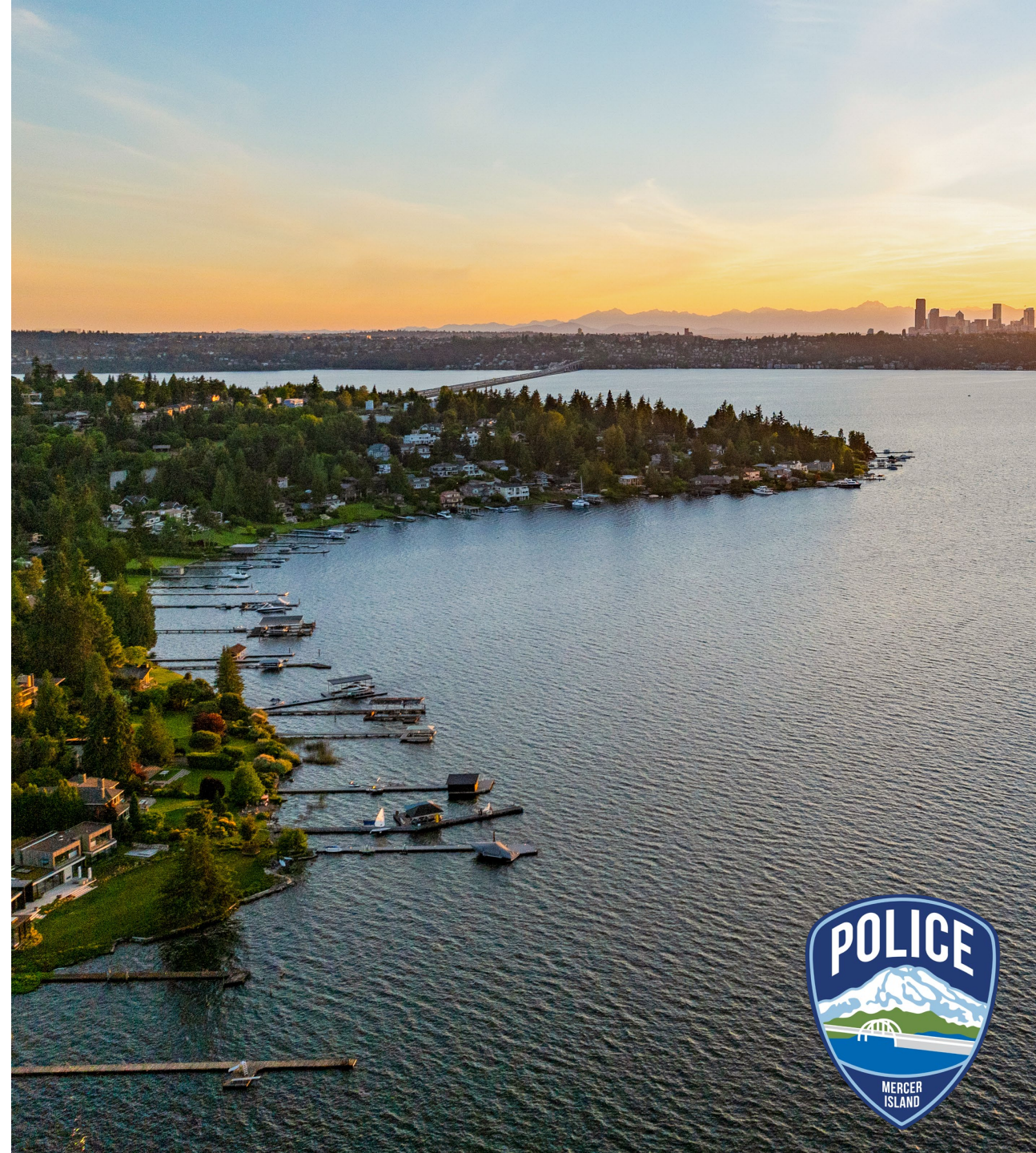


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September 2, 2025

Amanda Keverkamp
Emergency Manager



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Background

- Established in the early 1990s.
- Staffed by Emergency Manager.
- Supported by all City departments and trained volunteers.
- Responsible for planning for emergencies.
- Poised to respond to emergencies.
- Provide trainings for staff and volunteers.
- Conduct public education and outreach.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Emergency Plans

City maintains and updates a number of emergency plans.

Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP)

- Required by Washington State law (RCW 38.52).
- That plan must be reviewed and approved by the State every five years.



Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP)

- The Hazard Mitigation Plan (HMP) was due to the federal government via King County at the end of 2024.
- That plan was ratified by City Council in July 2025.

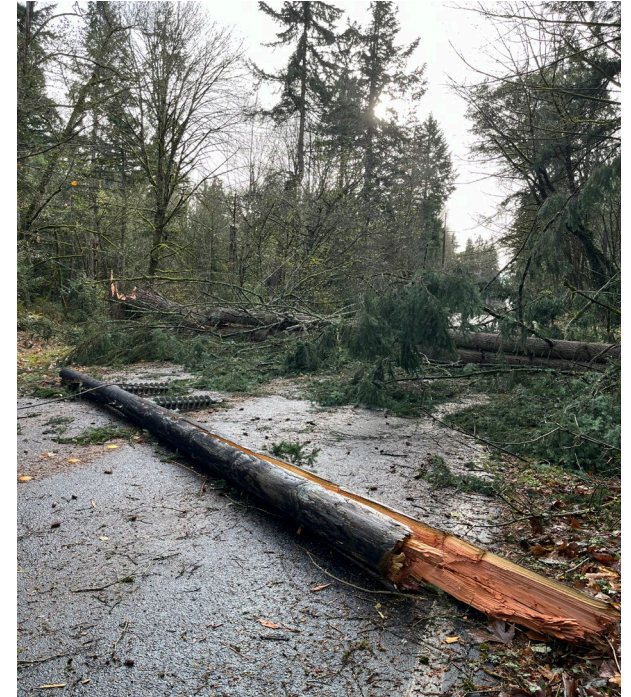


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Responding to Emergencies

EOC Purpose. Gain and provide situational awareness of the incident and coordinate teams, departments, and agencies.

Standardized Training. Staff receive standardized training to ensure everyone has the same base understanding of how the City reorganizes and responds during an emergency.



2024 November Bomb Cyclone



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Responding to Emergencies

Responding at Lowest Level. Incidents are managed at the lowest possible team or department level. If response exceeds a department's capabilities, the EOC is activated. If it is too big for the City, then the County is called, and so on.

Scaled Response. Emergency management organizations are poised to help coordinate response to a variety of incident sizes.



