunteers (state ESAR-VHP)*

California branch of US DHHS PHE's Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals (ESAR-VHP)

Web: <https://healthcarevolunteers.ca.gov/>
<https://www.phe.gov/esarvhp/pages/about.aspx>

California Medical Reserve Corps*

Health Hubs for essential services in local communities

Web: <https://www.californiahealthmrc.org/>

Red Cross*

Disaster Health and Mental Health Volunteers

Web: <https://www.redcross.org/volunteer/volunteer-opportunities/disaster-health-mental-health-volunteer.html>

American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA)

(AOTA documents below require a membership to view)

- *AOTA: OT's role in Disaster Response and Risk Reduction (November 2023)*

Web: <https://www.aota.org/publications/sis-quarterly/home-community-health-sis/hchsis-11-23>

- *AOTA's Societal Statement on Disaster Response and Risk Reduction (2017)*

Web: <https://www.aota.org/practice/practice-essentials/aota-official-documents>

Other Resources

Governor's Office of Emergency Services

Prepare California resources for community hardening, grant opportunities, COVID-19 support, cybersecurity initiatives, and finding hazards where you live.

Web: www.response.ca.gov (www.caloes.ca.gov)

United Nations Office for Disaster Risk Reduction

Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030 (Sendai Framework)

Web: <https://www.undrr.org/>

Center for Research on the Epidemiology of Disasters (CRED)

Research database on the epidemiology of disasters.

Web: <https://uclouvain.be/en/research-institutes/irss/cred-center-of-research-on-the-epidemiology-of-disasters-0.html>

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Disability Disaster Access & Resources

County-by-county resources (Independent Living Centers)

Web: <https://disabilitydisasteraccess.org/get-services/>

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Disaster Preparedness and Response Survey

CBOT needs your help by answering just a few questions related to Disaster and Emergency Preparedness and Response. This short survey should take no more than a couple minutes of your very valuable time.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP AND VALUABLE FEEDBACK!

1. Do you address issues related to emergency response or what to do in the event of a disaster with your clients/patients?

- Yes (survey goes to **Q2**) No (survey goes to **Q3**)

2. List the topics you address or the information you provide:

3. What information would be helpful to you? Check all that apply.

- Assessment tools. (e.g., Canadian Occupational Therapy Performance measure)
 List of items to include in a "Go Bag" or Emergency Kit.
 Disaster preparedness and response information.
 How to volunteer as disaster/emergency responder.
 OTHER:

4. What population group do you treat? Check all that apply:

- Academics
 Driving & Community Mobility
 Environmental Modification
 Feeding, Eating, Swallowing
 Gerontology
 Low Vision
 Mental Health
 Pediatrics
 Physical Rehabilitation
 School Systems
 Decline to state

If your practice area is not listed above, provide here:

5. **Does your work setting provide you or provide access to Disaster/Emergency Preparedness or Disaster/Emergency Response education?**

Yes (survey goes to **Q6**) No (survey goes to **End**)

6. **Check all educational opportunities provided by your work setting:**

Disaster Preparedness Disaster Response
 Emergency Preparedness Emergency Response
 List other Disaster or Emergency education topics here:

7. **Is Disaster Preparedness or Response education (beyond fire drills or evacuation) Required by your work setting or Optional?**

Required Optional

8. **Please select your licensee type.**

Occupational therapist Occupational therapy assistant

AGENDA ITEM 9

REPORT FROM THE EXECUTIVE OFFICER SELECTION COMMITTEE.

Interim vs. Acting Executive Officer (EO)

Interim Executive Officer	Acting Executive Officer
An Interim EO requires a vote by a quorum of Board Members at a publically noticed meeting	The EO, or in the absence of the EO, the Board President can designate a Board staff person to act as EO until an interim or permanent EO takes office
An Interim EO can only be appointed upon the separation of the EO	An Acting EO can be designated if the EO is still in the position but is not physically working or making decisions on behalf of the Board
An Interim EO is appointed to the position	An Acting EO is designated, <u>not</u> appointed to the position
An Interim EO is monetarily compensated	An Acting EO <u>does not</u> receive additional compensation for service in this capacity
An Interim EO requires administration of Oath of Office	An Acting EO requires administration of Oath of Office