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

- **AAA** Area Agency on Aging
- **AAPD** American Association of People with Disabilities
- **AARP** American Association of Retired Persons
- **AAR** After Action Report
- **ACL** Administration for Community Living
- **ACS** American Community Survey / Alternative Care Sites
- **AD** Audio Description
- **ADA** Americans with Disabilities Act
- **ADAA** Americans with Disabilities Amendment Act
- **ADLs** Activities of Daily Living
- **ADRC** Aging and Disability Resource Center
- **AFH** Adult Family Homes
- **AFN** Access and Functional Needs
- **AHAB** All-Hazard Alert Broadcast
- **AHJ** Authority Having Jurisdiction
- **AHP** All-Hazards Plan
- **ALF** Assisted Living Facility
- **ALTSA** Aging Long Term Support Administration
- **AAPI** Alaskan, Asian and Pacific Islander
- **APRIL** Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- **ARC** American Red Cross
- **ARES** Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- **ASAN** Autistic Self Advocacy Network
- **ASL** American Sign Language
  - ASL Glossary video clips from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
- **AT** Assistive Technology

B

- **BC** British Columbia (Canada)

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- **BIAWA** Brain Injury Association of Washington
- **BIPOC** Black and Indigenous People of Color

C

- **C&O** Concept & Objectives
- **CARES** Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security
- **CART** Communication Access Real-time Transcription
- **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** Community 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/
- **CIA** Catastrophic Incident Annex
- **CIEP** WA Coalition on Inclusive Emergency Planning *(pronounced as SIP or SI-EP)*
- **CIL** Center for Independent Living
- **CMIST** Communication, Maintaining Health, Independence, Safety – Support – Self-Determination, Transportation *(pronounced as SEA MIST)*
- **CMS** Consumable Medical Supplies
- **COAD** Community Organizations Active in Disasters
- **COOP** Continuity of Operations
- **COP** Common Operating Picture
- **COVID-19** Novel Corona Virus 2019
- **CPOD(s)** Commodity Point(s) of Distribution
- **CPOD(s)** Community Pods of Dispensing (Medicine)
- **CR22** Cascadia Rising 2022
- **CRC** Community Resource Center
- **CSC** Crisis Standards of Care
- **CSZ** Cascadia Subduction Zone
- **CT** Critical Transportation
- **CTS** Captioned Telephone Service
- **CVAA** 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act of 2010
- **CVTA** Communications, Video, Technology Access Act (proposed upgrade to CVAA)
- **CWDR** Central Washington Disability Resources
  - a CIL based in Ellensburg serving Kittitas, Grant, Yakima, Chelan, and Douglas Counties https://www.mycwdr.org/
- **CYSHCN** Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

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D

- **D&C** Design & Control
- **DACNW** Disability Action Center – NW
  - a CIL based in Moscow ID and serving Asotin, Garfield, and Whitman counties in Washington plus ten north Idaho counties http://dacnw.org/
- **DART** Disaster Assistance Response Team
- **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)](#)
- **DDA** WA Developmental Disability Agency
- **DDC** WA Developmental Disabilities Council
- **DES** WA Department of Enterprise Services
- **DEAI** Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion
- **DHS** US Department of Homeland Security
- **Disability Empowerment Center**
  - a CIL based in Seattle serving King County https://www.disabilityempowerment.org/
- **DME** Durable Medical Equipment
- **DNR** Do Not Resuscitate
- **DNR** WA Department of Natural Resources
- **DOC** Department Operations Center
- **DOH** WA Department of Health
- **DOJ** US Department of Justice
- **DOT** US Department of Transportation
- **DRC** Disaster Recovery Center
- **DRW** Disability Rights of Washington
- **DSB** WA Division of Services for the Blind
- **DSHS** WA Department of Social and Human Services
- **DSW** Disaster Service Worker
- **DVR** WA Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

E

- **EAS** Emergency Alert System
- **ECC** Emergency Communications Center
- **EEI** Essential Elements of Information
- **EM** Emergency Management / Manager
- **EMAC** Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- **EMC** WA Emergency Management Council
- **EMD** WA Emergency Management Division
- **EMPG** Emergency Management Performance Grant Program
- **EMS** Emergency Medical Services
- **EOC** Emergency Operations Center

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- **EOP** Emergency Operations Plan
- **EPRR** DOH Office of Emergency Preparedness, Resilience, and Response
- **ESF#** Emergency Support Functions:
  #1 Transportation, **#2** Communications, **#3** Public Works & Engineering, **#4** Firefighting, **#5** Information & Planning, **#6** Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Temporary Housing, & Human Services, **#7** Logistics, **#8** Public Health & Medical Services, **#9** Search & Rescue, **#10** Oil & Hazardous Materials Response, **#11** Agriculture & Natural Resources, **#12** Energy, **#13** Public Safety & Security, **#14** Cross-Sector Business & Infrastructure, **#15** External Affairs
- **ETA** Estimated Time of Arrival
- **ETPN** Emergency Transportation Provider Network