2024 November Bomb Cyclone



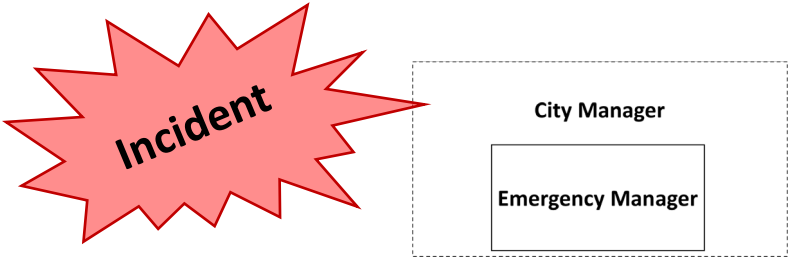
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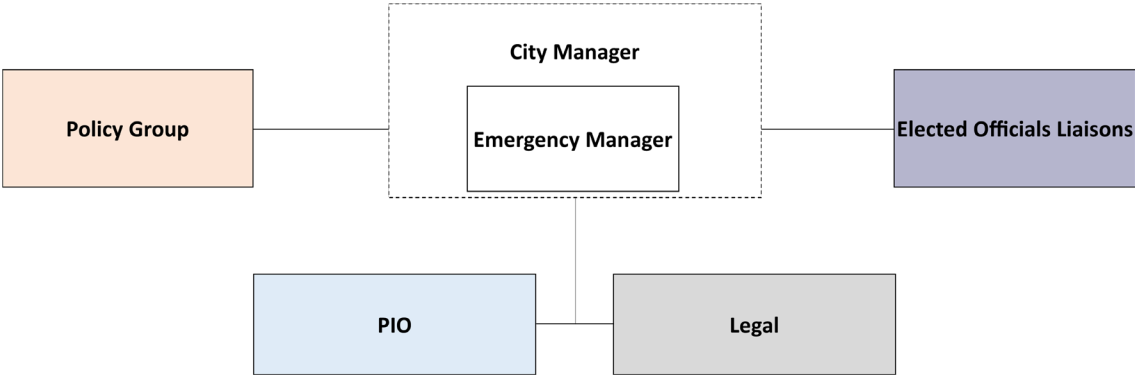
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