



# City of Burnsville

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## **CITY OF BURNSVILLE ACTIVATES EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER TO FOCUS ON HOMELAND SECURITY**

The City of Burnsville has activated its emergency operations center and is cooperating with state, local and federal officials to protect public safety due to war with Iraq, the City of Burnsville announced this today.

City of Burnsville Emergency Management officials have been preparing a plan of action over the past few months. Vital areas of the city of interest to homeland defense have been analyzed and contingency plans put into place. City staff has prepared action plans and contact with county, state, and federal officials has been made to ensure a coordinated response, if necessary. The City has made contact with area schools, utilities, major employers, and Fairview Ridges Hospital as a precaution. (see *Burnsville Response to Terrorism Alert Information* below)

The State of Minnesota Department of Public Safety has established a 24 Hour Information Hotline at 651-297-1304 (metro) or 1-800-657-3504 (outstate). This resource will provide residents with information on the state's response to this event. In addition, state officials will answer general questions about homeland security and steps residents can take to remain safe.

The City of Burnsville asks for citizens to be aware of suspicious behavior during this time of war and report any suspicious behavior by calling our non-emergency number at 952-890-2460. Please utilize 911 for an immediate police/fire response.

Updates from the City of Burnsville will be posted on the [www.burnsville.org](http://www.burnsville.org) web site and through local media outlets.

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## City of Burnsville Response to Terrorism Alert Information

National Alert Level	Suggested Actions	Emergency Management Actions
<p><b><u>Low Condition</u></b> (Green): reflects a <b>low risk</b> of terrorist attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Exercise protective measures</li> <li>◆ Emergency Personnel receive training                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Training for employees / public</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Assess Facilities and infrastructure</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Normal Operations</li> <li>◆ Assess training needs and address with in-service or public education</li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training</li> <li>◆ Assess equipment and resource needs</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Guarded Condition</u></b> (Blue): reflects a <b>general risk</b> of terrorist attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Check Communications</li> <li>◆ Review and update Emergency Plans                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Provide information to employees</li> <li>◆ Provide information to public</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Confirm current Emergency Contact lists</li> <li>◆ Update contact with County Dept heads by Risk/Emergency Management Dept.</li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training</li> </ul>
<p><b><u>Elevated Condition</u></b> (Yellow): reflects a <b>significant risk</b> of terrorist attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Increase surveillance of terrorist activity                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Coordinate with neighboring entities</li> <li>◆ Assess other protective measures</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Consider restricting access to some sites                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Provide information to employees</li> <li>◆ Provide information to public</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ ID and Card Access enhancements</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Evaluate changes/enhancements in EOP                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Information to Public Safety Agencies</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Provide guidance on Emergency Preparedness - workplace / family</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Close communications with Command Staff. Advisement made to public safety</li> <li>◆ Encourage and coordinate Review of Emergency Operations Plan</li> <li>◆ Interdisciplinary and interagency training                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Review Alternative Power issues county-wide</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
<p><b><u>High Condition</u></b> (Orange): reflects a <b>high risk</b> of terrorist attacks</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Coordinate with neighboring entities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Take precautions at events</li> <li>◆ Restrict access to some sites</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Provide information to employees</li> <li>◆ Information to public safety agencies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Provide information to public</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Utilize resources from departments/ offices as necessary to deal with situations</li> <li>◆ Evaluate possible service changes</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Dept Heads informed</li> <li>◆ Public Safety agencies notified</li> <li>◆ Consider options for other notification (schools, public works, transit, etc.)</li> </ul>

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<b><u>Severe Condition</u></b> (Red): reflects a <b>severe risk</b> of terrorist attacks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Coordinate with neighboring entities                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Take precautions at events</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Restrict access to sites as needed</li> <li>◆ Provide information to employees</li> <li>◆ Information to public safety agencies                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Provide information to public</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Utilize resources from departments/ offices as necessary to deal with situations</li> <li>◆ Daily checks to critical infrastructure</li> <li>◆ Evaluate and Implement possible service changes                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Monitor Transportation</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Redirect staff to critical emergency needs</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Planning and Response changes made</li> <li>◆ Consider activation of Emerg Operations Center and operations                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Department Heads notified</li> <li>◆ Command Staff responds, discuss operations</li> </ul> </li> <li>◆ Evaluate Alternate Emergency Operations Center Site                             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>◆ Evaluate facility back-up systems</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

This information is provided for the Burnsville citizens to provide information on how the City is evaluating, planning, and responding to potential terrorist threats/intelligence.

The National threat levels are changed by the Federal Government based on terrorist threat and intelligence information.

This information is the foundation for the coordination for all public safety and public service agencies in the city for the mitigation, planning, response and recovery to terrorist threats/intelligence.

Additional Emergency Preparedness Information is available at the following web sites:

- [www.ready.gov](http://www.ready.gov)
- [www.dem.state.mn.us](http://www.dem.state.mn.us)