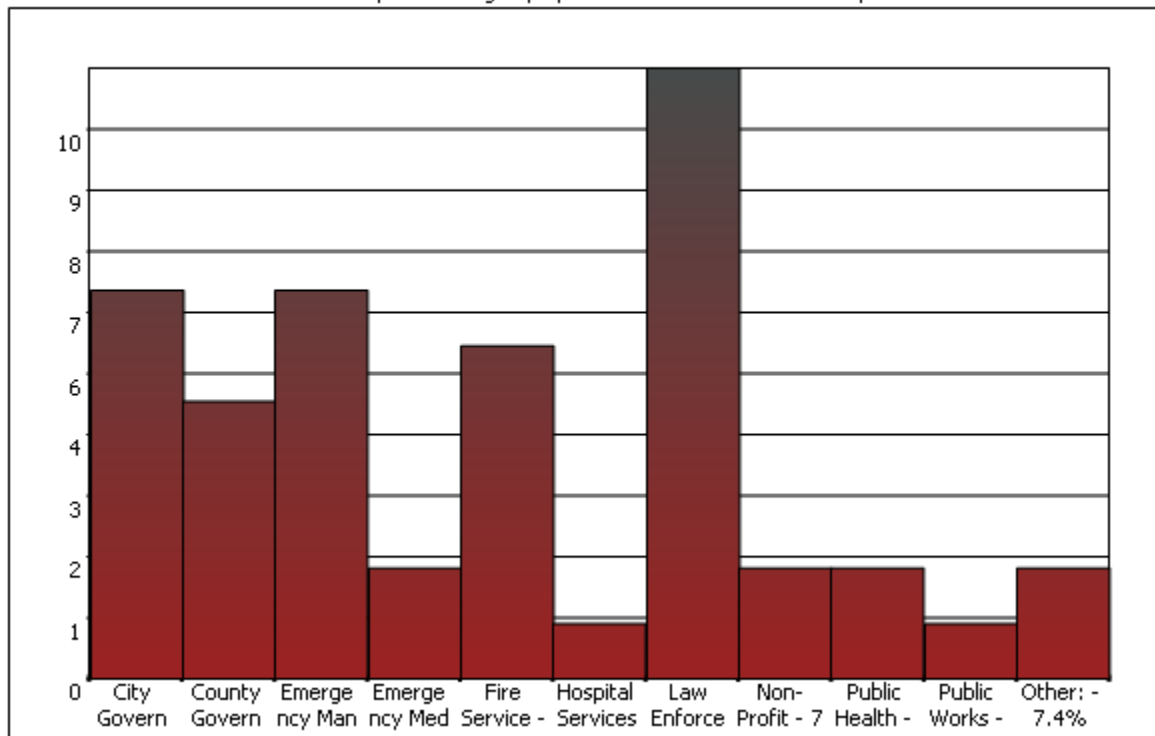


# Johnson County Disaster Preparedness Survey

Please identify all of the groups you are affiliated with.

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Please identify all of the groups you are affiliated with. - 27 Responses

















**"Other" Answers**

- Ham Radio
- Emergency Communications

Please name all of the multi-jurisdictional or multi-disciplinary committees, councils, projects, programs, and/or initiatives you have been involved with that have worked towards enhancing Johnson County's disaster preparedness in some way.