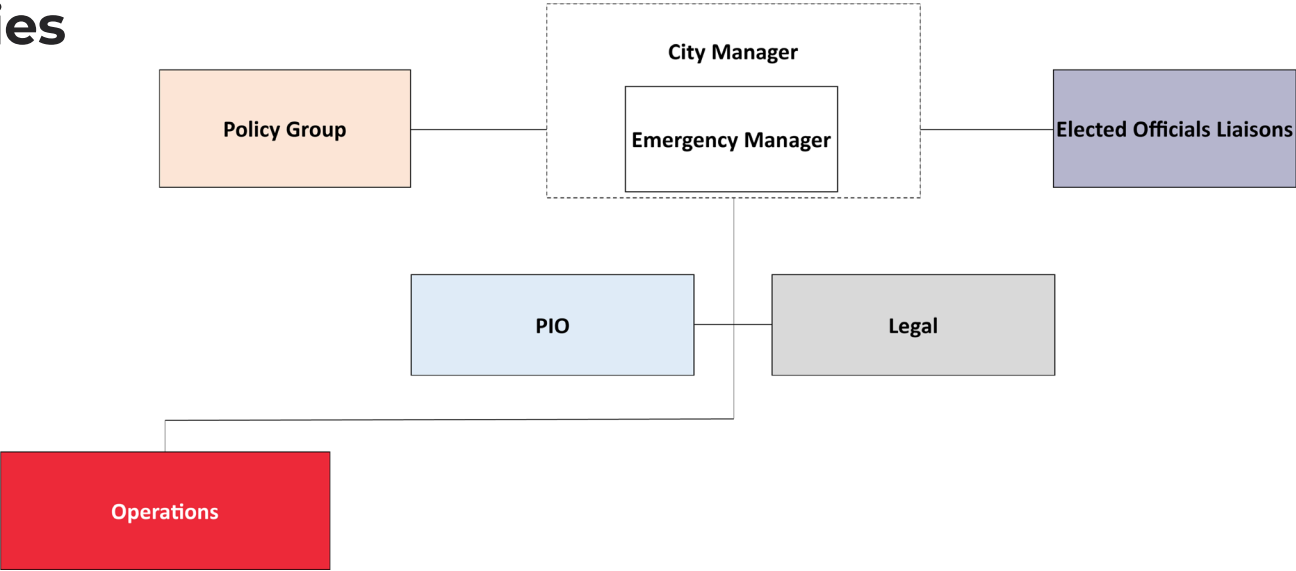
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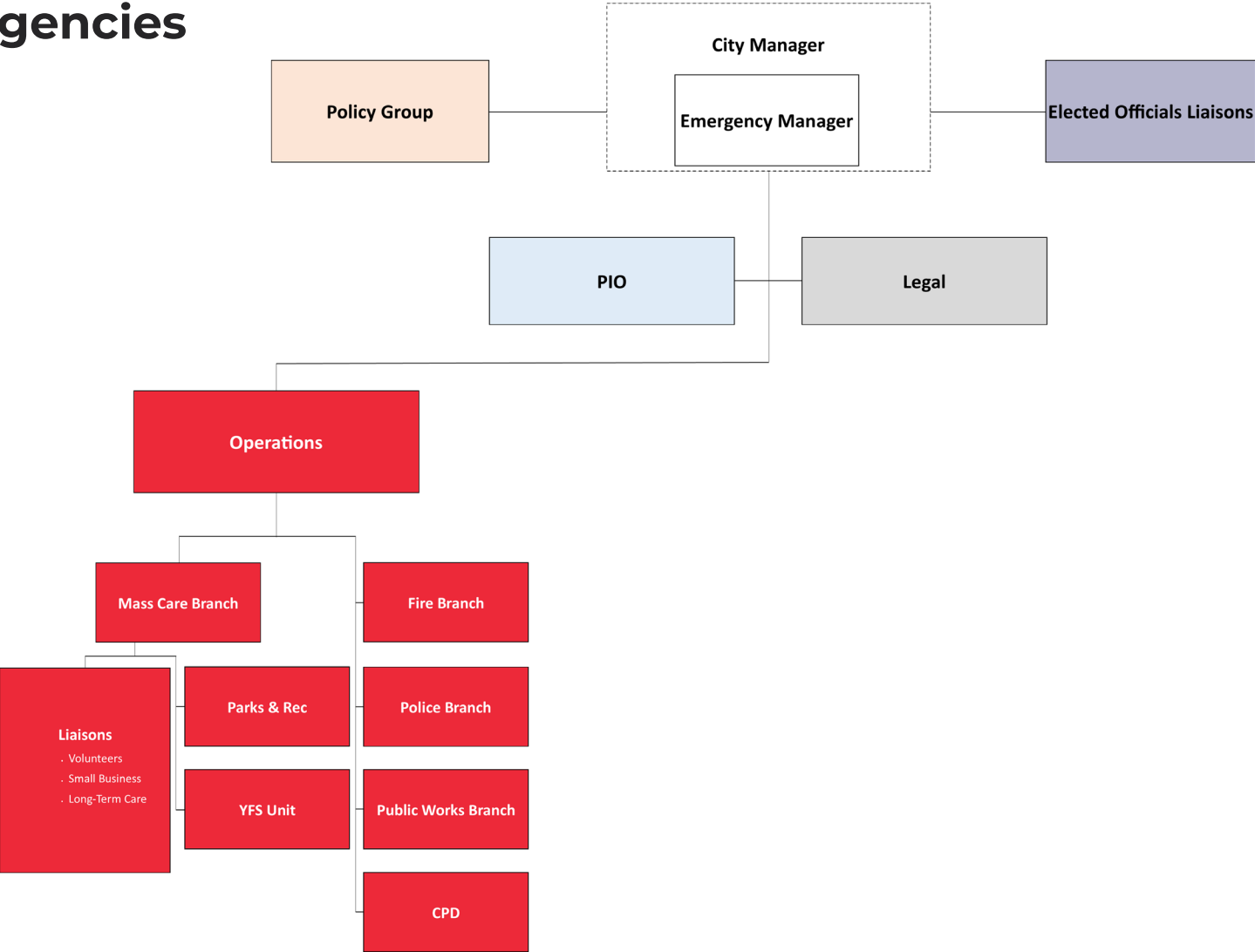
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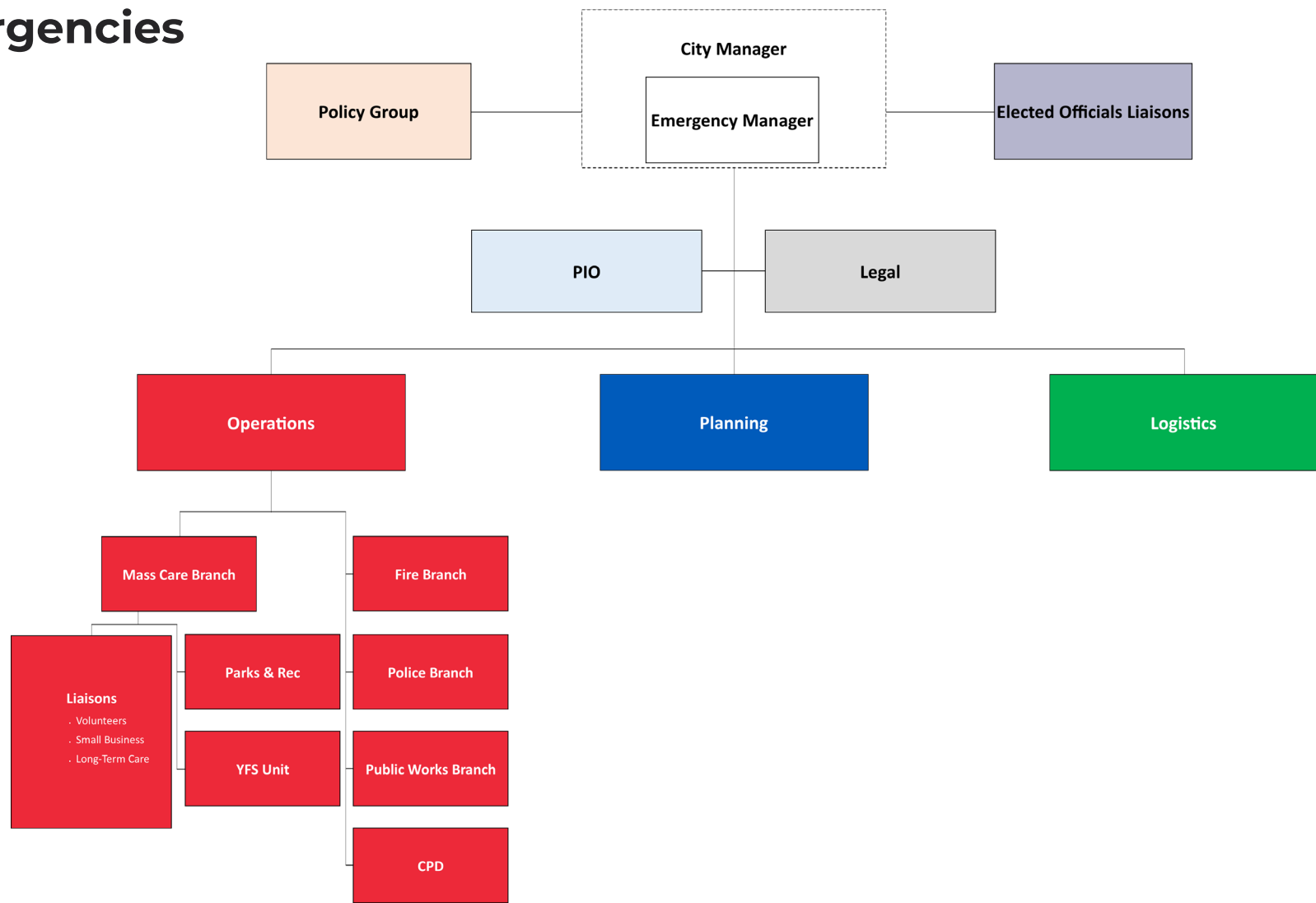
