CHATHAM COUNTY

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

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AUTHORITY LETTER

The most fundamental function of government is providing for the safety and welfare of the public. An effective emergency management program is essential to ensuring Chatham County fulfills this responsibility when our residents and visitors are threatened or impacted by emergencies or disasters.

The Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) establishes the framework the county will use to organize and coordinate its emergency management activities when needed to save lives and to protect public safety, health, welfare and property. This EOP is not intended to address specific emergency responses, scenarios, hazards, or threats. Functional and hazard specific annexes/guides to this EOP will outline specific response activities for relevant organizations.

This EOP accomplishes the following:

- Establishes an incident management organization which will coordinate and support on-scene responses including maintenance of situational awareness, facilitation of effective communication between operations centers at various levels of government, maintain continuity of government, and interaction with public information sources.

- Establishes the overall operational concepts associated with the management of incidents, emergencies, crises, disasters, and catastrophes.

- Provides a flexible platform for planning and response to all hazards incidents, events, and emergencies. It is applicable to a wide variety of anticipated incident events including earthquake, wildland fires, floods, and public health issues.

This plan establishes the emergency management responsibilities of County departments and other agencies, and identifies how they will work with the Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) to ensure Chatham County is prepared to execute a well-coordinated, timely and consistent disaster response. The plan also addresses how the county's activities will be integrated with state and federal agencies and incorporate elements from the private sector and non-governmental organizations.

This EOP continues Chatham County's compliance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS), the Incident Command System (ICS), the National Response Framework (NRF), and the National Preparedness Guidelines to include the *Comprehensive Preparedness Guide 101: Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans*. It facilitates multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination during emergency operations, public information functions, and resource management.

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APPROVAL AND IMPLEMENTATION

The Chatham Emergency Management Agency maintains the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan and presents the plan to the Chatham County Commission and each municipal Council for adoption.

The Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan was developed by Chatham Emergency Management Agency in coordination with each municipality within Chatham County, non-governmental organizations and private sector organizations and is aligned with the National Incident Management System as well as the National Response Framework and the National Disaster Recovery Framework. In addition, Chatham Emergency Management Agency modified the Emergency Operations Plan, its appendices, Emergency Support Function Annexes, Support Annexes and Incident Annexes to incorporate lessons learned from exercises, training, incidents and real world events.

This plan supersedes the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan dated July 2020.

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1.0   Introduction

1.1   Purpose

The Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) herein referred to as the "Base Plan" or EOP establishes a framework for the effective coordination of response and initial recovery operations during large-scale or complex emergencies and disasters.

This plan defines roles and responsibilities for emergency management functions, establishes the conditions under which resources are mobilized and describes the organizational concepts and structures used to coordinate actions.

The EOP reflects an all-hazards approach to planning, meaning a similar concept of operations can be applied to all types of emergency situations, regardless of the exact nature of the incident. An all-hazards approach allows for the fact that some incidents have unique planning and response considerations requiring special attention. Incident Annexes to the base plan provide additional direction and guidance for specific types of emergencies or disasters.

1.2   Scope

This EOP provides guidance on response activities to Chatham County's most likely and demanding emergency conditions. It does not supersede well-established operational policies and procedures for coping with and responding to day-to-day emergencies involving law enforcement, fire service, medical aid, transportation services, flood control, or other discipline-specific emergency response systems. It is intended as a supplement and compliment to such systems. Organizational response tactics and procedures may evolve over time and should be utilized by those departments. The EOP is considered an emergency response framework, not a tactical response document. This EOP does, however, place emphasis on those unusual and unique emergency conditions that will require extraordinary response beyond the ability of any one or common set of organizations to respond. The plan does not include detailed response level operating instructions or procedures. Each organization identified in this EOP is responsible for, and expected to develop, implement, and test policies, instructions, and standard operating procedures (SOPs) or checklists that reflect the tactical, operational, strategic, and executive mission spaces and incident management concepts contained in this EOP. Coordinated response and support roles must be defined by these organizations to facilitate the ability to respond to and manage any given incident.

This document is not intended to be an overview of the Emergency Operations Center functions, procedures, section responsibilities, or positions specific standard operating procedures.

1.2.1   Plan Components

- **Base Plan:** The Base Plan serves as the fundamental framework for countywide emergency management. It outlines the county's hazard vulnerabilities, planning assumptions, and establishes the authorities, responsibilities, operational priorities and general strategies for local emergency operations that apply regardless of the specific type of emergency or disaster.

- **Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes:** County Departments, as well as jurisdictional agencies and non-governmental organizations are organized into 19 functional groups called ESFs. Each ESF has an annex to the EOP that defines the purpose, scope, identifies assigned agencies, establishes roles and responsibilities and describes how these agencies will coordinate during an emergency.

- **Support Annexes:** Support Annexes address commonly required emergency functions that do not fall within the scope of ESFs. These Annexes address the plans and coordination required from tasked agencies to support the functional area in an emergency. The Support Annexes are not incident-specific and are intended to be applicable to incident of all types. Examples include Training and Exercise and EOC Staff Manual.

- **Incident Annexes:** While the EOP is an all-hazards plan, some incident types warrant additional attention based on the level of risk they present, unique planning requirements or regulations involved. Incident Annexes are provided for those hazards that require consideration.

1.3   Situation Overview / Hazard Analysis

Chatham County, with an approximate population of 295,291 (U.S. Census Bureau 2020 census) is the northern-most county on the Georgia Coastline. The county as a whole is approximately 632 square miles, of which 426 square miles is land and 206 square miles is comprised of water.

Hazards addressed in this plan were determined by the Hazard Mitigation Planning Team based on available data and consideration of hazard frequency and potential severity of damage. Where available, hazard frequency based on past occurrence data is used to suggest future probability. Further information regarding the hazards, risks and vulnerabilities can be referenced in the Chatham County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

1.3.1   Hazards

Natural Hazards	Technological Hazards	Adversarial Hazards
• Drought • Earthquake • Extreme Heat • Flood • Infectious Disease • Sea Level Rise • Severe Weather • Severe Winter Storm • Tornado • Tropical Cyclone • Wildfire	• Cyber Attack • Hazardous Materials • Levee/Dam Failure • Mass Casualty	• Active Shooter/Threat • Mass Casualty • Terrorism

1.3.2   Hazard Preparedness Actions

In order prepare the community for these potential events, actions can be taken in each of the five mission areas of preparedness.

- Mitigation

- Prevention

- Protection

- Response

- Recovery

		Natural Hazards	Technological Hazards	Adversarial Hazards
MITIGATE		• Drainage improvements	• Structure hardening • Redundant systems	• Structure hardening
PREVENT		• Flood zone regulations • Land use ordinances • Community outreach	• Zoning regulations • Planning and coordination with private sector	• N/A
PROTECT		• Enhanced warning systems • Preemptive deployment	• Enhanced warning systems • Community Outreach	• Critical infrastructure security • Enhanced warning systems
RESPOND		• Preemptive deployment • Coordinated response	• Technical response capabilities • Coordinated response	• Tactical response capabilities • Coordinated response
RECOVER		• Coordinated planning • Stakeholder engagement	• Coordinated planning	• Coordinated planning

1.4   Planning Assumptions

These identify what the planning team assumes to be facts for planning purposes in order to make it possible to execute the document. During operations, the assumptions indicate areas where adjustments to the plan have to be made as the facts of the incident become known. These also provide the opportunity to communicate the intent of senior officials regarding emergency operations priorities. The following actions can be assumed when activating this plan:

- An emergency may occur at any time and may affect single or multiple jurisdictional areas. Some incidents will occur with enough warning to allow for activation and preparation prior to the onset of emergency conditions. Other incidents will be no-notice that occur without warning.

- All incidents begin and end locally. Municipalities maintain operational control and responsibility for emergency activities within their jurisdictions, unless otherwise superseded by ordinance, statute or agreement.

- When an emergency exceeds local resource and response capabilities, local governments will request assistance from the County EOC. The County will then request assistance from neighboring jurisdictions and from the State.

- Incidents in Chatham County may occur simultaneously with other events throughout the United States, constraining resources available and slowing or reducing the amount of outside assistance available to support.

- Governments, departments and agencies will develop and maintain the necessary plans, standard operating procedures, contracts and memorandums of understanding to execute emergency responsibilities assigned by the Chatham County EOP.

- Employees tasked with emergency duties that live and work within the affected area may be personally impacted by the incident and unable to report to work.

- Individuals, community-based organizations and businesses will offer services and support in time of disaster in the form of spontaneous volunteers, supplies and financial donations.

- Incidents, including large scale emergencies or events, require full coordination of operations and resources, and may:

    a) Require significant information sharing across multiple jurisdictions and between public and private sectors;
    b) Involve single or multiple jurisdictions and/or geographic areas;
    c) Have significant statewide and/or national impact and may require significant inter-governmental coordination;
    d) Involve multiple, highly varied hazards or threats on a local, regional, statewide or national scale;
    e) Result in mass casualties, displaced persons, property loss, environmental damage and disruption of the economy and normal life support systems, essential public services and basic infrastructure;
    f) Require resources to assist individuals with access and functional needs;
    g) Impact critical infrastructures across multiple sectors;
    h) Exceed the capabilities of state agencies, local governments, NGO's and private sector organizations;
    i) Attract a sizeable influx of public, private, and voluntary resources, including independent and spontaneous volunteers;
    j) Require short-notice asset coordination and response; and
    k) Require prolonged incident management operations and support activities for long-term community recovery and mitigation.

