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Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

A

- **AAA** Area Agency on Aging
- **AAPD** American Association of People with Disabilities
- **AAPI** Alaskan, Asian and Pacific Islander
- **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
- **APRIL** Association of Programs for Rural Independent Living
- **ARC** American Red Cross
- **ARES** Amateur Radio Emergency Services
- **ASAN** Autistic Self Advocacy Network
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- **ASL** American Sign Language
  - [ASL Glossary video clips](#) from AZ Dept. of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA)
  - [DawnSignPress Offers 100 Signs for Emergencies to Nation's Emergency Service Units](#)
- **ASPR** Administration for Strategic Preparedness and Response
- **AT** Assistive Technology
- **ATSC (3.0)** Emerging television standard that includes alerting system for disasters.

**B**

- **BC** British Columbia (Canada)
- **BCR** Benefit-Cost Ratio
- **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 Act
- **CART** Communication Access Real-time Transcription
- **CBO** Community-Based Organization
- **CBRNE** Chemical, Biological Radioactive, Nuclear, Explosive
- **CC** Closed Captioning
- **CCP** Citizen Corp Program
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- **CDI** Certified Deaf Interpreter
- **CDC** Center for Disease Control and Prevention
- **CEMP** Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan
- **CERRA** Crisis Event Response and Recovery Access
- **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/](http://www.cfi-wa.org/)
- **CFR** Code of Federal Regulations
- **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
- **COG** Continuity of Governments
- **COOP** Continuity of Operations
- **COP** Common Operational Picture
- **COS** Chief of Staff
- **COVID-19** Novel Corona Virus 2019
- **CPG** Comprehensive Preparedness Guide
- **CPOD(s)** Commodity Point(s) of Distribution
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- **CPOD(s)** Community Pods of Dispensing (Medicine)
- **CR22** Cascadia Rising 2022
- **CRC** Community Resource Center
- **CRCL** Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties
- **CSEPP** Chemical Stockpile Emergency Preparedness Program
- **CSC** Crisis Standards of Care
- **CSZ** Cascadia Subduction Zone
- **CTN** Critical Transportation Network
- **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/](https://www.mycwdr.org/)
- **CYSHCN** Children & Youth with Special Health Care Needs

**D**

- **D&C** Design & Control
- **DA** Disaster Assistance
- **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/](http://dacnw.org/)
- **DART** Disaster Assistance Response Team
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- **DBSC** Deafblind Service Center
  - a regional service center for deafblind individuals based in Seattle with statewide service [Deaf-Blind Service Center](https://www.seattledbsc.org) | [Empowering Deaf-Blind Individuals and the Deaf-Blind Community](https://www.seattledbsc.org)
- **DDA** WA Developmental Disability Agency
- **DDC** WA Developmental Disabilities Council
- **DEC** Disaster Emergency Communications
- **DES** WA Department of Enterprise Services
- **DEAI** Diversity, Equity, Accessibility, Inclusion
- **DFTO** Disaster Field Training Operations
- **DHS** US Department of Homeland Security
- **DIAD** FEMA Disability Integration Advisor
- **DINS** FEMA Disability Integration Specialist
- **Disability Empowerment Center**
  - a CIL based in Seattle serving King County [https://www.disabilityempowerment.org/](https://www.disabilityempowerment.org/)
- **DME** Durable Medical Equipment
- **DNR** Do Not Resuscitate
- **DNR** WA Department of Natural Resources
- **DOC** Department Operations Center
- **DOD** US Department of Defense
- **DOE** US Department of Energy
- **DOH** WA Department of Health
- **DOI** US Department of the Interior
- **DOJ** US Department of Justice
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- **DOL** US Department of Labor
- **DOT** US Department of Transportation
- **DPA** Defense Production Act
- **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
- **DUNS** Data Universal Numbering System
- **DVR** WA Division of Vocational Rehabilitation