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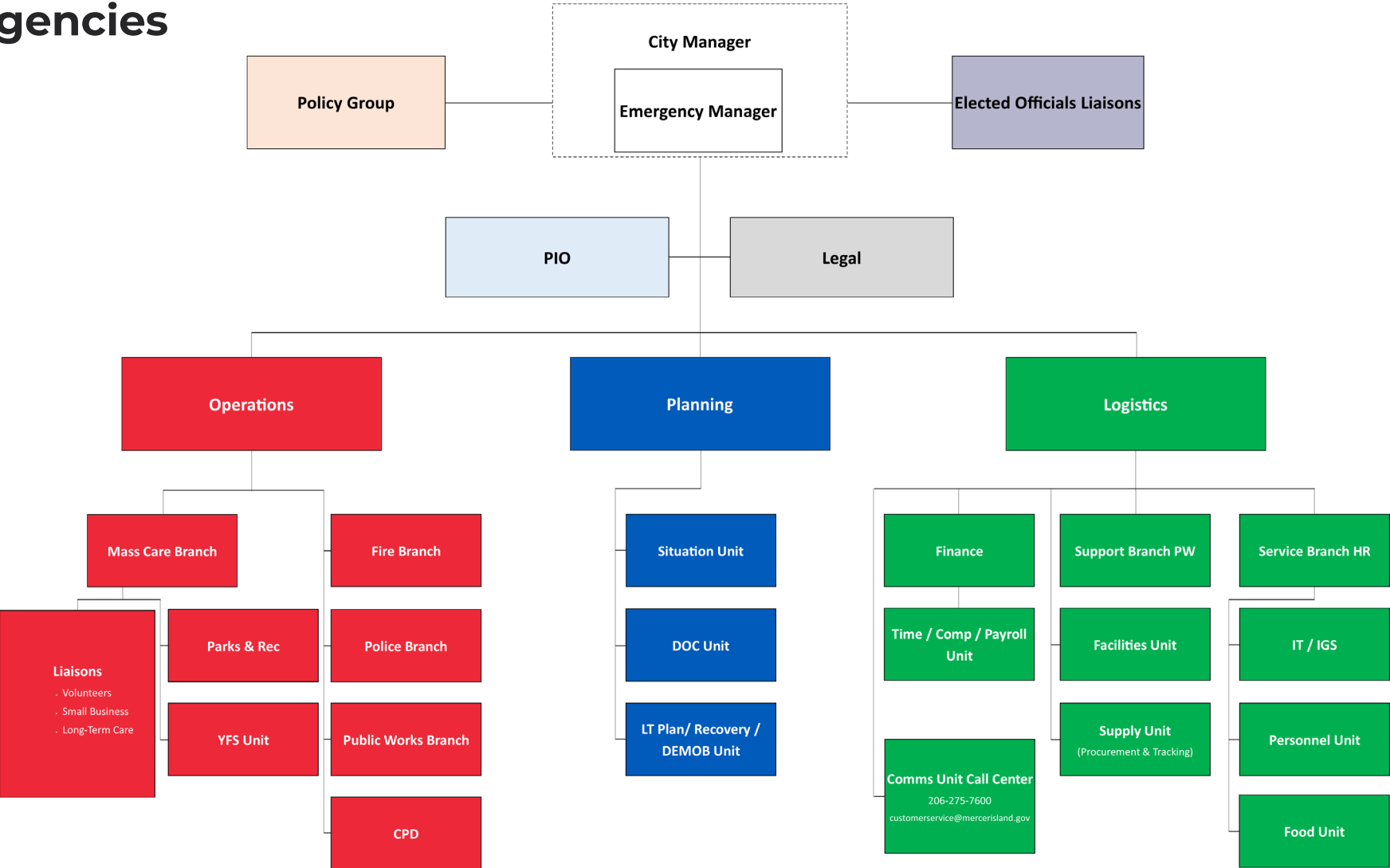
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Responding to Emergencies 2024