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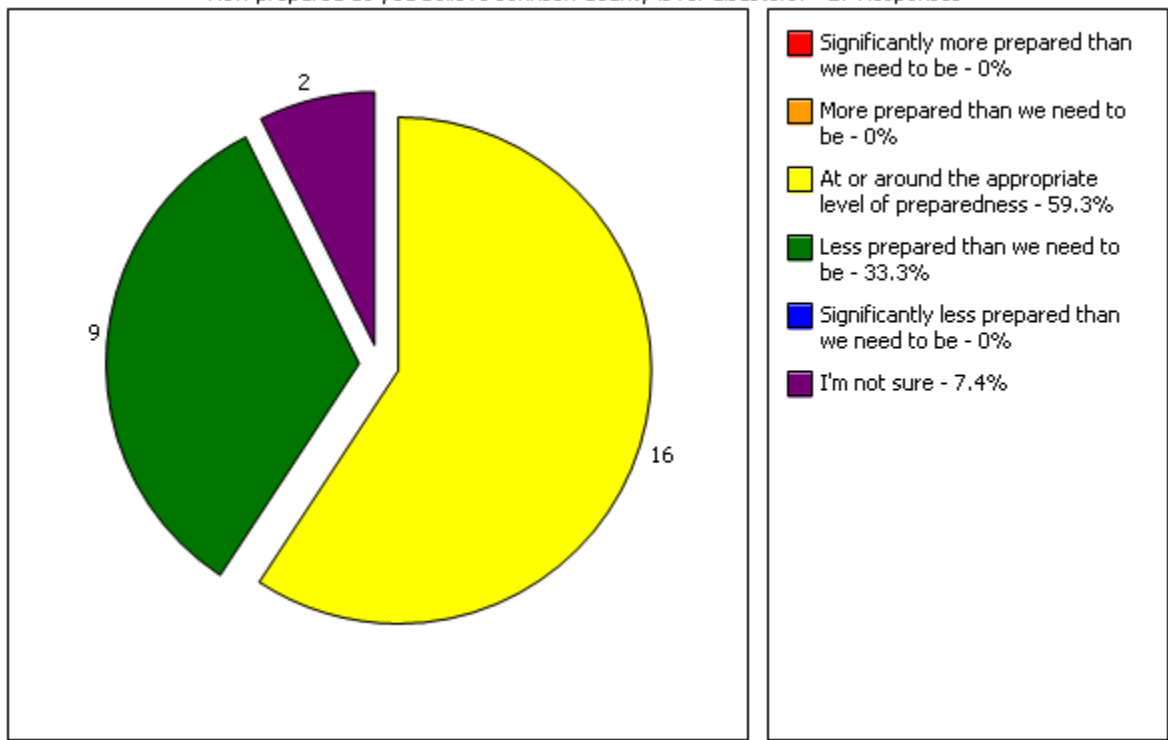
- MEMC MEMC Planning Sub-committee
- National VOAD State VOAD Metro COAD FEMA Regional Interagency Steering Committee MEMC Regional Coordination Task Force committee Health Dept. City Readiness Initiative
- MEMC Johnson County Emergency Manager meetings Johnson county Tabletop Exercise Johnson County Public Health meetings
- Johnson County Chiefs and Sheriffs Association, attendee at RHSCC meetings
- Local city emergency response plans.
- Jo. Co. Police Chiefs Association
- Jo. Co. Fire Chiefs Assoc. Emerg. Comm. Center User Advisory Board FIRE Act Grants Heart of America Metropolitan Fire Chiefs Assoc. MARC
- JC LEPC, RHSCC, MEMC, MEMC Citizen Readiness Sub-committee, MEMC Plans Sub-Committee, Integrated Warning Team, Olathe Emergency Management Team, JoCo Critical Incident Stress Management Team, Johnson County Emergency Communication Service, Inc., Johnson County Citizen Corps Council, Kansas Emergency Management Association, IAEM, MEIS and RPASS, Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation Plan committee
- RHSCC MARCER KC Metro HS JoCo HS JoCo LEPC
- Metropolitan Police Chiefs Association
- Johnson County LEPC, ECS, CERT, Ham Radio, CPR/First Aid instruction, BSA Emergency Preparedness Merit Badge, Severe Weather Training
- Kansas City Metro Disaster Tactical Response Team (MDTRT) RHSCC
- RHSCC, MARCER, Jo Co Health Immunization Distribution, Olathe Emergency Management Team, KCMTOA, KCMDTRT, Deployed to Greensburg KS