**E**

- **EAS** Emergency Alert System
- **ECC** Emergency Communications Center
- **ED** US Department of Education
- **EEI** Essential Elements of Information
- **EEOC** Equal Employment Opportunity Commission
- **EIN** Employer Identification Number
- **EM** Emergency Management / Manager
- **EMAC** Emergency Management Assistance Compact
- **EMC** WA Emergency Management Council
- **EMD** WA Emergency Management Division
- **EMI** Emergency Management Institute
- **EMPG** Emergency Management Performance Grant
- **EMS** Emergency Medical Services
- **EOC** Emergency Operations Center
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- **EOP** Emergency Operations Plan
- **EPA** Environmental Protection Agency
- **EPCRA** Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act
- **EPRR** DOH Office of Emergency Preparedness, Resilience, and Response
- **ERG** Emergency Relocation Group
- **ESA** Essential Supporting Activity
- **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

- **FAA** Federal Aviation Administration
- **FAST** Functional Assessment Service Team or Functional Assistance Support Team
- **FBO** Faith-based Organization
- **FCC** Federal Communications Commission
- **FCO** Federal Coordination Officer
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- **FDA** Food and Drug Administration
- **FDRC** Federal Disaster Recovery Coordinator
- **FEMA** US Federal Emergency Management Agency
- **FHWA** Federal Highway Administration
- **FICO** Flood Insurance Claims Office
- **FIRM** Flood Insurance Rate Map
- **FMR** Fair Market Rent
- **FNARS** FEMA National Radio System
- **FNSS** Functional Needs Support Services
- **FRA** Federal Railroad Administration
- **FSE** Full Scale Exercise
- **FTA** Federal Transit Administration
- **FTC** Federal Trade Commission

**G**
- **GATES** Global Air Transportation Execution System
- **GETS** Government Emergency Telecommunications Service
- **GIS** Geographic Information System
- **GSA** General Services Administration

**H**
- **HAZMAT** Hazardous Materials
- **HCC** Healthcare Coalitions
- **HH** or **HoH** Hard of Hearing
- **HHS** US Department of Health & Human Services
- **HIPAA** Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996
- **HLAA** Hearing Loss Association of America
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- **HOPE** Animal Assisted Crisis Response
- **HPP** Hospital Preparedness Program
- **HQ** Headquarters
- **HR** Human Resources
- **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)
- **HSEEP** Homeland Security Exercise & Evaluation Program
- **HSGP** Homeland Security Grant Program
- **HUD** US Department of Housing and Urban Development

- **I (#)** Interstate Highway (Route number)
- **IA** FEMA Individual Assistance Program
- **IAA** Interagency Agreement
- **IAFN** Integrating Access and Functional Needs
- **IBC** International Building Code
- **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
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- **ILC** Independent Living Center
- **ILP** Independent Living Plan
- **ILRU** Independent Living Research Utilization
- **IMAC** Intrastate Mutual Aid Compact
- **IMT** Incident Management Team
- **INDEEx** 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
- **IP** Internet Protocol
- **IPAWS** Integrated Public Alert and Warning System
- **IPP** Integrated Preparedness Plan
- **IQ** Isolation and Quarantine
- **IRPG** Incident Response Pocket Guide
- **IT/DR** Information Technology/Disaster Recovery

J

- **JFO** Joint Field Office
- **JIC** Joint Information Center
- **JIS** Joint Information System
- **JPATS** Joint Patient Assessment and Tracking System
- **JRO** Joint Recovery Office

K

L

- **LAC** Local Assistance Center
- **LD** Learning Disability
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- LEP Limited English Proficiency
- LEPC Local Emergency Planning Committee
- LGBTQ+ Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender, Queer Plus
- LHJ Local Health Jurisdiction
- LJ Local Jurisdiction
- LP Large Print
- LTCF Long Term Care Facility
- LTCR Long Term Community Recovery
- LTRG Long Term Recovery Group

M
- M(#) Magnitude (#) earthquake
- MAA Mutual Aid Agreement
- MCM Medical Countermeasures
- MCS Mass Care Services
- MCS Multiple Chemical Sensitivity
- MEF Mission Essential Function
- 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”)
- MYPAC Multi-year Preparedness Activity Calendar