The City operated under a declared local emergency for six months of 2024 (165 days).

April – September SPU water main transmission line leak, neighborhood evacuation, and water conservation.



2024 SPU water transmission line leak



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Responding to Emergencies 2024

November Bomb cyclone windstorm and power outage.

- Volunteers activated to help canvass neighborhoods with staff.
- MICEC and Islander Middle School operated as warming and charging centers.
- Provided two debris collection sites for 3-weeks.



2024 November Bomb Cyclone Response

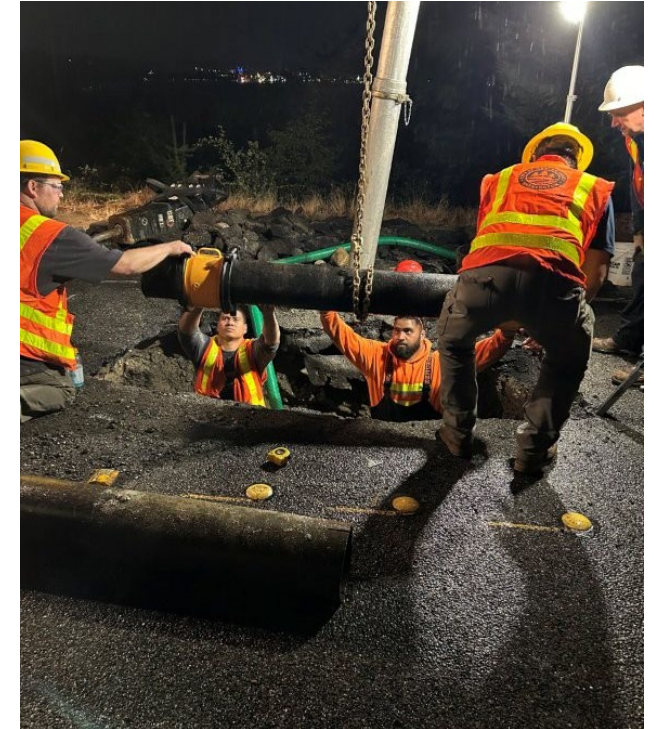


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Responding to Emergencies 2025

August East Mercer Way water main break and road damage.

September - October WSDOT I-90 on-ramp closures.



2025 Water Main Break & EMW
Closure near Clarke Beach



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

WSDOT Joint Replacement Project and I-90 On-Ramp Closures

Last winter, WSDOT sectioned-off and restriped a portion of I-90 between Mercer Island and Bellevue on the East Channel Bridge due to a failed expansion joint.

Over the course of 16 days starting September 18, WSDOT will replace those failed expansion joints.

I-90 will be reduced to three lanes during the project.

Expect rolling slowdowns in the overnight hours.



