

D.4 Response Elements

D.4.1 Emergency Response Organization (ERO)

➔ *Performance Goal:*

An ERO, a structured organization with overall responsibility for initial and ongoing emergency response and mitigation, is established and maintained for each facility/site and activity. The ERO establishes effective control at the scene of an event/incident and integrates ERO activities with those of local agencies and organizations that provide onsite response services. An adequate number of experienced and trained personnel, including designated alternates, are available on demand for timely and effective performance of ERO functions.

Evaluation Criteria [RESPONSE Functions]:

➔ ERO Organizational Structure

- P/E6.1 The organizational configuration of the ERO is based on actual or potential emergency conditions.
- P/E6.2 Management structure of the emergency response facility provides for the collecting and disseminating accurate data, setting priorities, assigning work to functional groups, and keeping key emergency response staff abreast of emergency response status.
- P/E6.3 An “Emergency Director (ED)” or equivalently titled individual manages and controls all aspects of the facility/site or activity overall response, and has the authority to use necessary resources to mitigate the emergency.
- P/E6.4 The ED has the authority and responsibility to perform the required functions, including initial activation of onsite response assets, notification of offsite authorities, and requests for offsite assistance, in accordance with the National Response Plan (NRP) and the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- P/E6.5 The division of authority and responsibility between the Incident Commander (IC) and the ED position is clearly established and maintained.
- P/E6.6 Control of operations, monitoring, and repair teams is clearly vested in a single ERO position or clearly defined between multiple ERO positions.