This document is referred to as the South Portland All Hazards Emergency Plan (SPAHEP), and is designed to provide a common approach to how the city responds to any hazard it may confront. It provides a framework for the city to use in performing emergency response functions before, during and after a natural disaster, a technological hazard, or weapons of mass destruction (WMD) event.

This comprehensive plan includes discussions about all four phases of emergency management:

(1) Mitigation – activities which eliminate or reduce the chance of occurrence, or the effects of a disaster;

(2) Preparedness – activities describing how to respond to an emergency or disaster;

(3) Response – immediate activities and actions which prevent loss of lives and property, and provide emergency assistance, and;

(4) Recovery – short and long-term actions designed to restore order and community services after an emergency or disaster has occurred.

The South Portland Emergency Management Director is responsible for the development and maintenance of this All-Hazards Emergency Plan. This plan was developed in accordance with existing local, state of Maine and federal statues and ordinances. It will be tested, revised and updated as required. All recipients of this Plan are requested to review the plan, be familiar with its contents, and advise the Emergency Management Director if improvements are recommended.

The South Portland All-Hazards Emergency Plan has been reviewed and approved.

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