-  RHSCC, Regional Interoperability Committee, Metro SHSP, the somewhat ad hoc PSIC committee, Kansas SIEC (advisory committee only), Fire/EMS Operations Chiefs
-  MARCER RHSCC Public Safety Emergency Communications Coord Committee Jo Co Fire and Emergency Chiefs Asso Metro Fire Chiefs Asso
-  JC Fire Chiefs TEW
-  Since I have just joined JoCo government as director of public health, I have not personally been involved with any of these groups although I know that JCHD staff have been.
-  RHSCC, Kansas CEPR, PH Region 15, Kansas City Kansas Side Hospital Committee, Johnson County Hospital Committee, NACCHO Public Health Preparedness Summit, NACCHO SNS National Committee, JC LEPC, KEMA.
-  JC Chiefs & Operations Chiefs, KC Metro Heavy SAR Committee, Kansas SAR Working Group, Kansas CEPR - Deployable Resources Committee,
-  JC Fire/Police Chiefs Association. MARC.
-  none
-  n/a
-  RHSCC, Johnson County Fire Chiefs, JC LEPC, RHSCC Law Enforcement, MEMC Plans, RHSCC Training & Exercise, MEMC WebEOC, RHSCC Program Measurement Task Force, DHS CPG Working Group, DHS National Peer Review, JOCO Preparedness, and some others we can't think of!!!!
-  Johnson County LEPC
-  JO CO CHIEFS, KANSAS ASSOCIATION OF CHIEFS OF POLICE, JO CO EMERGENCY MGT
-  KS Hospital Regional Committee, RHSCC, MARCER, LEPC, MEMC, KS Regional Trauma Council, KS Hospital Pandemic Preparedness Committee, MEIS / RPASS Sub-committee, MO-1-DMAT, WEBEOC Sub-committee, Metro Regional Hospital HAM Radio Initiative thru MARC.
-  City of Prairie Village Emergency Management

**How prepared do you believe Johnson County is for disasters?**




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How prepared do you believe Johnson County is for disasters? - 27 Responses






























**What do you believe are the most important factors in ensuring that Johnson County is as prepared as it needs to be for disasters.**

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-  Commitment from leadership Inter-agency support and guidance sufficient asset for first responders extensive regional, state, and local planning adequate state and federal guidance
-  Interagency Communications Collaboration between agencies and city departments coordination to include city leaders
-  Agency awareness of it and other's part in response plan Discussion and exercise of how a response would unfold Resources to respond


















	and/or the willingness to ask partners for assistance
	Yes, all of the examples you list. First responders also need a clear understanding of readily available equipment, who controls it, and what is necessary to secure the release of such equipment.
	Planning Training Communications Equipment
	Interagency training/familiarity with integrated plan
	Financial commitment from elected officials Multijurisdictional training on a regular basis Coordination of equipment and personnel
	Coordination and Cooperation between agencies and levels of government (city, county regional), well trained first responders, integrated planning (including the identification of resources available to all jurisdictions), developing a stronger sheltering capacity to include special needs populations, interoperable communications and system overload during emergencies and disasters, inter-jurisdictional exercises, continued enhancement and use of WEBEOC, Consistent communications from the County to the Cities regarding all facets of emergency management
	Planning Buy in and commitment from department heads and elected officials ICS and EOC training and experience for command level officers
	Availability of necessary resources (equipment, supplies etc.) Pre-existing agreements regarding responsibilities among government agencies
	county as a whole - planning, obtaining equipment, Educating the public, Engaging Volunteer organizations, Training Volunteers, Emergency planning & response in the schools,
	A county wide exercise involving some or all of the cities needs to be conducted.
	Continued preparedness training, regular communication, ensuring there is adequate interoperable communications available in the event of a disaster.
	Well-practiced interagency coordination to include realistic communications.
	Emergency Planning Coordinated, across discipline exercises Well prepared emergency services community Well informed and prepared public Engaged elected and appointed officials Adequate resources to meet unusual demand
	Strong relationships between agencies such as Emergency Response, Emergency Preparedness, Public Health, and policy makers. Balanced mutual aid agreements, reasonable resource-sharing, efficient use of regional response assets. Clear policy and structure regarding response activation and coordination of resources. Borderless community risk assessment model, integrated with GIS.
	High level of coordination because of the multiple jurisdictional entities not only in Johnson County but across the metro. I would imagine that communication among these various entities and reduction in duplication are two of the greatest challenges.
	Well trained and experienced first responders who have the proper equipment and the knowledge of how to use it. That we have such a robust emergency management system and have so many active participants not only at the local level but at the regional/state/national level.
	We have a lot of resources, we just need to make sure they are all identified, credentialed/typed, and everyone in all disciplines is aware of what and where they are.
	All we can do is plan, prepare, and train for disasters. When a disaster raises its ugly head, hopefully we will have planned and mitigated for that particular circumstance.
	Coordination of responsibilities and communication during disasters. Having a base line to begin from that is established now so when the disaster strikes there is a common starting point and then the various divisions could breakoff is necessary.
	Communication and coordination between agencies. Available resources during an emergency.
	Sheltering capacity, locations & procedures; Public Education; First Responder/Cross Jurisdictional Exercises; Continued & increased emergency management collaboration with responder communities, i.e. Fire, Law Enforcement, Public Works, Public Health, etc.
	there is an effort for strong integrated emerg. planning but it appears some agencies don't participate to the fullest. Training is good for first responders but again some don't take full advantage of it.
	I AGREE WITH INTERGRATED PLANNING, WELL TRAINED FIRST RESPONDERS AND EQUIPMENT, INTERAGENCY COORDINATION, INTEROPERABILITY COMMUNICATIONS, AND I THINK JO CO EMER MGT SHOULD TAKE THE LEAD TO DESIGNATE SHELTERS AND BE THE LEAD FOCAL POINT OR THE ONE STOP SHOPPING CENTER
	Coordination between disciplines, communication, notification, Sheltering needs, Alternate care sites / facilities, MOU's at the county level to blanket stakeholders within the county, Equipment access - distribution, Staffing / personnel, Disaster Medical Assistance Teams in KS, HVA's , Multi-discipline / Multi-jurisdiction drills-training. Coordination of resources / request of such resources. Integrating EOP's from stakeholders into a common plan, coordination of ESF's. County wide Inventory of Emer. Disaster equipment/supplies.
	Emergency planning county wide, strong commitment from all elected official, well trained first responders with access to all of the proper equipment to carry out they jobs safely. Strong coordination of equipment county wide, Detailed list of sheltering and capacity for all of the county.