F

- **FAST** Functional Assessment Service Team or Functional Assistance Support Team
- **FBO** Faith-based Organization
- **FCC** Federal Communications Commission
- **FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- **FEMA** Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **FIT** Field Innovation Team
- **FNSS** Functional Needs Support Services
- **FSE** Full Scale Exercise
- **FTA** Federal Transit Administration
- **FTC** Federal Trade Commission

G

- **GIS** Geographic Information System

H

- **HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials
- **HCC** Healthcare Coalitions
- **HH or HoH** Hard of Hearing
- **HHS** Health & Human Services
- **HLAA** Hearing Loss Association of America
- **HOPE** Animal Assisted Crisis Response
- **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
- **HSEEP** Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program
- **HUD** Housing and Urban Development

I

- **I (#)** Interstate Highway (Route number)
- **IA** FEMA Individual Assistance Program

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- **IAFN** Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- **ICS** Incident Command System
- **ICT** Information and Communication Technologies
- **ID** Idaho
- **IDEA** Inclusion, Diversity, Equity, Accessibility
- **IDEA** Individuals with Disabilities Education Act
- **IL** Independent Living
- **ILC** Independent Living Center
- **ILP** Independent Living Plan
- **ILRU** Independent Living Research Utilization
- **IMT** Incident Management Team
- **INDEx** Inland NW Disability Experience
  - a CIL based in Spokane and serving Spokane, Stevens, Ferry, Pend Oreille, and Lincoln Counties http://dacnw.org/
- **IP** Improvement Plan
- **IP** Internet Protocol
- **IPAWS** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- **IQ** Isolation and Quarantine
- **IRPG** Incident Response Pocket Guide
- **IT** Information Technology

J

- **JFO** Joint Field Office
- **JIC** Joint Information Center
- **JIS** Joint Information System

K

L

- **LAC** Local Assistance Center
- **LD** Learning Disability
- **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
- **LTCF** Long Term Care Facility
- **LTRG** Long Term Recovery Group

M

- **M(#)** Magnitude (#) earthquake
- **MAA** Mutual Aid Agreement
- **MCM** Medical Countermeasures

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- **MCS** Mass Care Services
- **MCS** Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
- **MFP** Money Follows the Person
- **MMRS** Metropolitan Medical Response System
- **MOA/MOU** Memorandum of Agreement/Understanding
- **MSEL** Master Scenario Events List *(pronounced as M-SELL or "measles")*

N

- **NAD** National Association of the Deaf
- **NAMI** National Alliance on Mental Illness
- **NCIL** National Council on Independent Living
- **NED** National Exercise Division
- **NENA** National Emergency Numbering Association
- **NFB** National Federation of the Blind
- **NFPA** National Fire Protection Association
- **NGO** Nongovernmental Organization
- **NIDILRR** National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
- **NIMS** National Incident Management System
- **NOFO** Notice of Funding Opportunity
- **NOI** Notice of Inquiry
- **NPRM** Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- **NLE** National Level Exercise
- **NOAA** National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- **NWCG** Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group
- **NWHRN** Northwest Healthcare Response Network
- **NWRC** Northwest Regional Council
- **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
- **ODIC** FEMA Office of Disability Integration and Coordination
- **OEM** Office of Emergency Management
- **OR** Oregon

P

- **P&A** Protection and Advocacy
- **PA** FEMA Public Assistance Program
- **PACE** Primary Alternate Contingency and Emergency
- **PAS** Personal Assistance Services
- **PAVE** Partnerships for Action, Voices for Empowerment
- **PDA** Preliminary Damage Assessment

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- **PHEP** Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- **PIDS** The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- **PIEPC** Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (WA)
- **PIO** Public Information Officer
- **POC** Point of Contact
- **PODs** Points of Distribution / Dispensing (Medicine)
- **POETE** Planning Organizing Equipping, Training and Exercise
- **PSAP** Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1)
- **PSE** Puget Sound Energy
- **PSPS** Public Safety Power Shutoff
- **PWD** Person with a Disability

Q

- **QA** Quality Assurance
- **QDI** Qualified Deaf Interpreter

R

- **RARET** Regional Alliance for Resilient and Equitable Transportation (WA)
- **RA** Reasonable Accommodation
- **RC** Red Cross
- **RCW** Revised Code of Washington
- **RFP** Request for Proposal
- **ROC** Rehearsal of Concept
- **RRAP** Regional Resiliency Assessment Program
- **RSF** Recovery Service Function
- **RTT** Real Time Text