- The negative cascading effects from natural disasters may rise due to increased urban development, industrial expansion, traffic congestion and widespread use and transport of hazardous materials. These factors may increase the risk of human-caused emergencies such as hazardous materials accidents, power failures, resource shortages and environmental contamination.

2.0 Concept of Operations

2.1 General

CEMA identifies potential threats to life, property and the environment and then develops plans and procedures to respond to those threats. These plans and procedures will help to coordinate and support emergency response and recovery activities and will be tested through exercises and validated by the results of actual responses. The goal is to maintain a robust incident management organization with strong collaborative ties among governments, community-based organizations, volunteers, public service agencies, and the private sector. Chatham County conforms to, and this EOP complies with NIMS, and ICS guidelines.

2.2 National Response Framework (NRF)

The NRF is based upon the premise that incidents are handled at the lowest jurisdictional level. In the vast majority of incidents, state and local resources and interstate mutual aid will provide the first line of emergency response and incident management support. When state resources and capabilities are overwhelmed, Governors may request federal assistance. The NRF provides the framework for federal interaction with state, local, tribal, private sector and non-governmental entities in the context of domestic incident management to ensure timely and effective federal support.

The NRF is the core operational plan for national incident management, and establishes national-level coordinating structures, processes, and protocols that will be incorporated into certain existing federal interagency incident or hazard-specific plans. The NRF is intended to facilitate coordination among local, state, tribal, and federal governments and the private sector without impinging on any jurisdiction or restricting the ability of those entities to do their jobs. The NRF does not alter or impede the ability of first responders to carry out specific authorities or perform responsibilities.

The NRF and NIMS are designed to work in tandem to improve the Nation's incident management capabilities and overall efficiency. Use of NIMS enables local, state, tribal, and federal governments and private-sector and NGOs to work together effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from actual or potential domestic incidents regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

2.3   National Incident Management System (NIMS)

NIMS provides a comprehensive, whole community, whole government approach to incident management for all hazards and integrates existing best practices into a consistent nationwide approach to domestic incident management that is applicable to all jurisdictional levels and across functional disciplines. NIMS is based on a balance of flexibility and standardization that allows government and private entities at all levels to work together to manage domestic incidents, regardless of their cause, size, location, or complexity. Five major components make up this system's approach: preparedness; communications and information management; resource management; command and management; and ongoing management and supporting technologies.

2.4   Incident Command System (ICS)

ICS is a primary component of NIMS, and is a standardized on-scene emergency management system designed to allow for an integrated organizational structure scalable to the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents without being hindered by jurisdictional boundaries. ICS addresses both organization and process. ICS is used to manage facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications through the use of a common organizational structure and standardized procedures.

2.5   Integrating Federal, State, and local Systems

Taken together; the NRF, NIMS, ICS, and this EOP integrate the capabilities and resources of various governmental jurisdictions, incident management and emergency response disciplines, non-governmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector into a cohesive, coordinated, and seamless national framework for domestic incident management. It should be understood that field level emergency responders, Emergency Operations Center (EOC) staff, department heads, elected officials, and public information officers all have a vital role in successful comprehensive incident management and make up the Incident Management Enterprise.

2.6   Phases of Emergency Management

Emergency management functions are generally grouped into four phases: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The grouping of emergency management functions is useful for classifying and conceptualizing activities. While useful for targeting efforts and resources, the phases of emergency management are not distinct—activities in each phase often overlap with other phases. For example, recovery projects often include elements of mitigation (i.e., rebuilding structures using current building codes) and response often includes recovery measures (i.e., immediate debris removal). The phases are also cyclical in nature—lessons learned from an incident are applied in preparedness efforts for future emergencies and major disasters. The following sections provide examples of the types of activities that take place in each phase.

2.6.1   Mitigation

Mitigation activities occur before, during, and after incidents. Post-disaster mitigation is part of the recovery process. Eliminating or reducing the impact of hazards that exist within Chatham County and are a threat to life and property are part of the mitigation efforts.

Mitigation tools include:

- Detailed plans to mitigate future hazards

- Land use planning

- Local ordinances and statutes (zoning ordinances, building codes, etc.)

- Structural measures

- Public information and community relations

2.6.2   Preparedness

Preparedness activities are taken in advance of an emergency and develop operational capabilities, enact protective measures, and enhance effective responses to a disaster. These activities can include emergency/disaster planning, training and exercises, and public education. Citizen Preparedness activities are key elements in this phase and a significant factor in the success of a community in responding to an emergency. Members of the incident management enterprise and local organization develop EOPs, SOPs, and checklists detailing personnel assignments, policies, notification rosters, and resource lists. Personnel are made familiar with these documents through periodic training in the activation and execution of procedures.

2.6.3   Response

The response phase can be further broken down into three types of response—pre-emergency, immediate, and on-going emergency responses.

Pre-Emergency Response (or crisis response): if warning mechanisms exist for a particular hazard then response actions to emphasize protection of life, property, and environment can be anticipated. Typical pre-emergency and crisis response actions may include:

- Alerting necessary agencies, placing critical resources on stand-by

- Warning threatened populations of the emergency and apprising them of safety measures to be implemented

- Evacuation of threatened populations to safe areas

- Identifying the need for mutual aid

- Proclamation of a Local Emergency by local authorities

Immediate Emergency Response: during this phase, emphasis is placed on saving lives and property, attempting to establish and maintain control of the situation, and minimizing effects of the disaster. Immediate response is accomplished within the affected area by local government agencies and segments of the private sector. The primary activities are on-scene by first or early responders.

On-Going (or sustained) Emergency Response: In addition to continuing preservation of life and property operations, mass care, relocation, public information, situation analysis, status and, damage assessment operations may be initiated. Ongoing response usually involves many organizations and the activation of the EOC.

Furthermore, CEMA utilizes the NIMS Incident Complexity Typing Guide to determine appropriate responses to incidents.

Type	Description	CEMA Involvement
Type 5	• Under one Operational Period • The only ICS position staffed is the Incident Commander • The incident can be handled with one or two single resources • Command and General Staff positions (other than the Incident Commander) are not activated. • Primarily local resources used. • The incident is contained within the first operational period and often within an hour to a few hours after resources arrive on scene. • Additional resources or logistical support are not usually required. • Written Incident Action Plan (IAP) is not required. • Examples: vehicle fire, an injured person, or a police traffic stop, single vehicle crash.	CEMA not Involved unless requested
Type 4	• Under one Operational Period • Command staff and general staff functions are activated only if needed. • Several resources are required to mitigate the incident. • The agency administrator may have briefings, and ensure the complexity analysis and delegation of authority is updated. • The role of the agency administrator includes operational plans including objectives and priorities. • Command staff and general staff functions are activated only if needed. • Primarily local resources used. • Resources vary from a single resource to multiple resource task forces or strike teams. • The incident is usually limited to one operational period in the control phase. • Written IAP is not required, but a documented operational briefing will be completed for all incoming resources. • The agency administrator/official may have briefings, and ensure the complexity analysis and delegation of authority is updated. • Examples: Search and Rescue, Motor Vehicle Accidents, Small Fires, Protest Rallies, Structure Fires, small Hazardous Materials Spills, etc.	CEMA not Involved unless requested
Type 3	• When incident needs exceed capabilities, the appropriate ICS positions should be added to match the complexity of the incident. • Some or all of the command and general staff positions may be activated, as well as division/group supervisor and/or unit leader level positions. • Examples: Large Search and Rescue, Special Events, Large Fires, Large School Incidents	CEMA Involvement Discretionary
Type 2	• This type of incident extends beyond the capabilities for local control and is expected to go into multiple operational periods. • Most or all of the command and general staff positions are filled. • A written IAP is required for each operational period. • Many of the functional units are needed and staffed. • Examples: Industrial Fires, VIP Visits, Lengthy Search and Rescue, multi-day special events, Tornadoes, Floods, Events of Regional Interest.	CEMA Involved
Type 1	• This type of incident is the most complex, requiring national resources for safe and effective management and operation. • All command and general staff positions are filled. • Operations personnel often exceed 500 per operational period and total personnel will usually exceed 1,000. • Branches need to be established. • A written incident action plan (IAP) is required for each operational period. • The agency administrator will have briefings, and ensure that the complexity analysis and delegation of authority are updated. • Use of resource advisors at the incident base is recommended. • There is a high impact on the local jurisdiction, requiring additional staff for office administrative and support functions. • Example: Hurricanes, Natural Disasters, Events of National Interest.	CEMA Involved

2.6.4   Recovery

At the onset of an emergency, actions are taken to enhance the effectiveness of recovery operations. Recovery includes both short-term activities intended to return vital life-support systems to operation, and long-term activities designed to return infrastructure systems to pre-disaster conditions. The recovery phase may also include cost recovery activities. The major objectives of the recovery period include:

- Reinstatement of family and community integrity

- Provision of essential public services

- Restoration of private and public property

- Identification of residual hazards

- Preliminary plans to mitigate future hazards

- Recovery of costs associated with response and recovery efforts

- Coordination of state and federal public and individual assistance

2.7   All Hazards / Comprehensive Emergency Management

Chatham County's philosophy of emergency management is based upon the NRF, taking an all-hazards, comprehensive approach. This process allows Chatham County to establish a framework of communication, coordination and response no matter what emergency the County is facing. These inter-related actions which comprise the concept of emergency management are designed to:

- Prepare, prevents and protect against hazards;

- Respond to emergencies that occur;

- Recover and restore the community to a new normal; and

- Mitigate hazards.

