



# Gloucester City Office of Emergency Management

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## Important Sites:

### Family/Business Emergency Planning:

[www.ready.org](http://www.ready.org)

[www.ready.nj.gov](http://www.ready.nj.gov)

### Emergency Public Information:

[www.camdencounty.com/public-safety/emergency-notification-form](http://www.camdencounty.com/public-safety/emergency-notification-form)

[www.njalert.gov](http://www.njalert.gov)

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and place in browser)

## Monthly news letter

By popular demand we shall provide a monthly newsletter that will be posted to the City website that will contain relevant emergency preparedness information for families and businesses. No one can predict exactly when an emergency will happen but history and reality shows they do happen. Your best protection against unforeseen events is to have an effective family/business emergency plan that is known by all concerned. Part of your plan should be dedicated to emergency communication and supplies.

## Swiftreach Notification System

Many of our residents no longer have or rely on hard-line telephones. They do have a great advantage as they work even when the power is out provided you are not using a cordless phone. In conjunction with Camden County we can provide Reverse 911 and text/email alert information to our citizens if they wish to avail themselves to this free service. One may go to <http://www.camdencounty.com/public-safety/emergency-notification-form> (Cut & paste and place in browser) and sign up to receive relevant emergency notifications as well as to have your residence geocoded into an emergency database to receive Reverse 911 calls. (If you use a landline phone, no worries as we use the Verizon database for Reverse 911

## NJ Alert: [www.njalert.gov](http://www.njalert.gov)

NJ Alert is a Statewide text message alert system that is also free of charge. If you wish to sign up for this service you will receive emergency notifications generated by NJSP, etc. One will also receive Amber Alerts, Silver Alerts and other important messages deemed relevant by NJSP/NJOEM.

## Family Emergency Communications

Have both a local contact as well as a more distant contact to call into when disaster strikes. Many times calls can be placed long distance when local lines are overloaded.

## 72 or 96 hours of supplies

The reality is that during disasters those that have taken the time to prepare fare much better off than those that do not. OEM is not a panacea to meet everyone's needs, immediately. Take responsibility for yourselves and loved ones and have sufficient emergency supplies at home, in your vehicles and workplace. Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for more info

## VOAD

Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters serve an extremely important role in successful disaster response. Our CERT and RACES/ARES groups are but one example of volunteers possessing specialized training to serve during time of need. It is a best practice to have a service organization serve as a liaison to OEM on behalf of all volunteer organizations. Our KofC #674 Fort Nassau group has been expanding their service role and have assisted at the scene of various fires and weather related emergencies. OEM is honored to have our KofC serve in this important role and we still need the assistance of our Lions, Rotary, Church groups and others as well. More to follow in future newsletters

## Seasonal Operational Awareness

Summer is the time for weather related emergencies involving heat waves, thunderstorms, hurricanes, power outages, etc. Now is the time to acquire some additional supplies such as bottled water, canned foods and a manual opener. Don't forget a simple battery powered radio that you can tune to 106.9 FM which serves as the primary Emergency Alert Station for Gloucester City. Also check on your neighbors especially the elderly, the very young and physically challenged. Consider establishing the tried and true concept of a "Block Captain" from amongst one of the more "seasoned" on the block that can serve as the coordinator, if you will, to insure all is well before, during and after an emergency. Many hands make the work light. Go to [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov) for specific information.

## Website and Swiftreach

The Gloucester City Office of Emergency Management Website is currently located on [www.cityofgloucester.org](http://www.cityofgloucester.org). Please take a moment to sign up for at least the Swiftreach Notification System to receive, text, email and if necessary Reverse 911 telephone calls so you may maintain situational awareness regarding emergency conditions that may require action on your part.