Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

Including Washington State specific terms

*Note: Please share with ASL/Foreign language interpreters and live captioners to optimize their effective communications performance during meetings.*

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A
- AAR After Action Report
- ACL Administration for Community Living
- ACS American Community Survey / Alternative Care Sites
- AD Audio Description
- ADA Americans with Disabilities Act
- AFN Access and Functional Needs
- AHAB All-Hazard Alert Broadcast
- AHJ Authority Having Jurisdiction
- AHP All-Hazards Plan
- ALF Assisted Living Facility
- ARC American Red Cross
- ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- ASL American Sign Language
  - ASL Glossary video clips from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)

B

C
- CART Communication Access Real time Transcription
- CBO Community-Based Organization
- CC Closed Captioning
- CCP Citizen Corp Program
- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CERT Citizen Emergency Response Team
- CIEP WA Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning
- CIL Center for Independent Living
- CMIST Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Safety and Support, Transportation
- CMS Consumable Medical Supplies
- CPOD(s) Community Point(s) of Distribution
- CRC Community Resource Center
- CVAA 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010

D
- DHS Department of Homeland Security
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

- DME Durable Medical Equipment
- DOC Department Operations Center
- DOH WA Department of Health
- DOJ Department of Justice
- DOT Department of Transportation
- DRC Disaster Recovery Center
- DSHS WA Department of Social and Human Services
- DSW Disaster Service Worker

E
- EAS Emergency Alert System
- EM Emergency Management / Manager
- EMD WA Emergency Management Division
- EMPG Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- EMS Emergency Medical Services
- EOC Emergency Operations Center
- EOP Emergency Operations Plan
- ESF Emergency Support Function

F
- FAST Functional Assessment Service Team
- FBO Faith-based Organization
- FCC Federal Communications Commission
- FEMA Federal Emergency Management Agency
- FNSS Functional Needs Support Services
- FTA Federal Transit Administration

G
- GIS Geographic Information System

H
- HAZMAT Hazardous Materials
- HHS Health and Human Services

I
- IAFN Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- ICS Incident Command System
- ILC Independent Living Center
- IP Improvement Plan
- IPAWS Integrated Public Alert and Warning System

J
- JFO Joint Field Office
- JIC Joint Information Center
Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

K

L
• LAC Local Assistance Center
• LEP Limited English Proficiency
• LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee
• LHJ Local Health Jurisdiction
• LJ Local Jurisdiction
• LP Large Print
• LTCF Long Term Care Facility

M
• MAA Mutual Aid Agreement
• MCS Mass Care Services
• MMRSM Metropolitan Medical Response System
• MOA/MOU Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding

N
• NCIL National Council on Independent Living
• NENA National Emergency Numbering Association
• NEP National Exercise Program
• NIMS National Incident Management System
• NGO Non-governmental Organization
• NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
• NWS National Weather Services

O
• OAFN Office of Access and Functional Needs
• OC Open Captioning
• ODHH WA Office of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
• OES Office of Emergency Services

P
• PAS Personal Assistance Services
• PIDS The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
• PIEPC Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (WA)
• PIO Public Information Officer
• PSAP Public Safety Answering Point
• PSPS Public Safety Power Shutoff

Q

R
• RARET Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
• RA Reasonable Accommodation
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- RC Red Cross
- RTT Real Time Text

S
- SAR Search and Rescue
- SHSP State Homeland Security Program
- SMART Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Sensitive (Objectives)
- SME Subject Matter Experts
- SOP Standard Operating Procedure

T
- THSGP Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program
- TRS Telecommunications Relay Services
- TSA Transportation Security Administration
- TTX Tabletop Exercise
- TTY Teletypewriter

U
- UASI Urban Area Security Initiative

V
- VAL Volunteer Agency Liaison
- VOAD Volunteer Organizations Active in Disaster
- VRI Video Remote Interpreting
- VRS Video Relay Services

W
- WAFAC WA Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- WASILC WA State Independent Living Council
- WEA Wireless Emergency Alerts
- WG Workgroup
- WMD WA Military Department
- WSDOT WA State Department of Transportation