Efforts related to the phases of emergency actions will take place on a continuous and scalable level based upon hazard identification, threat, vulnerability and risk to people, property, critical infrastructure and the environment.

The overall goal is to minimize the impact caused by a disaster or an emergency, creating a more disaster resilient Chatham County. It is important to remember that the emergency management process is cyclical – it is not a one-time task. Preparedness and mitigation begins well before the onset of an emergency or a disaster. Emergency management is a continual and developing process using lessons learned from previous incidents and events to improve Chatham County's capacity to manage future incidents and events.

2.8   Operational Objectives

The EOP is based on the following operational considerations:

- Initially, incidents are appropriately managed at the lowest possible level.

- Chatham County will use all available resources to save lives, minimize injury to persons and minimize damage to property and the environment.

- Incident management activities will be initiated and conducted using the principles contained in NIMS.

2.9   Emergency Operations Center

The EOC is a critical link in the emergency response chain, enabling incident commanders to focus on the needs of the incident, serving as an information conduit between incident command and the Command Policy Group (CPG), promoting problem solving at the lowest practical level.

The EOC is the central location from which Chatham County provides interagency coordination and executive decision making in support of incident response and recovery operations. The EOC does not command or control on-scene jurisdictional response efforts but does carry out the coordination functions through:

- Developing and maintaining Situational Awareness and a Common Operating Picture for decision makers, Incident Commanders and other emergency responders.

- Managing requests, procurement, and utilization of needed resources (to include people).

- Documenting and Managing Incident Information.

2.9.1   EOC Locations

The Old County Courthouse EOC is designated as the County's Primary EOC, The Annex EOC is designated as the County's Alternate EOC, and the Mobile EOC is designated as the County's Mobile EOC and will be used by direction only and in some cases will supplement the Primary/Alternate EOC as an on-site resource.

2.9.2   EOC Activations

The EOC may be activated for various reasons based on support requirements of a jurisdiction or organization, the context of a threat, the anticipation of events, or in response to an incident. Circumstances that might trigger activation include but are not limited to:

- More than one jurisdiction becomes involved in an incident and/or the incident involves multiple agencies;

- The Incident Commander indicates an incident could expand rapidly, involve cascading effects, or require additional resources;

- A similar incident in the past required Center activation;

- The Emergency Management Agency Director or an elected or appointed official directs the EOC be activated;

- An incident either planned and/or unplanned is imminent. Examples: include but are not limited to: local scheduled special events, predictions/pending and/or forecasted hazardous/severe and tropical weather systems, anticipated river flooding, and other elevated threat levels;

- The anticipated need for support requires acquiring additional resources;

- The event(s) meet thresholds outlined in the County EOP occur; and/or

- Significant impacts to the population for any other reason(s) are anticipated.

2.9.3   Activation Levels

The activation level of the EOC grows in size, scope and complexity in concert with that of the incident. If the incident requires additional support and coordination, additional staff can be activated to involve more disciplines, mobilize resources, inform the public, address media inquiries, involve senior elected and appointed officials, and request outside assistance.

The EOC will function at one of three levels based upon the complexity of the incident and requirements of CEMA management. A normal steady state of the EOC is the default and considered ready for activation at a moment's notice. During normal operations (steady state), emergency management personnel maintain operational readiness by monitoring and assessing potential threats and hazards; conducting routine and ongoing coordination with other departments and agencies; developing and executing plans, training, and exercises; and maintaining facilities and equipment.

Level 3 — Active Monitoring

- An event which could impact Chatham County is possible or assistance may be needed in coordinating County resources for an actual event.
- Center is staffed with a few personnel focused on situational awareness.

Level 2 — Elevated Activation

- An event which could impact Chatham County is imminent and requires additional coordination of resources or an actual event is expected to escalate to a point where EOC coordination efforts are prudently assumed to be anticipated.
- Center is partially staffed; limited or partial liaison support (Based on the needs of the incident)

Level 1 — Full-Scale Activation

- An event which is anticipated to impact or actually occurring in Chatham where local resources and capabilities will be taxed to the point where County-wide, Regional or State resources will be required.
- All General Staff positions activated; including applicable liaison positions.
- Operations being conducted on a 24 hour basis.

2.10 Levels of Emergencies and Declarations

There are two basic groups of emergencies, declared and non-declared.

2.10.1 Non-Declared County Emergencies / Disasters

- The Chairperson, Chatham County Commissioners, or designee may direct County departments and agencies to respond to emergencies or disasters as outlined in this plan without a formal declaration of an emergency when the expectation is that local resources will be sufficient and that no reimbursement of costs will be requested.

- For significant events in Chatham County, the EOC may be activated to monitor the situation, coordinate activities among departments and agencies, and to ensure that the County is positioned to rapidly respond in the event of an incident.

2.10.2 Emergency Declarations

There are three levels of emergency declarations that may apply to a disaster or emergency depending upon the scope and magnitude of the event:

- **County / Local Declaration:** A local emergency declaration automatically activates the Chatham County EOP, the EOC and provides for the expeditious mobilization of County resources to respond to a major incident or event.

- **State Declaration:** A declaration of an emergency by the Governor of Georgia that includes Chatham County provides the County access to the resources and assistance of the departments and agencies of the State, including the National Guard, in the event local resources are insufficient to meet the needs. These requests for assistance are coordinated by GEMA/HS after submittal by the County EOC.

- **Federal Declaration:** The Governor of Georgia may request a federal emergency or major disaster declaration. In the event that Chatham County is declared a federal disaster area, the resources of federal departments and agencies are available to provide resources and assistance to augment those of the County and State. The state will coordinate state and federal assistance to Chatham County and the EOC will coordinate assistance throughout the County.

2.11 Transition from Response to Recovery

The recovery process is best described as a sequence of interdependent and often concurrent activities progressively advancing a community toward a successful recovery. Decisions made and priorities set early in the recovery process will have a positive cascading effect on the nature and speed of the recovery progress. In fact, decisions made before a disaster can also positively impact recovery. Additional information can be found in the Disaster Recovery Plan (DRP).

Figure 1 on the next page indicates how preparedness, response, and recovery functions are related.

Figure 1

The transition from response to recovery is a gradual process, the pace and timing of which will depend on the circumstances. As response activities diminish, recovery activities will increase.

If the scope of the disaster dictates, a Recovery Committee will be established to manage recovery operations. The EOC Manager and Planning Section Chief will assess the need for a separate recovery organization based on the impacts of the incident, in collaboration with the other ESFs, and will make a recommendation to the CEMA Director to activate the Recovery Plan. The CEMA Director will then make a recommendation to the Command Policy Group who will activate the Recovery Plan.

2.11.1 Recovery Timeframes

Since emergency management is a cycle, there will be overlap between response and recovery operations. Additionally, recovery operations for multiple events may take place simultaneously.

Recovery includes short-term, intermediate-term, and long-term phases.

- **Short-term recovery** concerns include managing and containing immediate impacts of an event on community systems and beginning to return these systems back to operating standards.

- **Intermediate-term recovery** involves returning individuals and families, critical infrastructure, and essential government or commercial services back to a functional state, although not necessarily to a pre-disaster state.

- **Long-term recovery** works to return to "near normal" conditions after a disaster or emergency, including restoring economic activity and rebuilding community facilities and housing. Long-term recovery can take several months or years.

2.11.2 Recovery Organization

3.0 Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

3.1 General

County agencies and response organizations may have various roles and responsibilities throughout a major emergency or disaster's duration. Therefore, it is particularly important that the local command structure be established to support response and recovery efforts and maintain a significant amount of flexibility to expand and contract as the situation changes. Typical duties and roles may also vary depending on the incident's size and severity of impacts, as well as the availability of local resources. Thus, it is imperative to develop and maintain depth of qualified staff within the command structure and response community.

The response organization of any local government is the responsibility of the jurisdiction's Chief Elected Official (CEO). It consists of all agencies and resources of that local government and applicable volunteer and private resources. The CEO may use the jurisdiction's resources and employees as necessary and alter functions of departments and personnel as necessary in response to an emergency event. The CEO maintains direction and control of all activities within that jurisdiction.