<b>In thinking about the most important factors of disaster preparedness, what areas do you feel Johnson County does best in?</b>	
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	Response on first responder level All-hazards planning interagency intergration and support regional planning
	Identifying the problems and needs and coming up with solutions
	I think the emergency management does a great job of planning and training.
	Planning - very comprehensive.
	Day to day relationships that foster a good working relationship no matter how minor the emergency requiring a combined response.
	Interagency openness to cooperative ventures.
	Various agencies work well together.

	Mutual Aid agreements and coordination between fire and police agencies, the Multi-jurisdictional Mitigation work that has been done, WEEOC, County-City EM meetings
	Working relationships that come from planning and preparedness efforts.
	Inter agency cooperation Pre event identification of potential problem areas
	Well trained 1st responders, local & county planning, attempting to educate the public, storm spotting & warnings
	We have relatively good working relationships between cities.
	Good prepared communications and reasonable preparedness drills.
	Specialty teams and equipment.
	Agencies tasked with disaster responsibilities are well prepared to meet those responsibilities Collaborative planning Well resourced Agencies work well with each other (not many turfdom issues)
	Emergency management appears to be placing a priority upon building relationships with other agencies.
	I don't feel able to respond to this question. I hope to know more after the 4/23 summit.
	Integrating City and County agencies for response.
	public education is pretty strong, CERT is doing pretty well in some areas.
	I believe the constant research and planning efforts of our county as a whole are very good. Even though there will always be differences of opinion, we are all in pursuit of the same goal. I believe that our efforts with the hazard mitigation plan will pay dividends.
	advance warning is very good
	Cooperation and sharing of resources.
	Hazard Mitigation Planning; Improved Communication with responder community; planning, use of workgroups or focus groups to address specific issues, i.e. WebEOC, Planning, Involvement & Education from private sector partners, i.e. Water One, KCPL, etc.
	communication between vital departments is good preparedness planning and training is offered on a regular basis
	I'M NOT REALLY SURE, A LOT OF MEETINGS AND INFORMATION GATHERING FOR ONE, BUT WHAT HAPPENS IF WE HAVE A "GREENSBURG TORNADO" GO THROUGH THE HEART OF THE COUNTY? ARE WE REALLY READY FOR THAT?
	JOCO has a lot of stuff. We, as a county, have done a tremendous job of obtaining stuff from grants and other sources to outfit the responders. JOCO has been very proactive at Emergency planning and utilization of resources.
	I,m not sure I have not lived here long enough to give you honest answer.

