

## HURRICANE TERMS TO KNOW

**Tropical Disturbance or Wave-** A cluster of clouds and thunderstorms in the tropics without a defined circulation, moving from east to west.

**Tropical Storm-** A rotating system of strong thunderstorms with top sustained winds of 39 to 73 miles per hour. Tropical storms are dangerous by themselves, and can quickly develop into hurricanes. Storms are named when they reach this strength.

**Hurricane-** A tropical cyclone with pronounced counter-clockwise rotation, low-pressure center and sustained wind speeds of 74 miles per hour.

## HURRICANE ALERTS

**Preliminary Alert-**Hurricane conditions are possible in the specific area of the 'Alert' usually within 72 hours.

**Hurricane Watch (Red 1)-** Hurricane conditions are possible in the specific area of the 'Alert' within 36 hours.

**Hurricane Warning (Red 11)-** Hurricane conditions are expected in the specific area of the warning within 24 hours.

**ALL CLEAR-** The hurricane has passed. (This does not mean you are authorized to leave a shelter.)

Visit the NEMO Website for More Information:  
[www.nemo.org.bz](http://www.nemo.org.bz)



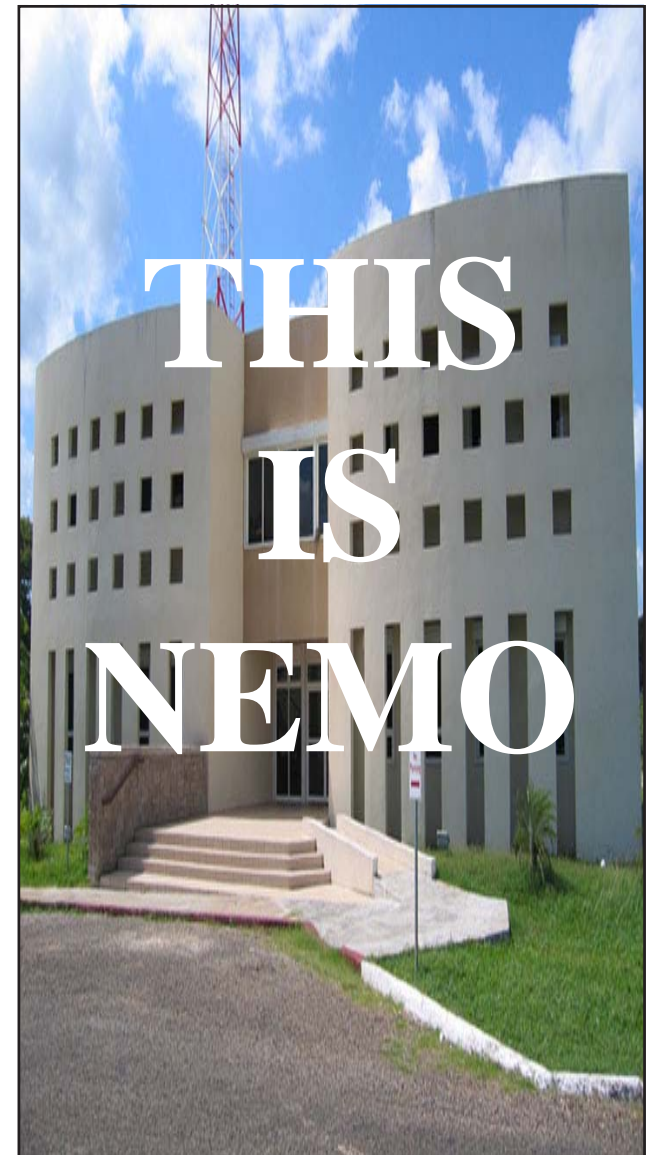
## The NEMO Department is:

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## District Emergency Coordinators

Mr. Kenton Parham.....Toledo  
Mr. Victor Castillo.....Stann Creek  
Mr. Al Westby.....Cayo  
Mr. George Coleman.....City of Belmopan  
Mr. Philip Willoughby.....Belize  
Mr. Kevin Gonzalez.....San Pedro/Caye Caulker  
Mr. Elodio Aragon.....Orange Walk  
Mr. Willard Levy.....Corozal

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## Who We Are and What We Do



## WHAT IS NEMO?

The National Emergency Management Organization is the primary Government of Belize Department responsible for disaster mitigation, public preparedness, response, recovery and reconstruction in Belize.

The NEMO Department is the full-time agency responsible for the training of responding agencies and fosters coordination across the public and private sector during non-crisis periods.

The Department is also mandated to keep Belize in a state of preparedness for any emergency that may require a national response.

## WHO IS NEMO

The Cabinet with the Prime Minister as Chairman  
The Cabinet Secretary as Secretary  
The NEMO Department/District Coordinators  
Chairpersons of the 12 Operational Committees  
Representative-Belize Red Cross  
Representative-Belize National Teacher's Union  
Representative-Public Service Union  
Representative-Salvation Army  
Technical Advisors and Specialists  
All Public Officers

## MISSION STATEMENT

The National Emergency Management Organization, in cooperation with the respective emergency management committees, and all public and private agencies, is established to preserve life and property in the event of an emergency, threatened or real, and to mitigate the impact on the country and its people.

## EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTERS

Emergency Operations Centers are facilities that are established to serve as 24 hour coordination centers. They are staffed by trained individuals who are capable of managing various aspects of an emergency including response and relief operations.



## LEVELS OF RESPONSE

- 1. The National Level**  
(NEMO is fully activated)
- 2. The District Level**  
(NEMO is partially activated)
- 3. The Village Level**  
(NEMO is locally activated)

## DISTRICT EMERGENCY COMMITTEES

The Country of Belize has been divided into Emergency Management Zones that includes the six districts and three (3) special zones as indicated below;

- \*Belize District
- \*Cayo District
- \*Corozal District
- \*Orange Walk District
- \*Stann Creek District
- \*Toledo District

### Special Zones

- \*Belize City (Largest Populated Area)
- \*City of Belmopan (Nation's Capital)
- \*San Pedro (Most Vulnerable off-shore community)

## OPERATIONAL COMMITTEES

The following committees are designated to manage specific areas of an emergency as their name implies:

- Education, Information, Communication Warning
- Search, Rescue and Evacuation
- Restoration of Utilities and Access
- Transport
- Housing and Shelter
- Medical Care and Public Health
- Relief and Supplies Management
- Damage Assessment and Needs Analysis
- Foreign Assistance
- Human Resources Management
- Recovery
- The Environment
- Mitigation and Infrastructure Work