Upon activation of a Local State of Emergency, the Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan becomes active as do prudent emergency protective ordinances. The CEMA Director will coordinate actions between local governments and agencies as necessary and the direct response actions as determined by the CPG. In situations where local resources to contend with an emergency do not exist or have been depleted, the CPG, in coordination with the CEMA Director, will request state assistance.

3.2 Command Policy Group (CPG)

During disaster situations, the CEMA Director may request the assembly of jurisdiction CEOs to discuss incident information. This unified assembly is known as the Command Policy Group (CPG). The CPG will coordinate with the CEMA Director on all emergency event information, direction and coordination. The CEMA Director has the responsibility to lead the response effort through guidance and direction of the CPG.

The Command Policy Group consists of:

- Chairperson of the Chatham County Commission

- County Manager

- Municipal Chief Elected Officials

- Municipal City Managers

- Superintendent of the Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools

- Chief Judge

- Chatham County Sheriff

- US Coast Guard Captain of the Port

- CEMA Director

3.3   Continuity of Operations / Government

Succession of County elected officials is outlined in the Continuity of Government (COG) Plan. Each jurisdiction is encourage to have an authorized COG plan that clearly states the orders of succession, limitations to authority and activation policy.

In the event of an incident within Chatham County, it may be necessary for county departments to activate their Continuity of Operations Plans (COOP). During COOP activations, agencies and departments should focus on limiting the interruption of services outlined in their mission essential functions.

3.4   Assignment of Responsibilities (General)

This section describes responsibilities or capabilities of in general terms other entities beyond direct jurisdictional control that are known to support, or are capable of supporting, disaster response or recovery within the jurisdiction.

3.4.1   Individuals and Households

Taking proper protective actions is necessary during emergencies. It is the responsibility of individuals and households to:

- Be aware of the different types of warning systems and how you may be notified of an emergency situation.

- Prepare to evacuate or shelter in place.

- Develop a family reunification plan.

3.4.2   Local Government

Local governments are central organizations in emergency management since local government has the primary responsibility for public safety, including emergency response following an emergency or disaster.

Local governments maintain control of all assets used in the response and recovery efforts, regardless of the source of those assets. Local governments must plan and prepare for this role with the support of the State and Federal governments.

3.4.3   State Government

The primary role of GEMA/HS is to support local emergency management activities through local EMA Directors. GEMA/HS provides routine assistance to local EMAs regarding grants, hazard mitigation projects, Citizen Corps Programs, Emergency Management Performance Grant funding, planning, training, exercise and technical guidance. Additionally, GEMA/HS assists local jurisdictions by coordinating with federal officials on behalf of local jurisdictional needs.

3.4.4   Federal Government

When a disaster strikes and is so severe that the local governments and the State governments together cannot provide the needed resources, the Federal government becomes the source for those resources. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is the Federal agency coordinating the activation and implementation of the Federal Response PlanStates work with FEMA to access Federal programs and support.

3.4.5   Non-Governmental and Volunteer Organizations

Volunteer agencies, such as the American Red Cross, local church/synagogue congregations, and assistive organizations, such as the Salvation Army, are available to give assistance with sheltering, feeding, and other issues, as necessary.

3.4.6   Private Sector

Private sector organizations within the jurisdiction may assist with a wide variety of tasks based on their capabilities.

3.5   Assignment of Responsibilities (Specific)

3.5.1   Chairperson of the Chatham County Commission

- Consult with the CEMA Director and declare a Local State of Emergency, as needed.

- Consult with the CEMA Director and order evacuations, as needed.

- Enact necessary Emergency Protective Ordinances.

- Serve as, or designate a spokesperson for the emergency.

- Coordinate with other elected officials at the local, state and federal level.

3.5.2   Municipal Elected Officials

- Enact necessary Emergency Protective Ordinances.

- Address policy level issues and participate in meetings/briefings as appropriate.

3.5.3   County and Municipal Managers

- Ensure government departments respond appropriately, activating COOP plans as needed.

- Ensure all response/recovery actions are in line with current policies and procedures.

- Ensure all departments and agencies document activities, time and finances accordingly for potential reimbursement.

- Remain aware of the financial situation.

- Direct and reallocate municipal assets and resources during an emergency.

3.5.4   Chatham County Emergency Management Agency Director

- Coordinate EOC staffing and functioning

- Ensure Interoperable Communications

- Operations of the shelter system in conjunction with the American Red Cross

- Facilitate emergency public information

- Coordinate alert and warning systems

- Coordinate assistance from other jurisdictions, the State and Federal governments

- Manage emergency control and use of resources

- Oversee rumor control

- Manage community damage assessments

3.5.5   Emergency Support Functions (ESF)

- The EOP applies a functional approach that groups the capabilities of municipal and county departments and some volunteer and non-government organizations into ESFs to provide the planning, support, resources, program implementation, and emergency services that are most likely to be needed during disaster or emergency incidents. The County response to actual or potential disasters or emergencies is typically provided through the full or partial activation of the ESF structure as necessary. The ESFs serve as the coordination mechanism to provide assistance to municipal governments or to County departments and agencies conducting missions of primary County responsibility.

- Each ESF is comprised of primary and support agencies. The EOP identifies primary agencies on the basis of authorities, resources, and capabilities. Support agencies are assigned based on resources and capabilities in a given functional area. The resources provided by the ESFs reflect categories identified in the NIMS. ESFs are expected to support one another in carrying out their respective roles and responsibilities. Additional discussion on roles and responsibilities of ESF primary agencies, and support agencies can be found in the introduction to the ESF Annexes.

- Note that not all disaster or emergency incidents result in the activation of all ESFs. It is possible that an incident can be adequately addressed by agencies through activation of certain EOP elements without the activation of ESFs. Similarly, operational security considerations may dictate that activation of EOP elements be kept to a minimum, particularly in the context of certain terrorism prevention activities.

3.5.6   Emergency Support Functions – Scope and Agency Assignments

The ESFs incorporated into the EOP and their respective concepts of operations are summarized below and explained in detail in the ESF Annexes to the EOP. Please note, this is not an exhaustive list of responsibilities.

ESF	Scope	Coordinating Entity
1 – Transportation	• Situational awareness for highway, aviation and marine systems • Damage assessment of critical transportation systems in disaster • Evacuation and re-entry coordination	Chatham County Department of Engineering
2 – Communications	• Coordination with telecom and IT industries • Restoration/repair of telecom infrastructure • Support of deployable communications	Chatham County Information & Communication Systems
3 – Public Works / Engineering	• Debris clearance, removal and disposal coordination	Chatham County Public Works
4 – Firefighting	• Support firefighting operations	Chatham Emergency Services
5 – Planning / Emergency Management	• Maintain Situation Awareness and develop Common Operating Picture • Develop Center Action Plans • Facilitate reports to local, State and Federal agencies	CEMA
6 – Mass Care & Sheltering	• <u>MASS CARE:</u> Sheltering, feeding, bulk distribution • <u>HUMAN SERVICES:</u> Implementation of disaster assistance programs for non-housing losses • <u>HOUSING:</u> Short/intermediate-term housing	Chatham County DFCS
7 – Logistics	• Resource support (transportation, facilities, supplies, equipment, personnel) • Coordination of mutual aid agreements • Procurement	CEMA
8 – Health & Medical	• Healthcare and medical response support • Environmental Health & Safety	Chatham County Health Department
9 – Search & Rescue	• Search & Rescue operations	Pooler Fire Department
10 – Hazardous Materials	• Hazardous Materials response	Savannah Fire Department
11- Agriculture / Food & Water	• Animal & plant disease response • Identify, secure & distribute food	Chatham County Health Department / CEMA
12 – Energy / Utilities	• Energy infrastructure and resource assessment, repair, and restoration • Utility coordination	Chatham County Public Works
13 – Law Enforcement	• Public safety/security support • Support to access, traffic and crowd control • Facility and resource security	Chatham County Police Department
14 – Private Sector	• Private sector support and coordination	CEMA / SEDA
15 – External Affairs	• Emergency public information and protective action guidance • Media and community relations	Chatham County Public Information Office
16 – Community Alerting	• Provide warnings, alerts and notifications to stakeholders	CEMA
17 – Damage Assessment	• Infrastructure assessment, protection and emergency repair (PA DA) • Private property assessment (IA DA)	CEMA / OSRM / BSRS
18 – Animal Services	• Animal response	Chatham County Animal Services
19 – Cultural and Historical Properties	• Natural & cultural resources and historic property protection and restoration	Savannah Heritage Emergency Response

4.0 Direction, Control, and Coordination

The emergency response is coordinated utilizing NIMS/ICS, which provides a flexible, adaptable and expandable response organization to address all-hazards of varying magnitude and complexity. An EOC is activated to support field operations and ensure continuity of government when an incident threatens government services, requires additional resources beyond the capacity of the responding agency, or when resources exceed that which is available from within the jurisdiction as a whole. Communications between the field response and the EOC are established when the EOC is activated in support of field operations.

During multiple-incident situations within the County, an area command may be established to provide for the ICs at separate locations. Unified Command is an application of ICS and may be established at the field response level when more than one agency has jurisdictional responsibilities. Agencies work together through the designated members of the Unified Command to establish their designated ICs at a single ICP. Under Unified Command, entities develop a common set of objectives and strategies which provides the basis for a single Incident Action Plan.