N
- NAD National Association of the Deaf
- NAMI National Alliance on Mental Illness
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- NCD National Council on Disability
- NDHS National Disaster Housing Strategy
- NCIL National Council on Independent Living
- NDMS National Disaster Medical System
- NDRF National Disaster Recovery Framework
- NED National Exercise Division
- NEMIS National Emergency Management Information System
- NENA National Emergency Numbering Association
- NFB National Federation of the Blind
- NFPA National Fire Protection Association
- NFIP National Flood Insurance Program
- NGA National Governors Association
- NGO Non-Governmental Organization
- NIDILRR National Institute on Disability, Independent Living, and Rehabilitation Research
- NIMS National Incident Management System
- NLE National Level Exercise
- NMETS National Mass Evacuation Tracking System
- NOAA National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration
- NOFO Notice of Funding Opportunity
- NOI FCC Notice of Inquiry
- NPRM FCC Notice of Proposed Rulemaking
- NVOAD National Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster
- NWCG Northwest Wildfire Coordination Group
- NWHRN Northwest Healthcare Response Network
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- **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
- **OEP** Occupant Emergency Plan
- **OFA** Other Federal Agencies
- **OMB** Office of Management and Budget
- **OR** Oregon
- **ORHS** Executive Office of Resiliency and Health Security
- **OSHA** Occupational Safety and Health Administration

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
- **PETS** Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act of 1996
- **PHEP** Public Health Emergency Preparedness
- **PIDS** The Partnership for Inclusive Disaster Strategies
- **PIEPC** Partners in Emergency Preparedness Conference (WA)
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- **PII** Personally Identifiable Information
- **PIO** Public Information Officer
- **PKEMRA** Post-Katrina Emergency Management Act
- **POC** Point of Contact
- **PODs** Points of Distribution / Dispensing (Medicine)
- **POETE** Planning Organizing Equipping, Training and Exercise
- **POP** Period of Performance
- **PPD** Presidential Policy Directive
- **PPE** Personal Protective Equipment
- **PSAP** Public Safety Answering Point (9-1-1)
- **PSE** Puget Sound Energy
- **PSPS** Public Safety Power Shutoff
- **PSTN** Public Switched Telephone Network
- **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
- **RDIS** FEMA Regional Disability Specialist
- **REPP** Radiological Emergency Preparedness Program
Frequently Used AFN Acronyms List

- **RFP** Request for Proposal
- **RIMS** Recovery Management Systems
- **RISC** Regional Interagency Steering Committee
- **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
- **SCO** State Coordinating Officer
- **SDRC** State Disaster Recovery Coordinator
- **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
- **SLTT** State, Local, Territorial, and Tribal
- **SMART** Specific Measurable Achievable Realistic Time Sensitive (Objectives)
- **SME** Subject Matter Expert
- **SNS** Strategic National Stockpile
- **SoC** Summary of Conclusions
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- **SOP** Standard Operating Procedure
- **SPIL** State Plan for Independent Living
- **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
- **TDI** Telecommunications for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Inc.
- **TEDP** Telecommunications Equipment Distribution Program
- **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
- **TREAS** US Department of the Treasury
- **TRS** Telecommunications Relay Services
- **TSA** Transportation Security Administration
- **TT&E** Test, Training & Exercise
- **TTX** Tabletop Exercise
- **TTY** Teletypewriter / Text Telephone (obsolete term: TDD)
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U

- **UASI** Urban Area Security Initiative
- **USFA** US Fire Administration
- **USA/US** United States of America
- **USACE** US Army Corps of Engineers
- **USAR** Urban Search and Rescue
- **USDA** US Department of Agriculture
- **USGS** US Geological Survey

V

- **VA** US Department of Veteran Affairs
- **VAL** Voluntary Agency Liaison
- **VMS** Variable Message Sign
- **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](http://www.ontheworldmap.com)
  
- **WA Cities & Towns** (490 municipalities)
  
  - 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,
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• **WA Counties** (39 Counties)

• **WA Tribal Nations** (34 Tribes with links * = Non-federally recognized tribe)
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- Also see [GOIA | Governor's Office of Indian Affairs (GOIA) (wa.gov)](wa.gov)
  - **WADHH** Washington Advocates of Deaf & Hard of Hearing

- **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
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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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Z