

## HURRICANE TERMS TO KNOW

**Tropical Wave (TW)** - A vast area of relatively low air pressure, which moves from east to west across the tropics, causing areas of cloudiness and thunderstorms.

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

**Tropical Storm (TS)** - 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 stage.

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

## HURRICANE ALERTS

**Alert (Preliminary)** - Hurricane conditions are possible within 72 hours.

**Hurricane Watch (Red I)** - Hurricane conditions are possible within 36 hours.

**Hurricane Warning (Red II)** - Hurricane conditions are expected within 24 hours.

**All Clear** - The threat of the hurricane has passed the country. (This does not mean you are authorized to leave a shelter)



**NEMO**  
"Preserving Life and Property"

## NEMO District Contact Numbers:

Corozal	422-0262 614-7140
Orange Walk	302-3228 614-7177
Regional North	660-2065
Belize City	207-0544 605-1889
Belize Rural North (Sandhill Office)	205-9058 604-6532
Belize Rural Central	205-9058 614-3244
San Pedro/Caye Caulker	226-4824 614-5865
Belmopan	626-8572
San Ignacio/Santa Elena/ Benque	602-5131
Regional Central	614-8604
Stann Creek	502-0218 / 502-0061 614-8514
Toledo	702-2354 / 722-0384 614-2158
Regional South	610-1733

Visit the NEMO Website for more information:

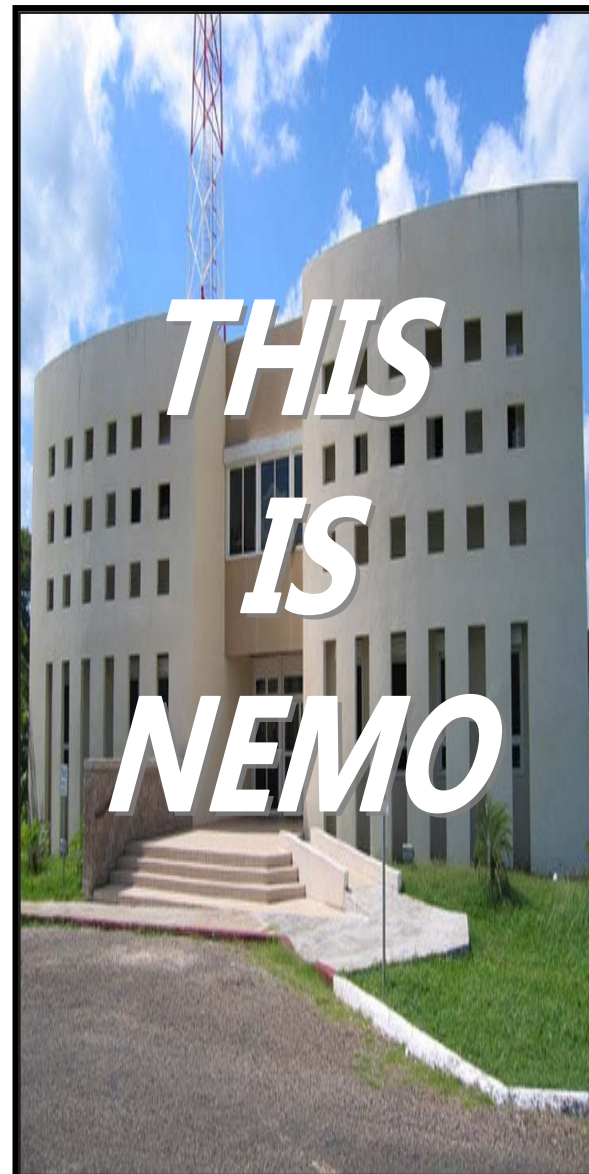
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Who We Are and What We Do



## 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-crises 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 Operational Committees

Private Sector in support of NEMO

Representative - Belize Red Cross

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 (EOC)

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.

### VISION

*A professional department empowered by public and political buy-in will contribute to sustainable development and quality of life by significantly reducing vulnerabilities for at risk communities through enhanced Comprehensive Disaster Management (CDM)*



## 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 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 (Vulnerable Off-shore Community)

## NATIONAL COMMITTEES

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

1. Education, Information, Communication Warning
2. Search and Rescue
3. Transport & Evacuation
4. Housing & Shelter
5. Human Resource Management
6. Relief & Supplies Management
7. Medical Care & Public Health
8. Damage Assessment & Needs Analysis
9. Foreign Assistance
10. Restoration of Utilities
11. Environment & Solid Waste
12. Economic & Recovery
13. Mitigation, Access and Infrastructure Works
14. Maritime Coordinating Committee
15. Special Needs and Disability