4.1 Authority to Initiate Action

The Chairperson of the Chatham County Commission is responsible for declaring a local state of emergency, based on the recommendation from the CPG and the CEMA Director. Declaration of a local state of emergency automatically implements the EOP.

4.1.1 Command Policy Group (CPG)

In a large disaster that involves multiple agencies and complex issues, the CEMA Director may convene a CPG meeting to deliberate and advise on policy issues that arise during the event, address legal issues and resolve conflicting policies, procedures and authorities among involved jurisdictions and agencies. The CPG does not employ command authority or make tactical decisions regarding field level operations.

4.1.2 Activation of the EOP

The authority to activate the EOP is not limited to any one County leadership position, but may vary depending on an incident and authority over the incident. Therefore, the decision to implement the EOP may be made by any of the indicated positions, or their authorized designee:

- County Manager

- Assistant County Manager

- CEMA Director

Implementation of the EOP is scalable and is dependent upon variable disaster conditions, phase of operations and resource coordination needs. The level of activation of County resource through ESFs and the staffing levels of the EOC are also flexible.

Additional EOP implementation circumstances include:

- When the Governor has declared a State of Emergency affecting Chatham County or a local jurisdiction.

- A Presidential declaration of a National Emergency.

4.2 Coordination with Other Levels of Government

Chatham County has identified jurisdictions, private non-profit (PNP) organizations, and volunteer agencies within the geographical boundaries of the County that may have an emergency response role during an emergency or disaster. Their emergency roles have been identified and provisions for coordination with each of them made. CEMA will also work with GEMA/HS to ensure they are integrated into coordination of emergency operations as appropriate.

4.3 Coordination with Non-Profit and Volunteer Organizations

CEMA recognizes the valuable assistance and resources provided by NGO organizations and the importance of organizations that perform voluntary services in the community. As a result, CEMA continues to cultivate relationships with PNP organizations and has established an extensive trained volunteer base to support emergency response operations within Chatham County. The EOC will generally be a focal point for coordination of response activities with many PNPs and volunteer groups.

During an emergency, the EOC may establish communication with PNP agencies and volunteer groups through an agency representative, volunteer coordinator, or other authorized personnel. Coordination, activation, and deployment of these members may be incident driven and will follow the appropriate organization response guidelines that have been established for the specific PNP organization or volunteer group.

4.4 Assistance

If the jurisdiction's own resources are insufficient or inappropriate to respond to the emergency situation, a request may be made for assistance from other jurisdictions, the State, or Federal government. Resource Requests should be submitted via WebEOC to ensure proper resource tracking and demobilization procedures.

5.0 Information Collection and Dissemination

A primary objective of the EOC is the timely gathering of accurate, accessible, and consistent information during an emergency and sharing vetted intelligence to ensure coordinated timely emergency response and continuity of government. WebEOC status boards and other technologies for tracking emergency activities will be utilized. All EOC sections should maintain and display current status information so that other sections can quickly comprehend what actions have been taken, what resources are available, and to track damage status across the county. Situation reports develop a common operating picture and will be used to inform the operational objectives, priorities and strategies.

To ensure effective intelligence flow, emergency response agencies at all levels must establish communications systems and protocols to organize, integrate, and coordinate intelligence among the responding agencies. Disaster information managed by the Chatham County EOC is coordinated through agency representatives located in the EOC. These representatives collect information from and disseminate information to counterparts in the field.

The flow of situation reports among the levels of government should occur as follows:

- Field level reports disseminated to the EOC

- The EOC provides a county situation report to GEMA/HS based on field reports, EOC activities and intelligence

5.1   WebEOC

Chatham County uses WebEOC as its primary tool for internal communications and situational awareness during disasters. WebEOC is an online information management and communication tool that allows authorized users to view and update current incident information and request assistance.

- The Planning Section of the EOC posts all reports to WebEOC, as well as maintain critical status boards.

- All resource requests should be submitted in WebEOC to allow for thorough equipment tracking. Resources requests are submitted to the EOC and then assigned to the appropriate ESF, or sent to GEMA/HS if the request cannot be fulfilled locally.

5.2   Essential Elements of Information (EEI)

Persons staffing the EOC should utilize position specific job aids to encourage a proactive response effort. EEI's are listed in each job aid to assist with developing a common operating picture and identify possible future issues. EEI information can also be used to populate information in the Situational Awareness Tool (WebEOC Board) to develop a common operating picture.

6.0 Communications

Per NIMS, public information is coordinated and integrated across jurisdictions and functional agencies; among Federal, State and local agencies; and with private-sector entities and nongovernmental organizations. In order to effectively ensure timely and accurate public information and alert and warning messages are disseminated systems, structures, plans, policies, and equipment must be developed and identified to accomplish these tasks.

6.1   Joint Information System (JIS)

The Joint Information System (JIS) provides the mechanism to organize, integrate, and coordinate information to ensure timely, accurate, accessible, and consistent messaging across multiple jurisdictions and/or disciplines with nongovernmental organizations and the private sector. It includes the plans, protocols, procedures, and structures used to provide public information.

The JIS structure is used for ensuring that:

- Public Information Officer (PIO) functions are coordinated and integrated.

- A structure and system for developing and delivering coordinated interagency messages is provided.

- Public information plans and strategies on behalf of the incident management leadership can be developed, recommended, and executed.

- Leadership is effectively advised on public affairs issues that could affect a response effort, rumors and inaccurate information that could undermine public confidence are controlled and managed.

Local PIOs and established Joint Information Centers (JICs) are critical supporting elements of the JIS. A robust and competent JIS is integral to an effective and comprehensive incident management capability.

6.2   Joint Information Center (JIC)

The Joint Information Center is:

- A central location that facilitates operation of the Joint Information System.

- A location where personnel with public information responsibilities perform critical emergency information functions, crisis communications, and public affairs functions.

6.3   Public Alerting and Notifications

During an emergency, ESF-15 is responsible for the dissemination of information to the public. PIOs disseminate emergency instructions and critical information to affected audiences—including governments, media, and the public—to provide messages that are accessible to all sectors of the community. Several county departments, as well as, PIOs from municipalities, PNP organizations, and private companies share in the responsibility for disseminating complete, coordinated, and correct information to the public.

6.4   EOC Communication Systems

The Chatham County EOC is equipped with multiple redundant communication methods allowing the sharing of situational awareness, resource status, raw intelligence and data, and alert and warning. The communication capabilities are routinely reviewed and updated as technology advances. Current communication resources in the EOC include, but are not limited to:

- WebEOC

- Land-line based phones

- Cell phones

- Satellite phones

- Radio systems

- Internet enabled computers

- Emergency Alert System

- Fax machines

7.0   Administration, Finance, and Logistics

7.1   Documentation

Documentation is an administrative process used by a jurisdiction to document the response to and recovery from a disaster.

- Individual agencies are responsible for compiling and maintaining their own documentation through their own internal SOP's.

- Information may be compiled in WebEOC during events that require multiple agencies over several operational periods.

7.2   Finance

Each individual department/agency shall document the costs incurred during response and recovery operations (e.g., personnel overtime, equipment used/expended, contracts initiated) in accordance to their own internal SOP's.

7.3   Logistics

When local resources are exhausted and additional resources are required, resource requests will follow an established process for ordering, tracking, mobilizing, and demobilizing (WebEOC if available). Resource requests originate from municipalities, sent to the EOC, then to GEMA/HS if the resource cannot be acquired via the county EOC.

Maintenance of resources is important throughout all aspects of resource management. Maintenance prior to deployment ensures their availability and capability. Maintenance during the deployment phase ensures continued capabilities (e.g., ensuring adequate fuel supplies during use). Post-operational inspection and maintenance ensures future availability.

8.0   Plan Development and Maintenance

CEMA is the executive agent for EOP management and maintenance. The EOP will be updated periodically as required to incorporate new directives and changes based on lessons learned from exercises and actual events. This section establishes procedures for interim changes and full updates of the EOP.

The EOP is developed with input from municipalities, local, state and non-governmental agencies.

8.1   Review and Updates

Changes include additions of new or supplementary material and deletions. No proposed change should contradict or override authorities or other plans contained in statute, order, or regulation.

8.1.1   Coordination and Approval

Any department or agency with assigned responsibilities under the EOP may propose a change to the plan. Chatham County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating all proposed modifications to the EOP with primary and support agencies and other stakeholders, as required. Chatham County Emergency Management Agency will coordinate review and approval for proposed modifications as required.

8.1.2   Notice of Change

After coordination has been accomplished, including receipt of the necessary signed approval supporting the final change language, Chatham County Emergency Management Agency will issue an official Notice of Change. The notice will specify the date, number, subject, purpose, background, and action required, and provide the change language on one or more numbered and dated insert pages that will replace the modified pages in the EOP in addition to manually logged record of changes on the form at the beginning of this plan titled: Record of Revisions. Once published, the modifications will be considered part of the EOP for operational purposes pending a formal revision and redistribution of the entire document.

