

Emergency Response Resources

Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services
866-904-4474

Ocean County Department of Human Services
732-506-5374

Ocean County Office of Emergency Management
732-341-3451

Ocean County Traumatic Loss Coalition
732-963-7132

Ocean County Health Department
732-341-9700

St. Francis Counseling (Sexual Abuse Hotline)
609-494-1090

CONTACT of Monmouth and Ocean Counties
732-240-6100

For emergencies that require immediate assistance from police, fire, or medical, please dial 9-1-1.

About Us

The ERC provides for a uniform and appropriate community response and coordination of resources to effectively deal with the emotional needs of individuals who experience disaster or traumatic loss. The purpose of responding is to address the traumatic exposure on the individual and affected population group. The ERC is designed to mitigate the effects of trauma and reduce the likelihood of Post-Traumatic Stress Disorder (PTSD). An ERC response also involves linking potentially at-risk individuals with local support systems.

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Ocean County Emergency Response Committee



History & Background

The Ocean County Emergency Response Committee (ERC) is a Subcommittee of the County's Mental Health Board.

The ERC's role was determined by the need in the community for a timely and coordinated response to individuals who experience traumatic events, regardless of situation or population involved. A response is made only when requested and is never intended to interfere with the natural and existing support systems that are already in place.

ERC responders are trained in disaster mental health, incident command and are continually engaged in ongoing education. There are over fifty volunteer members from a variety of backgrounds that participate in this County-wide coordinated effort.

The ERC meets bi-monthly on the third Wednesday of the month.

Meetings are open to the public.

For more information, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



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When a Crisis Occurs

If a crisis or traumatic event occurs affecting adults or a large population, the ERC can be activated by contacting the Mental Health Administrator's office at the Ocean County Department of Human Services.

For responses involving youth and young adults, the ERC collaborates with the Ocean County Traumatic Loss Coalition (TLC). The TLC provides on-site traumatic loss response, guidance and resources to help schools and youth organizations respond effectively.

Individuals in acute emotional crisis, in which immediate psychiatric intervention is needed, would contact Ocean County's designated Psychiatric Emergency Screening Services (PESS). PESS is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Mobile outreach to those in Ocean County experiencing acute psychiatric distress and traumatic incident debriefing are provided as well.

There is hope.



If you or someone you know
needs support now:
Call or text 9-8-8
or
chat 988lifeline.org



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Become a New Jersey Disaster Response Crisis Counselor



Ocean County's ERC also participates in the New Jersey Division of Mental Health and Addiction Services - Disaster & Terrorism Branch's Disaster Response Crisis Counselor (DRCC) certification process.

A DRCC is a volunteer who becomes a part of the ERC. Counselors are trained in disaster response, disaster behavioral health and crisis counseling among other topics and collaborate with various State and local response partners.

All Ocean County DRCCs are encouraged to attend ERC meetings.

Interested in becoming a DRCC?

For more information, please scan the QR code below with your smartphone.



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