Frequently Used AFN Acronym List

Including Washington State specific terms

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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
- Alliance Alliance of People with disAbilities a CIL based in Seattle serving King County
  http://disabilitypride.org/
- API Asian and Pacific Islander
- APRIL Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- ARC American Red Cross
- ARES Amateur Radio Emergency Service
- ASL American Sign Language
  o ASL Glossary video clips from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)

B
- BIPOC Black and Indigenous People of Color

C
- CART Communication Access Real-time Translation
- CBO Community-Based Organization
- CC Closed Captioning
- CCP Citizen Corp Program
- CDI Certified Deaf Interpreter
- CDC Centers for Disease Control and Prevention
- CEMP Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- CERT Citizen Emergency Response Team
- CFI Center for Independence a CIL based in Lakewood and Marysville serving Thurston, Pierce, South King, Snohomish, Skagit, San Juan, Island, and Whatcom counties http://www.cfi-wa.org/
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- **CIEP** WA Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning *(pronounced as SIP or SI-EP)*
- **CIL** Center for Independent Living
- **CMIST** Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Safety and Support, Transportation *(pronounced as SEA MIST)*
- **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
- **CWDR** Central Washington Disability Resources a CIL based in Ellensburg serving Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Chelan, and Douglas counties [https://www.mycwdr.org/](https://www.mycwdr.org/)

**D**
- **DACNW** Disability Action Center – NW a CIL based in Moscow ID and serving Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman counties plus ten north Idaho counties [http://dacnw.org/](http://dacnw.org/)
- **DBSC** Deafblind Service Center a regional service center for deafblind individuals based in Seattle with statewide service [Deaf-Blind Service Center | Empowering Deaf-Blind Individuals and the Deaf-Blind Community (seattledbsc.org)](http://seattledbsc.org)
- **DEI** Diversity, Equity, Inclusion
- **DHS** Department of Homeland Security
- **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
- **ETPN** Emergency Transportation Provider Network

**F**
- **FAST** Functional Assessment Service Team
- **FBO** Faith-based Organization
- **FCC** Federal Communications Commission
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- **FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- **FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **FNSS** Functional Needs Support Services
- **FTA** Federal Transit Administration
- **FTC** Federal Trade Commission

**G**
- **GIS** Geographic Information System

**H**
- **HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials
- **HHS** Health and Human Services
- **HSDC** Hearing Speech and Deaf Center a regional service center for deaf and hard of hearing individuals based in Seattle with satellite offices in Bellingham and Tacoma serving Clallam, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Mason, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Snohomish, Thurston, and Whatcom counties [http://www.hsdc.org](http://www.hsdc.org)

**I**
- **IA** FEMA Individual Assistance Program
- **IAFN** Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- **ICS** Incident Command System
- **ICT** Information and Communication Technologies
- **ILC** Independent Living Center
- **INDEX** Inland NW Disability Experience a CIL based in Spokane and serving Spokane, Stevens, Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Lincoln counties [http://dacnw.org/](http://dacnw.org/)
- **IP** Improvement Plan
- **IPAWS** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- **IQ** Isolation and Quarantine
- **IRPG** Incident Response Pocket Guide

**J**
- **JFO** Joint Field Office
- **JIC** Joint Information Center

**K**

**L**
- **LAC** Local Assistance Center
- **LEP** Limited English Proficiency
- **LEPC** Local Emergency Planning Committee
- **LGBTQ+** Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer
- **LHJ** Local Health Jurisdiction
- **LJ** Local Jurisdiction
- **LP** Large Print
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- **LTCF** Long Term Care Facility

**M**
- **MAA** Mutual Aid Agreement
- **MCS** Mass Care Services
- **MMRS** Metropolitan Medical Response System
- **MOA/MOU** Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
- **MSEL** Master Scenario Events List *(pronounced as M-SELL or “measles”)*

**N**
- **NCIL** National Council on Independent Living
- **NENA** National Emergency Numbering Association
- **NEP** National Exercise Program
- **NFPA** National Fire Protection Association
- **NIMS** National Incident Management Service
- **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**
- **PA** FEMA Public Assistance Program
- **PAS** Personal Assistance Services
- **PIDS** The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- **PIEPC** Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (WA)
- **PIO** Public Information Officer
- **POC** Point of Contact
- **PSAP** Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1)
- **PSPS** Public Safety Power Shutoff

**Q**
- **QDI** Qualified Deaf Interpreter

**R**
- **RARET** Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
- **RA** Reasonable Accommodation
- **RC** Red Cross
- **RTT** Real Time Text
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S
- SAR Search and Rescue
- SEOC State Emergency Operations Center
- SHSP State Homeland Security Program
- SMART Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Sensitive (Objectives)
- SME Subject Matter Expert
- SOP Standard Operating Procedure

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

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
- WRN Weather Ready Nation

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