8.1.3   Distribution

The primary distribution method of the Basic Plan and Annexes will be electronic. The EOP, ESF Annexes and other Support and Incident Annexes or guides deemed by the CEMA Director to be free of sensitive or confidential information may be publicly available online.

8.1.4   Redistribution of the EOP

Working toward continuous improvement, Chatham County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for an annual review and updates of the EOP and a complete revision every five years, or more frequently if the County Commission or the Georgia Emergency Management Agency deems necessary. The review and update will consider lessons learned and best practices identified during exercises and responses to actual events, and incorporate new information technologies. Chatham County Emergency Management Agency will distribute revised EOP documents for the purpose of interagency review and concurrence.

9.0 Authorities and References

9.1 Legal Authorities

9.1.1 Federal

- The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (P.L.93-288, as amended)

- The Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000 (P.L. 106-390)

- The Sandy Recovery Improvement Act of 2013 (P.L. 113-2) (SRIA)

- The Post Katrina Emergency Management Reform Act of 2006 (P.L.109-295)

- Presidential Decision Directive - 63, United States Policy on Protecting America's Critical Infrastructure

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 5 – National Incident Management System (NIMS).

- Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 8 – National Preparedness

- Presidential Policy Directive/PPD-8: National Preparedness

9.1.2 State

- Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981. As Amended

9.1.3 Local

- The Code of Chatham County.Chapter 4, Administration, Article III, Emergency Management

9.2 References

9.2.1 Federal

- Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101, Version 2.0. Developing and Maintaining Emergency Operations Plans

- Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

- National Prevention Framework

- National Protection Framework

- National Recovery Framework

- National Response Framework

- Framework for Improving Critical Infrastructure Cybersecurity, National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST)

- National Mitigation Framework

- National Preparedness Goal (NPG)

9.2.2   State

- Georgia Disaster Recovery and Redevelopment Plan (GDRRP)

- Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP)

9.2.3   Local

- Chatham County Emergency Operations Plan

- Chatham County Hazard Mitigation Plan

- Chatham County Disaster Recovery Plan

- Chatham Emergency Management Agency Strategic Plan

- Chatham County Continuity of Operations Plan

- Chatham County Continuity of Government Plan

TAB A: ACRONYMS

ACRONYMS

BSRS	Building Safety & Regulatory Services	IA	Individual Assistance
CEMA	Chatham Emergency Management Agency	ICS	Incident Command System
		JIC	Joint Information Center
CEO	Chief Elected Official	JIS	Joint Information Systems
COG	Continuity of Government	MPC	Metropolitan Planning Commission
COOP	Continuity of Operations	NGO	Non-governmental Organization
CPG	Command Policy Group	NIMS	National Incident Management System
DFCS	Department of Family and Children's Services		
		NRF	National Response Framework
DRP	Disaster Recovery Plan	OSRM	Occupational Safety & Risk Management
EEI	Essential Elements of Information		
EOC	Emergency Operations Center	PA	Public Assistance
EOP	Emergency Operations Plan	PIO	Public Information Officer
ESF	Emergency Support Function	PNP	Private Non-Profit
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency	RSF	Recovery Support Function
		SEDA	Savannah Economic Development Authority
GEMA/HS	Georgia Emergency Management Agency/Homeland Security		
		SOP	Standard Operating Procedures

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TAB B: **PLANNING OVERVIEW**

This tab describes all current plans as of resolution of the EOP. Plans may be reviewed, updated, developed or consolidated as needed. The EOP serves as a Base Plan with ESF Annexes, SOG's, Incident Annexes and Support Annexes underneath the overall umbrella of the EOP.

The Disaster Recovery Plan is a separate "umbrella plan" that provides the overarching framework for recovery, with RSF Annexes and other SOG's or Annexes as required.

CEMA Plan Library—Overview

See CEMA Plan Library Index for descriptions of each plan

Chatham Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Emergency Support Function Annexes

ESF-1: Transportation
- SOG 1-1 EAA Operations
- SOG 1-2 Returnee Reception Center

ESF-2: Communications
- SOG 2-1 Interoperable Communications

ESF-3: Public Works
- App 3-1 Debris Management

ESF-4: Firefighting

ESF-5: Planning / Emergency Management

ESF-6: Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- SOG 6-1 General Population Sheltering
- SOG 6-2 Critical Workforce Sheltering
- SOG 6-3 Mass Feeding Coordination
- SOG 6-4 Comfort Station Management

ESF-7: Resource Support
- SOG 7-1 Base/Camp Coordination
- SOG 7-3 Logistics Support Area
- SOG 7-4 Points of Distributions
- SOG 7-6 Emergency Fuel Management
- SOG 7-7 Resource Management

ESF-8: Public Health & Medical Support
- SOG 8-1 Hurricane Registry Evacuation
- SOG 8-2 Disaster Health & Medical Services

Emergency Support Functions (con't)

ESF-9: Search and Rescue

ESF-10: Hazardous Materials
- App 10-1 Hazmat Emergency Response

ESF-11: Agriculture / Food & Water

ESF-12: Energy

ESF-13: Public Safety and Security Services

ESF-14: Private Sector
- SOG 14-1 Private Sector Coordination

ESF-15: External Affairs
- SOG 15-1 Joint Information System
- SOG 15-2 Joint Information Center
- SOG 15-3 Disaster Awareness Prep

ESF-16: Community Alerting
- SOG 16-1 Emergency Service Alerts

ESF-17: Damage Assessment
- SOG 17-1 Damage Assessment (PA)
- SOG 17-2 Damage Assessment (IA)

ESF-18: Animal Services

ESF-19: Cultural and Historical Coordination

Incident Annexes

IA-A Hurricane Incident Management

IA-C Incident Assistance Center

IA-D Cyber Incident Response

IA-E Active Shooter Hostile Event Response

IA-I Flood Response Plan

Support Annexes

SA-E Training and Exercise

SA-F EOC Staff Manual

Partner Plans Supporting the EOP

Coastal Health District Pandemic Plan

Coastal Health District SNS Plan

County Engineering Flood Mitigation Plan

GEMA Area Threat Hazard Identification Plan

NOTE 1: Incident Annexes E-G, Incident Annex K, and Support Annexes A-D have been archived. Content from these Annexes have either been incorporated into other documents or are no longer relevant due to operational changes or improvements.

NOTE 2: There are a few community plans supporting the EOP and are maintained by another entity . In these situations, CEMA is a contributor and include them as part of the EOP by reference.

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RECORD OF CHANGES

Each update or change to the plan should be tracked. The record of changes, usually in table format, contains, at a minimum, a change number, the date of the change, the name of the person who made the change, and a summary of the change. Other relevant information could be considered.

Change #	Date	Part Affected	Date Posted	Who Posted
1	12/27/24	Updated for 2025	12/27/2024	Dr. Halcomb

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RECORD OF DISTRIBUTION

The record of distribution, usually in table format, indicates the title and the name of the person receiving the plan, the agency to which the recipient belongs, the date of delivery, and the number of copies delivered. Other relevant information could be considered. The record of distribution can be used to prove that tasked individuals and organizations have acknowledged their receipt, review, and/or acceptance of the plan. Copies of the plan can be made available to the public and media without SOGs/SOPs, call-down lists, or other sensitive information.

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ESF – 1 Transportation

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham County Department of Engineering

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham Area Transit
Chatham County Fleet Operations
Chatham County Mosquito Control
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
CSX
Georgia Department of Transportation
Georgia Port Authority
Norfolk Southern
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System
Savannah-Hilton Head International Airport
United States Coast Guard

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of transportation services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-1 Transportation Annex supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency on Chatham County's transportation infrastructure and networks. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-1 Transportation is designed to ensure seamless integration of key transportation resources and information for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-1 acts to meet the transportation and essential elements of information needs of operations to include ground-based, maritime, aviation and rail-based transportation infrastructure support in emergency or a disaster.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-1 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-1 Transportation in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Develop and maintain resource lists to support ESF-1 operations utilizing both public and private sector entities.

b. Establish and maintain contact with the state and adjacent county transportation officials.

c. Plan for supporting all types of evacuations to include suspension of construction and maintenance, lane reversal on evacuation routes, and state traffic management plans and operations.

d. Participate in exercises and training.

e. Estimate logistical requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises.

f. Ensure all ESF-1 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Identify transportation needs required to respond to the emergency.

b. Coordinate use of transportation assets.

c. Identify, obtain, prioritize and allocate available transportation resources.

d. Report the locations of damage to transportation infrastructure, degree of damage, and other available information to the EOC.

e. Assist local governments in determining the most viable, available transportation networks to, from, and within the disaster area.

f. Coordinate emergency information for public release through ESF-15.

g. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans.

h. Plan for transportation support of staging areas and distribution points.