**What concerns you the most about Johnson County's level of disaster preparedness?**


























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	Assumed functions of county agencies "gray" area in mass fatalitie/medical surge
	In the event of a large scale disaster or emergency, our resources will be taxed and if the event is widespread we will need to be well organized to be able to know what to ask for quickly.
	None
	I am not overly concerned. All first responders around the table are true professionals fully capable of performing their duties. And, based on past experience, they all play well together.
	The ability of all disciplines to communicate "on scene" using a common radio system. I don't know that police and fire could effectively communicate on a shared frequency on a large scale disaster scene that spans over multiple jurisdiction lines.
	Planning, practice, implementation
	We haven't experienced a major disaster for some time i.e., laid-back attitudes.
	The cities are the first line of defense when a disaster happens. All cities need to be encouraged to develop disaster plans and to participate with the County in as many aspects of developing plans, procedures, coordination, for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.
	The lack of command level training and experience on large scale events.
	Ability to provide food/shelter to large numbers of displaced residents.
	Citizens either do not care or want the government to do 100% of the preperation & planning. They will not take responsibility for their own preparation and safety.
	Little training/experience in command and control.
	No matter how many meetings, communique you put, or table tops you do you never know if you are prepared enough. Have we got enough info out to all our employees from around the county?
	Not all potential commanders have the "big picture" of regional capabilities and regional joint operating plans. A commander is likely to revert to normal operating modes and not take advantage of resources (personnel, plans and specialty equipment) that are available.
	Getting agencies that are not normally tasked with duties in an emergency to plan and get involved before the "big one" hits A lack of coordination between City EOCs and County EOC
	Pandemic threats seem to be an area of vulnerability that would task all aspects of our community resources for very long durations.
	Again, I just don't feel prepared to respond to this question.
	There are key agencies and departments withing Johnson County government that have not been as involved in response planning and emergency management as they should be. I also have concern about the lack of disaster experience for Johnson County government

-  employee's. We rely so heavily on the City's to manage their events that Johnson County has had little call to response in quite a while. That lends itself to apathy and a lack of awareness as to the needs and processes for effective response.
-  That we aren't really as prepared for the large scale event as we need to be, despite having so many resources. We have no problem with smaller incidents but I'm not so sure we would do that well with something that impacted the entire metro area.
-  Being a small agency, we rely heavily upon the assistance of larger Johnson County agencies, and we can only hope help will be forthcoming when a major disaster takes place.
-  The understanding of responsibilities and accountability I feel is lacking.
-  Communication between operational personnel in the field during an incident.
-  Lack of Citizen Preparedness & their expectation that government will handle everything.
-  Again, there are some agencies within the county (to include municipalities) that you never see at any of the training
-  REFER BACK TO #6
-  Lack of multi discipline training, coordination. We have a lot of equipment and supplies and a vast amount of expertise / experience, but I believe we fall short on the training between the disciplines together as a whole.
-  Our we as a prepared as we can be for any type of disaster?

**When considering what concerns you most about Johnson County's preparedness level, what potential solutions come to mind on how to address these shortfalls?**

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-  extensive planning and research exercising and coordination address issues of sustainability
-  In a pandemic event our own staff and volunteers will be shortages. Education will be an issue because some volunteers (and staff) will not come to work until they know they are safe.
-  none
-  Exercises go a long way in making sure all participants clearly understand the role, capabilities, and limitations of other agencies.
-  Regional emergency radio system.
-  Create a plan, practice it and test practicality. Redesign if impractical.
-  Addressed above as more training between agencies.
-  More exercises that benefit both cities and county. When exercises benefit only the County agencies involved, the element of realism is lacking that would happen in a real event. Involving more city participation would also lead the cities to develop city procedures, facilities, plans, and checklists needed on their end as well.
-  Training and exercises for command level staff on a regular basis.
-  Agreements with local hotels, schools and churches.
-  You cannot force responsibility on people so information and education by classes, public service announcements on radio, TV & in movie theaters is vital.
-  Conduct training and small scale exercises with cities.
-  Some type of mandatory computerized training on basic emergency preparedness to be completed by all employees in both city and local government to be completed on an annual basis to remind people of actions and responsibilities.
-  More training and exercises involving interagency coordination and regional resources.
-  Have the City and County Managers insist that agencies get involved Make sure there is representation at the central EOC from all City EOCs
-  This is a difficult threat to assess, complete with challenges such as decreasing crisis and consequence management capacity due to our own vulnerability to disease.
-  Continued coordination among jurisdictional partners in Johnson County and working with neighboring counties both in Kansas and across the state line.
-  More county/city integrated exercises. More hands on experience for these departments/agencies who are not as involved as they could/should be.
-  Just what we're doing with the capability assessments if everyone buys in to this concept.
-  I believe we are making giant strides toward solutions. We have worked very hard at preparing our mitigation plan, as well as our own emergency operations plan.
-  Area specific exercises to integrate those divisions that would be working closely together during a disaster.
-  Already being addressed with countywide radio system.
-  Public Education and outreach to targeted groups, i.e. apartment communities, homes associations, etc.; Emergency Management coordination with responder community on exercises and confirmation that LEOP contents are accurate and current
-  a more concentrated effort on communication to all pertinent agencies to take part in the training that is offered
-  REFER BACK TO #5
-  Simply, larger scale training exercises involving multi disciplines, multi jurisdictions reflecting our leading hazards based off of the county HVA. Implementing the Incident Command System and incorporating NIMS to exercise how these stake holders will operate during a large scale incident and coordinate/ communicate between departments.