S

- **SAR** Search & Rescue
- **SAR** Suspicious Activity Report
- **SBA** Small Business Administration
- **SECURE** State Emergency Communications Using Radio Effectively
- **SEOC** State Emergency Operations Center
- **SHARES** FEMA Shared Resources
- **SHSP** State Homeland Security Program
- **SILC** State Independent Living Council
- **SitMan** Situation Manual
- **SMART** Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Sensitive (Objectives)
- **SME** Subject Matter Expert
- **SNS** Strategic National Stockpile
- **SoC** Summary of Conclusions
- **SOP** Standard Operating Procedure
- **SPIL** State Plan for Independent Living

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- **SPR** Stakeholder Preparedness Review
- **SRC** State Rehabilitation Council
- **SSA** Social Security Administration
- **SSDI** Social Security Disability Insurance
- **SSI** Supplemental Security Income

T

- **TA** Technical Assistance
- **TBI** Traumatic Brain Injury
- **TEICHR** Trust, Economics, Isolation, Capacity, Housing, Racism
- **Terp** Short for Interpreter
- **The ARC** an organization that serves people with Intellectual and Developmental Disabilities
- **THIRA** Threat and Hazard Identification and Risk Assessment
- **THSGP** Tribal Homeland Security Grant Program
- **TPA** Trusted Partners Network
- **TRS** Telecommunications Relay Services
- **TSA** Transportation Security Administration
- **TTX** Tabletop Exercise
- **TTY** Teletypewriter / Text Telephone (obsolete term: TDD)

U

- **UASI** Urban Area Security Initiative
- **USGS** US Geological Survey
- **USA** United States of America

V

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

W

- **W4A** WA Association of Area Agencies on Aging
- **WA** Washington State **NOTE:** Map at [map-of-washington.jpg (1400×987) (ontheworldmap.com)](map-of-washington.jpg)
- **WA Cities & Towns** (490 municipalities @=Top 10 in population #=Top 10 in land area)
  - Aberdeen, Acme, Airway Heights, Albion, Allyn, Almira, Amboy, Anacortes, Arlington, Ashford, Asotin, Auburn, Bainbridge Island, Baring, Battle Ground, Bay Center, Bellevue@#, Bellingham, Benton City, Bingen, Black Diamond, Blaine, Bothell, Bremerton, Brewster, Bridgeport, Brinnon, Brush Prairie, Buckley, Bucoda, Burbank, Burlington, Camano Island, Camas, Carbonado, Carlsborg, Carnation, Carson, Cashmere, Castle Rock, Cathlamet, Centralia, Chehalis, Chelan, Cheney, Chewelah, Chinook, Clarkston, Cle Elum, Clearlake, Clinton, Colfax, College Place, Colton, Colville, Concrete, Connell, Copalis Beach, Cosmopolis, Coulee City, Coulee Dam, Coupeville, Creston, Cusick, Custer,

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Dallesport, Darrington, Davenport, Dayton, Deer Park, Deming, Dixie, Dupont, Duvall, East Wenatchee, Easton, Eatonville, Edmonds, Electric City, Elk, Ellensburg, Elma, Elmer City, Endicott, Entiat, Enumclaw, Ephrata, Everett@#, Everson, Fairchild Air Force Base, Fairfield, Fall City, Federal Way@, Ferndale, Forks, Fox Island, Freeland, Friday Harbor, Garfield, George, Gig Harbor, Gold Bar, Goldendale, Graham, Grand Coulee, Grandview, Granger, Granite Falls, Grayland, Greenacres, Hamilton, Harrah, Harrington, Hobart, Hoquiam, Humptulips, Ilwaco, Inchelium, Indianola, Ione, Issaquah, Kahlotus, Kalama, Kelso, Kenmore, Kennewick, Kent@#, Kettle Falls, Kingston, Kirkland, Kittitas, Klickitat, La Center, La Conner, Lacey, Lacrosse, Lake Stevens, Lakewood, Langley, Leavenworth, Liberty Lake, Lind, Long Beach, Longview, Lyle, Lyman, Lynden, Lynnwood, Mabton, Malden, Malone, Manchester, Mansfield, Maple Falls, Maple Valley, Marblemount, Marysville, Mattawa, McChord AFB, McCleary, Medical Lake, Medina, Mercer Island, Mesa, Metaline Falls, Milton, Moclips, Monroe, Montesano, Morton, Moses Lake, Mossyrock, Mount Vernon, Mountlake Terrace, Moxee, Mukilteo, Naches, Napavine, Naselle, Neah Bay, Neilton, Nespelem, Newport, Nooksack, North Bend, North Bonneville, Northport, Oak Harbor, Ocean Park, Ocean Shores, Odessa, Okanogan, Olympia, Omak, Oroville, Orting, Othello, Otis Orchards, Pacific, Palouse, Pasco#, Pateros, Pe Ell, Pomeroy, Port Angeles, Port Hadlock, Port Ludlow, Port Orchard, Port Townsend, Poulsbo, Prescott, Prosser, Pullman, Puyallup, Quilcene, Quincy, Rainier, Ravensdale, Raymond, Reardan, Redmond, Renton@, Republic, Richland#, Ridgefield, Ritzville, Riverside, Rochester, Rock Island, Rockford, Ronald, Rosalia, Roslyn, Roy, Royal City, Saint John, Sammamish, Satsop, Seattle@#, Sedro Woolley, Selah, Sequim, Shelton, Silverdale, Skykomish, Snohomish, Snoqualmie Pass, Snoqualmie, Soap Lake, South Bend, South Cle Elum, South Prairie, Spanaway, Spangle, Spokane@#, Spokane Valley@#, Sprague, Springdale, Stanwood, Startup, Steilacoom, Stevenson, Sultan, Sumas, Sumner, Sunnyside, Suquamish, Tacoma@#, Taholah, Tekoa, Tenino, Thorp, Tieton, Toledo, Tonasket, Toppenish, Touchet, Tracyton, Trout Lake, Tumwater, Twisp, Union, Uniontown, University Place, Vader, Vancouver@#, Vashon, Veradale, Waitsburg, Walla Walla, Wapato, Warden, Washougal, Washtucna, Waterville, Wenatchee, West Richland, Westport, White Salmon, White Swan, Wilbur, Wilkeson, Wilson Creek, Winlock, Winthrop, Wishram, Woodinville, Woodland, Yacolt, Yakima, Yelm, Zillah