Recovery

a. Continue to render transportation support when and where required as long as emergency conditions exist.

b. Coordinate the repair and restoration of transportation infrastructure with the assistance of ESF-3.

c. Ensure that ESF-1 team members and/or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the incident.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-1 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-1 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-1 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-1 Transportation

Critical Transportation	• Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas. This includes, among other things:
	   ➢ Evacuation transportation assets
	   ➢ Evacuation routing
	   ➢ Re-entry coordination

Infrastructure Systems	• Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community. This includes, among other things:
	   ➢ Transportation network assessment
	   ➢ Communication of viable routes post-event

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Department of Engineering	- Monitor the transportation infrastructure and act as the principle source of information for threats or incidents to the infrastructure - Coordinate the movement and flow of maritime and ground traffic into and out of impacted areas for effective transport of relief supplies, personnel, and equipment - Coordinate closures as needed - Evacuation and re-entry coordination - Conduct impact assessments within impacted areas - Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➢ Evacuation & Re-Entry Branch Director ➢ Evacuation & Re-Entry Tracking ➢ Infrastructure Branch Director ➢ ESF-01 Transportation - Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations - Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	- Immediately following an emergency or disaster, assess the overall status of the transportation system within the area of responsibility, determine potential needs & resources, report status to ESF-1 Coordinator - Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF - Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-1 response and recovery efforts - Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF - Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to measure the Agency's readiness to support this ESF - Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center as needed - Document disaster related activities related to this ESF - Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham Area Transit	• Support the emergency transportation of people • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Chatham Area Transit
Chatham County Fleet Operations	• Support the emergency transportation of people and equipment • Support emergency fueling operations • Support emergency vehicle/equipment repair • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Transportation Ground Support
Chatham County Mosquito Control	• Support infrastructure assessments, provide recommendations for transportation routes • Coordinate all local requests for air support • Provide staffing for Air Support Operations Center when activated
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Provide ESF-1 Coordinator with guidance and support required to accomplish assigned tasks
Georgia Department of Transportation	• Provide status of GDOT roads and bridges • Coordinate closures as needed • Initiate contraflow operations as requested during an evacuation due to a tropical system threat • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer
Georgia Port Authority	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer
Savannah-Chatham County Public School System	• Support the emergency transportation of people • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➢ SCCPSS Transportation

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ESF – 2 Communications

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham County Information & Communications Services (Voice, Data, Cybersecurity)
Chatham Emergency Management Agency (Radio)

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
AT&T
Amateur Radio (ARES)
Chatham County E-911
Chatham County Sheriff's Office
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham Emergency Services Dispatch
City of Savannah IT – Radio
City of Tybee Island Dispatch
Mobile Communications of America
Motorola, Inc.
Metropolitan Planning Commission
Southern Linc Wireless
Verizon

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of communications services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-2 Communications organizes, establishes, and maintains the communications capabilities among appropriate agencies/entities that are necessary to meet the County's operational requirements in preparing for, responding to, and recovering from emergencies and disasters. It emphasizes technical considerations of communication functions. Collection, control, and dissemination of emergency public information are covered by ESF 15, External Affairs.

Scope

ESF-2 acts to meet the communication and essential elements of information needs of operations to include telecommunication, radio and cyber infrastructure support in emergency or a disaster.

Chatham County's Information and Communications Department coordinates the activities and response operations involving voice, data and cybersecurity elements.

Chatham Emergency Management Agency coordinates the activities and response operations involving radio communications.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-2 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture and maintain or rapidly restore communications. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-2 Communications in the EOC.

This ESF plans, coordinates and assists with the provision of communications support to the county disaster response elements, to include integration of communications with support elements originating outside of area.

Preparedness

a. Develop and maintain resource lists to support ESF-2 operations utilizing both public and private sector entities. (ICS and CEMA)

b. Coordinate the acquisition and deployment of communications equipment and resources to establish communication capabilities. (ICS and CEMA)

c. Develop and coordinate frequency management plans, including talk groups and trunked radio. (CEMA)

d. Develop, test and maintain a long-distance communications strategy for implementation during disasters. (ICS and CEMA)

e. Assess pre-event needs and develop plans to pre-stage assets for rapid deployment into disaster areas. (ICS and CEMA)

f. Develop plans to prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs. (ICS and CEMA)

g. Participate in exercises and training. (ICS and CEMA)

h. Estimate logistical requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises. (ICS and CEMA)

i. Ensure all ESF-2 personnel integrate NIMS principles. (ICS and CEMA)

Response

a. Conduct communications needs assessments (to include determining status of all communications systems), prioritize requirements, and make recommendations to deploy equipment and personnel to the affected area, as required. (ICS and CEMA)

b. Report the locations of damage and impacts on communication infrastructure, degree of damage, and other available information to the EOC. (ICS and CEMA)

c. Identify actual actions of commercial telecommunications companies and radio supporting organizations to restore services. (ICS and CEMA)

d. Implement frequency management plans in the disaster area. (CEMA)

e. Provide capability for responsible officials to receive emergency information and communicate decisions. (ICS and CEMA)

f. Prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs. (ICS and CEMA)

g. Establish and maintain communications with GEMA SOC. (ICS and CEMA)

h. Maintain or restore contact with other EOCs as needed. (ICS and CEMA)

i. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans. (ICS and CEMA)

Recovery

a. Arrange for alternate communication systems to replace systems that are inoperative due to damage from disasters. (ICS and CEMA)

b. Coordinate the repair and restoration of communications infrastructure. (ICS and CEMA)

c. Ensure that ESF-2 team members and/or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the incident. (ICS and CEMA)

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures. (ICS and CEMA)

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-2 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-2 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-2 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-2 Communication
Operational Communications	• Ensure the capacity for timely communications in support of security, situational awareness, and operations by any and all means available, among and between affected communities in the impact area and all response forces. This includes, but is not limited to: ➤ Frequency management (CEMA) ➤ Communication with EOCs (ICS and CEMA) ➤ Secured channels (CEMA) ➤ Support deployable resources (ICS and CEMA)
Cybersecurity	• Protect (and if needed, restore) electronic communications systems, information, and services from damage, unauthorized use, and exploitation. This includes but is not limited to: ➤ Government networks (ICS) ➤ WebEOC (ICS)

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Information and Communication Services	• Oversee the coordination management of voice, data and cybersecurity resources, facilities, equipment and initiate alternate and backup systems as needed • Conduct impact assessments within impacted areas • Coordinate communications with response operations • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➤ ESF 2 – IT and Communications

Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Oversee the coordination management of radio resources, facilities, equipment and initiate alternate and backup systems as needed • Conduct impact assessments within impacted areas • Coordinate communications with response operations • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Immediately following an emergency or disaster, assess the overall status of the communication system within the area of responsibility, determine potential needs & resources, report status to ESF-2 Coordinator • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-2 response and recovery efforts
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Develop maintenance and protection arrangements for communications equipment • Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF • Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to measure the Agency's readiness to support this ESF • Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center as needed • Document disaster related activities related to this ESF • Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations.
AT&T	• Provide technical assistance for the restoration of voice and data communications during an emergency or disaster event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ AT&T (Partner Liaison)
Amateur Radio (ARES)	• Provide for public communication services during an emergency or disaster event. • Coordinate the sharing of information from local, state and federal stakeholders utilizing Amateur Radio band frequencies.

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Amateur Radio
Chatham County E-911	• Coordinate emergency 911 dispatching for municipal Police and Fire Departments within Chatham County. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ 911 Dispatch
City of Tybee Island Dispatch	• Coordinate communications support to all governmental, non-governmental and volunteer agencies as required by collating cumulative damage information obtained from assessment teams, the telecommunications industry, and the EOC. • Establish procedures for the management of warning resources, facilities and equipment to include initiating backup systems as appropriate. • Provide a system for designated officials to communicate with the public including individuals with functional and access needs and non-English speaking.
Mobile Communications of America	• Provide technical assistance for the public safety communications frequencies and systems utilized within Chatham County during an emergency or disaster event. • Serve as a co-host to Regional Radio Site Management (SEGARRN)
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)	• Primary repository holder for GIS Data within Chatham County.
Southern Linc Wireless	• Provide technical assistance for the restoration of wireless communications during an emergency or disaster event.
Verizon	• Provide technical assistance for the restoration of landline and wireless communications during an emergency or disaster event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ AT&T (Partner Liaison)

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Public Works and Engineering

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1	12/3/2024	Added additional examples of MOA's/Contracts pre-event	12/3/2024	Mathews
2	12/3/2024	Added relaying costs to ESF-17 for potential disaster declaration	12/3/2024	Mathews

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ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham County Public Works Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham County Department of Engineering
Chatham County Mosquito Control
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
City of Bloomingdale Public Works Department
City of Garden City Public Works Department
City of Pooler Public Works Department
City of Port Wentworth Public Works Department
City of Savannah Infrastructure and Development
City of Savannah Sanitation Department
Town of Thunderbolt Public Works Department
City of Tybee Island Public Works Department
Georgia Department of Transportation

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of public works and engineering involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency on Chatham County's infrastructure and networks. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-3 is designed to ensure seamless integration of key public works and engineering resources to remove debris from streets, eliminate hazards, manage storm damage, provide rapid restoration of water/sewer services, and other associated activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-3 acts to meet the public works and engineering essential elements of information needs of operations to include debris, drinking water, waste water and other infrastructure systems in an emergency or a disaster.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-3 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Develop and maintain resource lists to support ESF-3 operations utilizing both public and private sector entities.