East Channel Bridge Failed
Expansion Joint



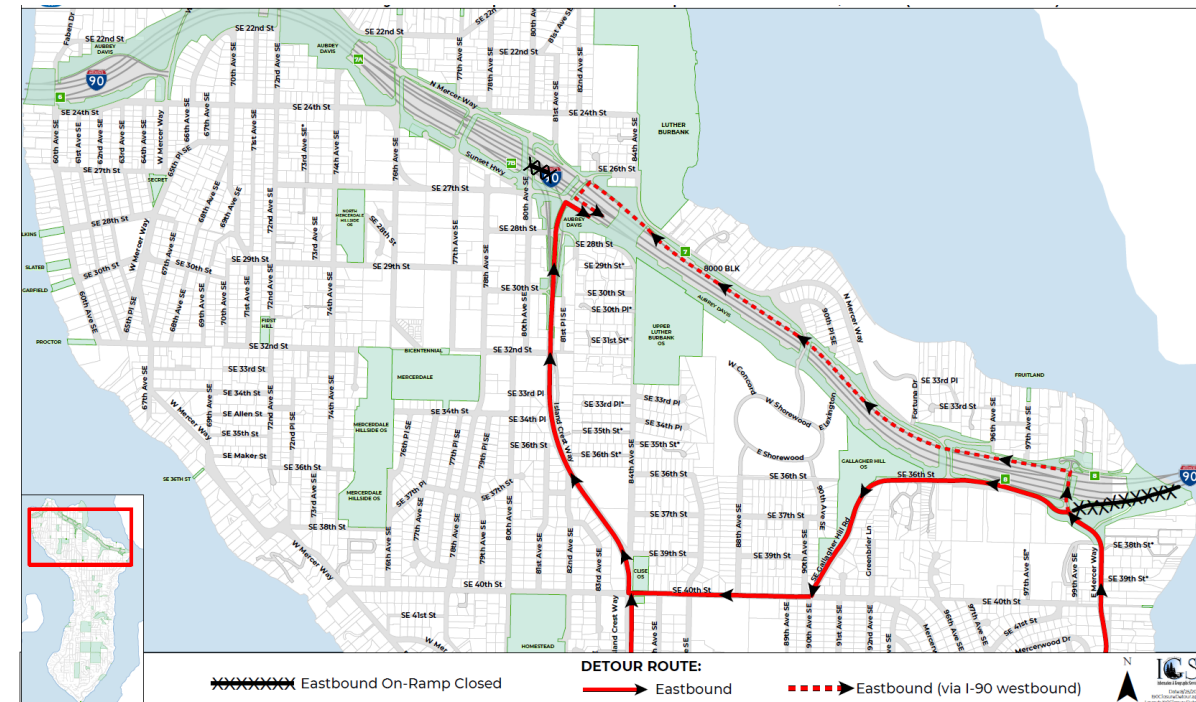
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WSDOT Joint Replacement Project and I-90 On-Ramp Closures

WSDOT crews will close **two** eastbound on-ramps from Mercer Island onto I-90 to complete this work:

- East Mercer Way at SE 36th Street
- HOV on-ramp at 80th Avenue SE

Eastbound drivers will be directed to the on-ramp at Island Crest Way and SE 27th Street in Town Center.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

WSDOT Joint Replacement Project and I-90 On-Ramp Closures

City staff are planning for major delays and disruptions.

WSDOT crews will start on the south side of the bridge. Once that is complete, they will reopen a portion of the EMW on-ramp.

- Major communications effort underway
- Other construction projects have been expedited or paused
- Traffic control at key intersections will be provided by Washington State Patrol and Mercer Island Police
- MICEC rental clients have been notified
- EOC will be activated to help coordinate response efforts



2014 East Channel Bridge WB Replacement

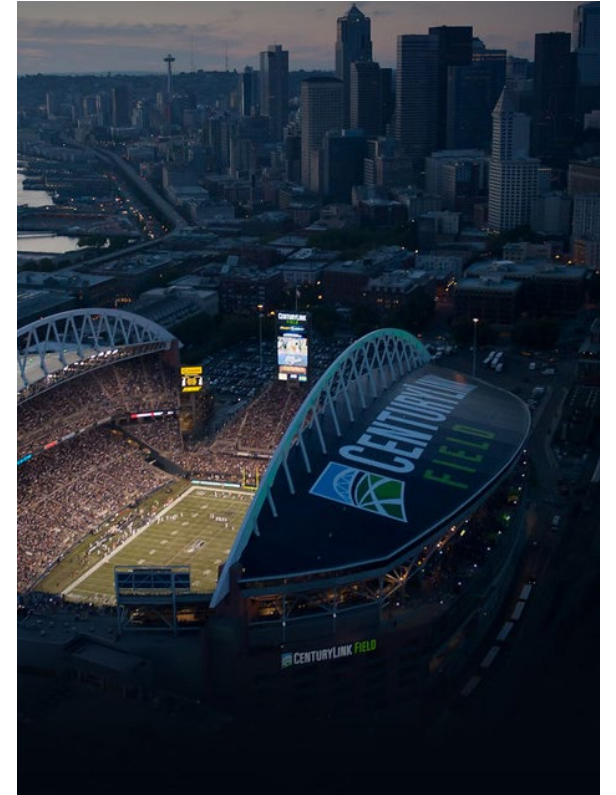
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2026 FIFA World Cup Planning

From June through July next summer, Seattle will participate in one of the world's biggest tournaments – FIFA World Cup.

