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It is the policy of the Spokane Emergency Management System that citizens will be encouraged to be self-sufficient for a minimum of 72 hours should an emergency or disaster occurs.

It is the policy of the Spokane Emergency Management System to make this plan a "user friendly" document.

- It is the policy of the Spokane Emergency Management System that no services will be denied on the basis of race, color, national origin, religion, sex, age, or disability. No special treatment will be extended to any person or group in an emergency or disaster over and above what would normally be expected in the way of local government services. Council activities pursuant to the Federal/State Agreement for major disaster recovery will be carried out in accordance with Title 44, Code of Federal Regulations (CFR), and Section 205.16. - Non-discrimination. Federal disaster assistance is conditional on full compliance with this rule.
- *A response to a disaster/emergency does not take away a citizens constitutional rights i.e. A right to bear arms.*

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### C. LIMITATIONS

It is the policy of the Spokane Emergency Management that no guarantee is implied by this plan. Because local government assets and systems may be damaged, destroyed, or overwhelmed, the jurisdictions will make reasonable efforts to respond based on the situation, and information and resources available at the time.

Adequate funding is needed to support this plan and its programs. The performance of the assigned tasks and responsibilities will be dependent on appropriations and funding to support this plan. Lack of funding may degrade the services envisioned under this plan.

**Note:** The inability of departments/agencies to carry out their responsibilities as indicated in both the Basic Plan and Emergency Functions due to lack of staff and funding lower the threshold to issue an "emergency declaration".

### D. METHODOLOGY.

1. This plan was developed by a planning process coordinated by the Spokane DEM.
2. This plan is "approved and implemented" by the jurisdictions and entities with Spokane.
3. A distribution list containing department/agency names and the number of copies of the Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) that were issued is on file in the Spokane DEM office.