

Emergency Management

A connected operating environment for preparedness, incident operations, recovery, and continuous improvement.

Why this matters

Emergency managers work across incidents, agencies, operational periods, plans, resources, meetings, intelligence, forms, and recovery. Vanguard VEM keeps those activities connected instead of forcing staff to rebuild context in separate tools.

Designed for

State, county, municipal and regional emergency management; EOCs; incident management teams; planners; public safety partners.

What users can do

- Manage AOIs, incidents, operational periods and ICS workspaces.
- See map-first GIS/COP and Live Intelligence in the same operating context.
- Track decisions, handoffs, resources, assignments and meeting actions through completion.
- Convert approved plans into controlled operational actions and workflows.

Current connected operating layer

Connected capability	Recovery 35.6 operating layer
Operational Assurance	Universal Needs Attention queue plus Executive / Command Brief from permission-visible records.
Decisions, Handoffs & Meetings	Structured decision logs, acknowledged shift/position handoffs, and meeting actions that persist until closed.
Resource Lifecycle & Readiness	Resource requests from request through closeout, plus credential/qualification evidence and readiness warnings.
Plan-to-Operation & Schedule	Activate approved plans into trackable actions; schedule routine, preparedness, training, exercise, recovery and incident meetings.
GIS/COP, Live Intelligence & ICS	Map-first COP, source-aware intelligence, position workspaces, standardized forms and automated incident documentation.
Instructions, Training & Sandbox	Affected guidance, training and practice paths are synchronized with the current build and support controlled user learning.

Designed to connect emergency-management work without replacing jurisdictional authority, established ICS doctrine, or required agency systems.

Recovery 35.1 connects jurisdiction-specific EOC staffing with expanded Search, Rescue & Recovery mission/team/search-area/specialty tracking and multi-agency MARC coordination. Separate MMIR and MMBWG pathways support family-centered communication, privacy/consent, Tribal sovereignty and local protocols, culturally responsive partner handoffs, and a strict no-identity-inference rule.