Seattle is one of 11 U.S. locations that will host World Cup games. Our region will host six games including one of the USA men's tournaments.

City staff have been meeting since March to begin planning around the logistical and security challenges that an event like this will bring to the region.



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

2026 FIFA World Cup Planning

- Match 16 | Group Stage | June 15
- Match 32 | Group Stage (USA game two) | June 19
- Match 52 | Group Stage | June 24
- Match 63 | Group Stage | June 26
- Match 82 | Round of 32 | July 1
- Match 94 | Round of 16 | July 6



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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

2026 FIFA World Cup Planning

Teams are still qualifying for World Cup.

Team location placements will likely be announced in December.

Staff from all departments will continue to plan for World Cup including attending regional and statewide planning meetings, events, and trainings.



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Volunteer Team

Volunteers are the backbone of the program.

- 175 trained volunteers on the emergency management roster.
- Over 60 badged volunteers.
- Last year, nearly 60 volunteers participated in at least one event.
- Over 20 volunteers participated in both annual exercises.

2024-2025 volunteer events:

- 18 training, event, meeting, and deployment opportunities.
- Four new events including Stop the Bleed classes.
- Emergency management volunteers were also deployed during the 2024 November bomb cyclone.



2024 Volunteer Exercise



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

Public Education and Outreach Programs

Our mission is to help Mercer Islanders prepare to be self-sufficient for 7-14 days following a major disaster.

Throughout 2024-2025, the City has provided:

- 12 outreach events ranging from tabling at the Farmers Market to participating in Town Center Trick or Treat.
- Five preparedness presentations provided to the community.
- Six training opportunities.
- 23 community members graduated from the 2024 CERT program.



Stop the Bleed

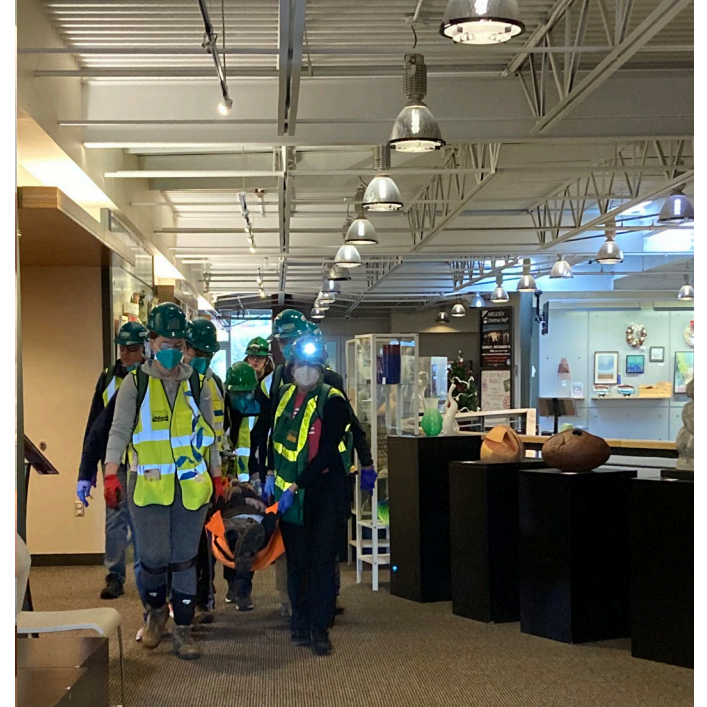


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Public Education and Outreach Programs

Upcoming Outreach Opportunities:

- Farmers Market Outreach | September 7
- Stop the Bleed | September 11 at 6pm
- Quarterly Volunteer Meeting | September 25 at 12pm
- Emergency Preparedness Workshop | TBD
- CERT | October 30-November 1 (TBC)
- Quarterly Volunteer Meeting | December 11 at 12pm
- Year Round | Schedule a **Map Your Neighborhood** event and have one of our presenters facilitate a group discussion.



2024 CERT Class



EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PROGRAM UPDATE

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