



**EOC Training Material**  
**City of Los Angeles Emergency Management Department**

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**Incident Prioritization Matrix**

**INCIDENT SEVERITY**

CRITICAL: Total Score 26 to 30 points

HIGH: Total Score 21 to 25

MODERATE: Total Score 16 to 20

LOW: Total score 15 or less

**A. Life and Safety Threats:**

<b>A.1 Life Safety Threat</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Loss of Life encountered or imminent <sup>1</sup>	5
High potential for loss of life within next 12 hours	4
High potential for loss of life 12 to 24 hours	3
High potential for loss of life greater than 24 hours	2
Low overall potential for loss of life	1
No potential for loss of life	0

<b>A.2 Evacuations</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Mandatory (Evac Order) evacuations in progress	5
Voluntary (Evac Warning) evacuations in progress	4
High potential for evacuations within 12 hours or less	3
High potential for evacuations greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for evacuation greater than 12 hours	1
None in progress or projected at this time	0

**B. Property Damage Threats:**

<b>B.1 Structure Damage Threat</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Structures already destroyed/damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential <sup>2</sup> for structure damage within next 12 hours	3
High potential for structure damage greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential <sup>3</sup> for structure damage	1
No potential or current threat to structures	0

<sup>1</sup> "Imminent" is an immediate or unavoidable threat/impact.

<sup>2</sup> "High Potential" is a potential greater than 50% probability of occurrence.

<sup>3</sup> "Low Potential" is a potential with less than 50% probability of occurrence.

<b>B.2 Utility<sup>4</sup> and Communication<sup>5</sup> Infrastructure Threat</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Utility/Comm Infrastructure disrupted or disruption imminent	4
High potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption within next 12 hours	3
High potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption	1
No potential for Utility/Comm Infrastructure disruption	0

<b>B.3 Road Closure</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Major streets or freeways currently closed (in any direction)	4
Major streets or freeways impacted with lane reductions (in any direction)	3
High potential for major streets or freeways to be closed/lane reductions within next 12 hours	2
High potential for major streets or freeways to be closed/lane reductions greater than 12 hours	1
No current or potential for major street or freeway closures	0

***C. Natural, Ecological, Historical and Cultural Resource Threats:***

<b>C.1 Natural and/or Ecological<sup>6</sup> Resource Threats</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Natural/Ecological Resources damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources within next 12 hours	3
High potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for damage to Natural/Ecological Resources	1
No potential for Natural/Ecological Infrastructure disruption	0

<b>C.2 Historical and/or Cultural<sup>7</sup> Resource Threats</b>	<b>Rating</b>
Historical/Cultural Resources damaged or damage imminent	4
High potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources within next 12 hours	3
High potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources greater than 12 hours	2
Low overall potential for damage to Historical/Cultural Resources	1
No potential for Historical/Cultural Resources damage	0

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<sup>4</sup> “Utility Infrastructure” includes: generation, storage, distribution and/or treatment of electricity, potable water, natural gas and raw sewage.

<sup>5</sup> “Communication Infrastructure” includes: landline, voice over internet protocol (VOIP) and cellular telephone systems, internet, intranet and two-way radio communications.

<sup>6</sup> “Natural and/or Ecological Resources” include: fresh water streams, rivers or lakes; ocean (including flood control channels & storm drains leading to directly to ocean); watersheds; wetlands; woodlands/forests; parks; wildlife preserves/refuges; ecological habitat; etc.

<sup>7</sup> “Historical and/or Cultural Resources” include: any architecture, engineering, archaeological or cultural remains site, structure, building or district that is associated with the events that have made a significant contribution to the patterns of history or culture; that are associated with the lives of persons significant in our past history or culture; embody distinctive characteristics of materials, type, period or method of construction or design.