 Making sure that all levels of government know about all training that is offered county wide.

Please rank the following types of disasters from the type you believe we are least prepared for (1) to the type you believe we are most prepared for (10). BE SURE TO USE EACH NUMBER (1-10) ONLY ONCE.

	Rank from 1 to 10 using each number only once										
	Average	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
<b>Tornado</b>	<b>7.1</b>	7%	%	%	%	4%	22%	22%	15%	19%	11%
		2	0	0	0	1	6	6	4	5	3
<b>Winter / Ice Storm</b>	<b>7.8</b>	%	%	%	7%	7%	11%	7%	26%	22%	19%
		0	0	0	2	2	3	2	7	6	5
<b>Hazardous Materials Incident</b>	<b>6.3</b>	%	7%	11%	4%	19%	19%	7%	7%	11%	15%
		0	2	3	1	5	5	2	2	3	4
<b>Flooding</b>	<b>6.4</b>	%	11%	%	4%	11%	15%	33%	11%	11%	4%
		0	3	0	1	3	4	9	3	3	1
<b>Severe Weather (hail, flash flooding, high winds)</b>	<b>8.2</b>	%	%	4%	%	4%	7%	15%	22%	19%	30%
		0	0	1	0	1	2	4	6	5	8
<b>Major Disease Outbreak</b>	<b>3.5</b>	19%	11%	26%	15%	19%	4%	%	7%	%	%
		5	3	7	4	5	1	0	2	0	0
<b>Dam or Levee Failure</b>	<b>3</b>	22%	22%	11%	30%	7%	4%	4%	%	%	%
		6	6	3	8	2	1	1	0	0	0
<b>Terrorism</b>	<b>3.7</b>	15%	11%	30%	15%	15%	7%	4%	%	%	4%
		4	3	8	4	4	2	1	0	0	1
<b>Extreme Temperatures</b>	<b>6.7</b>	%	4%	11%	11%	11%	11%	4%	11%	19%	19%
		0	1	3	3	3	3	1	3	5	5
<b>Foreign Animal Disease Outbreak</b>	<b>2.3</b>	37%	33%	7%	15%	4%	%	4%	%	%	%
		10	9	2	4	1	0	1	0	0	0

The Department of Homeland Security (DHS) identifies the following 37 capabilities as critical factors for preparedness and we are routinely asked to evaluate ourselves in these areas. Please identify what you believe Johnson County's level of preparedness is for each of DHS's Target Capabilities.







	Levels of Preparedness					
	I don't know	Significantly less prepared than we should be	Less prepared than we should be	At or around the appropriate level of preparedness	More prepared than we need to be	Significantly more prepared than we need to be
<b>Planning</b>	%	11%	26%	59%	4%	%
	0	3	7	16	1	0
<b>Communications</b>	%	7%	41%	37%	15%	%
	0	2	11	10	4	0
<b>Risk Management</b>	15%	4%	7%	63%	11%	%
	4	1	2	17	3	0
<b>Community Preparedness and Participation</b>	%	15%	59%	19%	4%	4%