- **WA Counties** (39 Counties)
  - Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clallam, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Grays Harbor, Island, Jefferson, King, Kitsap, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Mason, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Pierce, San Juan, Skagit, Skamania, Snohomish, Spokane, Stevens, Thurston, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whatcom Whitman, Yakima

- **WA Tribal Nations** (34 Tribes with links *=Non-federally recognized tribe)
  - Chinook Nation*, Confederated Tribes of the Colville Reservation, Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Reservation, Confederated Tribes and Bands of the Yakama Nation, Cowlitz Indian Tribe, Duwamish Tribe*, Hoh Indian Tribe, Jamestown S'Klallam Tribe, Kalispel Tribe of Indians, Lower Elwha Klallam Tribe, Lummi Nation, Makah Tribe, Muckleshoot Indian Tribe, Nisqually Indian Tribe, Nooksack Indian Tribe, Port Gamble S'Klallam Tribe, Puyallup Tribe of Indians, Quileute Tribe, Quinault Indian Nation, Samish

Indian Nation, Sauk-Suiattle Indian Tribe, Shoalwater Bay Tribe, Skokomish Indian Tribe, Snohomish Tribe of Indians*, Snoqualmie Tribe, Snoqualmoo Nation*, Spokane Tribe of Indians, Squaxin Island Tribe, Steilacoom Tribe*, Stillaguamish Tribe of Indians, Suquamish Tribe, Swinomish Indian Tribal Community, Tulalip Tribes, Upper Skagit Tribe

- o Also s**ee** GOIA | Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) (wa.gov)
- **WADHH** Washington Advocates of Deaf & Hard of Hearing
    - o a regional service center network for deaf and hard of hearing individuals based in Vancouver with satellite offices in Spokane, Tri Cities, and Yakima serving Adams, Asotin, Benton, Chelan, Clark, Columbia, Cowlitz, Douglas, Ferry, Franklin, Garfield, Grant, Kittitas, Klickitat, Lewis, Lincoln, Okanogan, Pacific, Pend Oreille, Skamania, Spokane, Stevens, Wahkiakum, Walla Walla, Whitman, and Yakima counties Home (wadhh.org)
- **WAFAC** WA Fire Adapted Communities Learning Network
- **WASERV** WA State Emergency Reserve Volunteers
- **WASILC** WA State Independent Living Council
- **WATAP** WA Assistive Technology Access Program
- **WATEC** WA Technology
- **WC** Work Cell
- **WEA** Wireless Emergency Alerts
- **WG** Workgroup
- **Whole Community** includes individuals, families, households, communities, the private and non-profit sectors, faith-based organizations, and local, state, tribal, territorial, and Federal governments. In the context of ESF 15, engaging the whole community means developing messages for and delivering messages to a wide range of audiences that includes children (through parents or guardians); older adults; individuals with disabilities and others with access and functional needs; those from religious, racial, and ethnically diverse backgrounds; people with limited English proficiency; and owners of animals, including household pets and service and assistance animals
- **WID** World Institute on Disability
- **WMD** WA Military Department
- **WSDOT** WA State Department of Transportation
- **WRN** Weather Ready Nation
- **WSRC** WA State Rehabilitation Council

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