	0	4	16	5	1	1
<b>Intelligence and Information Sharing &amp; Dissemination</b>	7%	4%	37%	41%	11%	%
	2	1	10	11	3	0
<b>Information Gathering &amp; Recognition of Indicators and Warnings</b>	11%	4%	26%	48%	11%	%
	3	1	7	13	3	0
<b>Intelligence Analysis &amp; Production</b>	22%	7%	33%	30%	7%	%
	6	2	9	8	2	0
<b>Counter-Terror Investigation &amp; Law Enforcement</b>	33%	11%	26%	26%	4%	%
	9	3	7	7	1	0
<b>CBRNE Detection</b>	33%	7%	33%	22%	4%	%
	9	2	9	6	1	0
<b>Critical Infrastructure Protection</b>	15%	11%	52%	22%	%	%
	4	3	14	6	0	0
<b>Food and Agriculture Safety and Defense</b>	41%	15%	37%	7%	%	%
	11	4	10	2	0	0
<b>Epidemiological Surveillance &amp; Investigation</b>	37%	4%	26%	26%	7%	%
	10	1	7	7	2	0
<b>Laboratory Testing</b>	41%	7%	30%	19%	4%	%
	11	2	8	5	1	0
<b>On-Site Incident Management</b>	7%	7%	11%	63%	11%	%
	2	2	3	17	3	0
<b>Emergency Operations Center Management</b>	4%	7%	22%	52%	11%	4%
	1	2	6	14	3	1
<b>Critical Resource Logistics &amp; Distribution</b>	15%	11%	52%	19%	4%	%
	4	3	14	5	1	0
<b>Volunteer Management &amp; Donations</b>	26%	7%	52%	11%	4%	%
	7	2	14	3	1	0
<b>Responder Safety &amp; Health</b>	11%	4%	11%	67%	7%	%
	3	1	3	18	2	0
<b>Emergency Public Safety &amp; Security Response</b>	7%	4%	15%	59%	15%	%
	2	1	4	16	4	0
<b>Animal Disease Emergency Support</b>	48%	19%	22%	11%	%	%
	13	5	6	3	0	0
<b>Environmental Health</b>	37%	4%	26%	33%	%	%
	10	1	7	9	0	0
<b>Explosive Device Response Operations</b>	15%	7%	15%	52%	11%	%
	4	2	4	14	3	0
<b>Fire Incident Response Support</b>	7%	%	4%	70%	19%	%
	2	0	1	19	5	0
<b>WMD and Hazardous Materials Response &amp; Decon</b>	22%	7%	26%	37%	7%	%

	6	2	7	10	2	0
<b>Citizen Evacuation &amp; Shelter-In-Place</b>	19%	15%	52%	11%	4%	%
	5	4	14	3	1	0
<b>Isolation and Quarantine</b>	22%	41%	26%	7%	%	4%
	6	11	7	2	0	1
<b>Search and Rescue</b>	22%	%	11%	56%	11%	%
	6	0	3	15	3	0
<b>Emergency Public Information &amp; Warning</b>	11%	%	22%	41%	22%	4%
	3	0	6	11	6	1
<b>Emergency Triage &amp; Pre-Hospital Treatment</b>	33%	%	22%	41%	4%	%
	9	0	6	11	1	0
<b>Medical Surge</b>	37%	11%	37%	11%	4%	%
	10	3	10	3	1	0
<b>Medical Supplies Management &amp; Distribution</b>	37%	%	44%	15%	4%	%
	10	0	12	4	1	0
<b>Mass Prophylaxis</b>	33%	4%	37%	22%	4%	%
	9	1	10	6	1	0
<b>Mass Care (sheltering, feeding, &amp; related services)</b>	19%	22%	44%	15%	%	%
	5	6	12	4	0	0
<b>Fatality Management</b>	33%	30%	19%	19%	%	%
	9	8	5	5	0	0
<b>Structural Damage Assessment</b>	26%	7%	33%	26%	4%	4%
	7	2	9	7	1	1
<b>Restoration of Lifelines</b>	56%	%	30%	11%	4%	%
	15	0	8	3	1	0
<b>Economic &amp; Community Recovery</b>	37%	4%	33%	22%	4%	%
	10	1	9	6	1	0

**Do you have any additional comments about Johnson County's overall disaster preparedness level or thoughts on what you would like the Disaster Preparedness Summit to accomplish?**

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-  I work on the human services side. I feel the county emergency management is very open to VOAD agencies helping in the command structure.
-  One of the most professional emergency management teams in the area.
-  The summit is a gerat idea.
-  Try to get more citizen involment but not necessarily from those who already participate in multiple committees, groups, etc.
-  As a newcomer both to Johnson County government and Johnson County, I am anxious to learn more about the county's overall disaster preparedness. I'm sure that Johnson County has much more preparedness capacity than my answers would indicate.
-  A more rounded approach with local, state, and federal resources.