b. Establish and maintain contact with the state and adjacent county public works officials.

c. Develop and maintain procedures for delivery of water (potable and non-potable in a disaster area).

d. Develop and maintain contracts to address engineering, debris management, debris monitoring, snow or ice clearance, public works repair, water or sewer repair, blockade devices, signage, and others, as needed.

e. Participate in exercises and training.

f. Estimate logistical requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises.

g. Ensure all ESF-3 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Identify water and sewer service restoration, debris management, potable water supply and engineering requirements as soon as possible.

b. Establish priorities to clear roads, repair damaged water/sewer systems and coordinate the provision of temporary, alternate or interim sources of emergency power and water/sewer services.

c. Acquire debris site permits, as needed.

d. Activate contracts to support operations, as needed.

e. Coordinate with GEMA for the use of state assets.

f. Coordinate with ESF-4 regarding the firefighting water supply.

g. Coordinate use of public works assets.

h. Identify, obtain, prioritize and allocate available public works resources.

i. Coordinate with ESF-8 Health and Medical and ESF-18 Animal Services for advice and assistance regarding the disposal of debris containing or consisting of animal carcasses.

j. Coordinate with ESF-10 HAZMAT for advice and assistance regarding disposal of hazardous materials.

k. Report the locations of damage to infrastructure, degree of damage, and other available information to the EOC.

l. Coordinate emergency information for public release through ESF-15.

m. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans.

Recovery

a. Coordinate debris management operations as needed.

b. Coordinate the repair and restoration of infrastructure.

c. Ensure that ESF-3 team members and/or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the incident.

d. Ensure records of costs incurred during the incident are communicated to ESF-17 for possible disaster declarations.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-3 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-3 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-3 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-3 Public Works and Engineering

Operational Coordination	• Establish and maintain a unified and coordinated operational structure and process that appropriately integrates all critical stakeholders and supports the execution of core capabilities. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Re-entry route clearance
	  ➢ Debris operations

Infrastructure Systems	• Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Water network assessment
	  ➢ Communication of viable routes post-event

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Public Works Department	• Monitor the public works infrastructure and act as the principle source of information for threats or incidents to the infrastructure • Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within unincorporated areas • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within unincorporated areas • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary • Conduct impact assessments within affected areas • Coordinate with municipal public works departments • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➢ ESF-3 & ESF-12 • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Immediately following an emergency or disaster, assess the overall status of the public works infrastructure within the area of responsibility, determine potential needs & resources, report status to ESF-3 Coordinator • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-3 response and recovery efforts • Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF • Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to measure the Agency's readiness to support this ESF • Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center as needed. • Document disaster related activities related to this ESF • Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations

Chatham County Engineering Department	• Coordinate the repair of transportation infrastructure
	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed:
	  ➢ Evacuation & Re-Entry Branch Director
	  ➢ Evacuation & Re-Entry Tracking
	  ➢ Infrastructure Branch Director
	  ➢ ESF-01 Transportation

Chatham County Mosquito Control	• Support infrastructure assessments, provide recommendations for transportation routes • Coordinate all local requests for air support • Provide staffing for Air Support Operations Center when activated
Municipalities	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Provide ESF-3 Coordinator with guidance and support required to accomplish assigned tasks

Supporting Agency	Actions
Georgia Department of Transportation	• Provide status of GDOT roads and bridges • Coordinate closures as needed • Support county and local governments with resources and technical support, as needed • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer
United States Army Corps of Engineers	• Assist with the removal of waterway debris • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer

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ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham Fire Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham County Mosquito Control
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department
City of Garden City Fire Department
City of Pooler Fire Department
City of Port Wentworth Fire Department
City of Savannah Fire Department
City of Tybee Island Fire Department
Georgia Forestry Commission
Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department
Isle of Hope Fire Department
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department
165th Airlift Wing Fire Department

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of firefighting services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-4 Firefighting provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-4 is to provide a comprehensive mechanism to ensure the appropriate utilization of firefighting resources both prior to and post impact of an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-4 Firefighting serves as the mechanism to provide support to local jurisdictions during fire suppression operations to include the detection and suppression of urban, rural and wildland fires resulting from, or occurring simultaneously with a significant natural or man-made disaster.

Scope

ESF-4 acts to meet the Firefighting and essential elements of information needs of operations by establishing a framework for the management and coordination of firefighting resources in the detection and suppression of fires, conducting urban search

and rescue operations and upon mobilizing personnel, equipment and supplies to support local entities.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-4 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-4 Firefighting in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Establish a state of readiness by maintaining situational awareness on fire and weather forecasting information.

b. Maintain current inventories of fire service facilities, equipment and personnel throughout Chatham County.

c. Organize and train fire service teams to rapidly deploy to requests for assistance.

d. Conduct fire prevention and education activities to members of the general public.

e. Establish a state of readiness for necessary equipment and personnel appropriate to existing conditions and/or anticipated conditions by mobilizing resources and staging them at appropriate locations.

f. Establish an operational structure for incident command between supporting entities and the EOC.

g. Establish a structure for reliable communications between supporting entities and the EOC.

h. Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of fire service personnel and resources to support an emergency or disaster response.

i. Ensure all ESF-4 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Maintain a current listing of available fire service agencies and resource capabilities.

b. Provide support to local fire departments and the Forestry Commission through identifying and mobilizing firefighting teams and resources as necessary.

    c.   Ensure procedures are established to monitor the status of firefighting resources that have been committed to an incident.

    d.   Identify and maintain staging area locations.

    e.   Establish procedures to ensure communication with the State Regional Fire Coordinator as necessary to support fire service response operations beyond Chatham County's capabilities.

    f.   Coordinate the use of state assets to support firefighting operations with GEMA/HS.

    g.   Serve as a liaison to Chatham County Municipal Fire Chief's to coordinate specific requests for assistance.

    h.   Establish procedures for the replacement or rotation of committed firefighting resources during extended operations.

    i.   Support fire investigations as appropriate.

    j.   Obtain, maintain and provide situational assessments pertaining to the fire situation and any associated damages.

    k.   Provide technical assistance during firefighting operations that involve hazardous materials.

Recovery

    a.   Maintain adequate resources to support local operations and plan for a reduction in resources.

    b.   Inventory lost or damaged equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.

    c.   Conduct reviews of firefighting operations with teams involved to improve future responses.

Mitigation

    a.   Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-4 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-4 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-4 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-4 Firefighting

Fire Management and Suppression	• Provide structural, wildland and specialized firefighting capabilities to manage and suppress fires of all types, kinds and complexities while protecting the lives, property and environment of the affected area. This includes, among other things:
	   ➢ Urban and Rural Fire Suppression
	   ➢ Wildland Fire Suppression

Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects and the status of the response. This includes, among other things: ➢ Size, scope and potential cascading effects

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Fire Department	• Maintain contact with municipal liaisons to collect and relay information. • Coordinate with each supporting agency through ESF meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Plan for, coordinate with and assign responding mutual aid resources as appropriate. • Coordinate with other ESFs as appropriate for the utilization of volunteer based Firefighting resources. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested
Chatham County Mosquito Control	• Provide available aviation assets to assist with fire suppression operations.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine incident priorities in support of firefighting operations.
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
City of Garden City Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Pooler Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources. • Provide support to Chatham County and the surrounding region for Georgia Urban Search and Rescue (GSAR) responses. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-9 Search and Rescue
City of Port Wentworth Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
City of Savannah Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources. • Provide support to Chatham County and surrounding region for Hazardous Materials and Georgia Urban Search and Rescue (GSAR) responses. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-10 HAZMAT
City of Tybee Island Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
Georgia Forestry Commission	• Serve as a support entity of ESF-4 and assist with the coordination of state firefighting resources as necessary. • Establish procedures for the incorporation of volunteer and private agencies to contribute appropriate assets to the response and recovery effort.
Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department	• Provide Military Fire support to the Hunter Army Airfield • Participate in Mutual Aid Agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources as necessary.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Isle of Hope Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department	• Provide support to fire suppression operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
165th Airlift Wing Fire Department	• Provide Military and Aviation Fire support to the Savannah – Hilton Head International Airport. • Participate in Mutual Aid Agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources as necessary.

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Chatham Emergency Management Agency

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham County Commission
Chatham County Engineering
Chatham County Internal Audit
Chatham County Resiliency
Chatham County Mosquito Control
Metropolitan Planning Commission (MPC)
Savannah Area Geographic Information Systems (SAGIS)

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of emergency management and planning services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-5 provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-5 is to provide the core emergency management, planning, financial and administrative functions in support of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC). ESF-5 collects, processes, and disseminates information about an actual or potential emergency or disaster situation and facilitates the overall response and recovery activities. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-5 will be utilized to make appropriate notifications to and interface with supporting local and state entities during an actual or potential disaster situation.

Scope

ESF-5 acts to meet the Planning/Emergency Management needs of operations to include the collection and dissemination of critical information, facilitation of the planning process, establishment of a common operating picture and ongoing situational awareness.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-5 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management in the EOC.

Preparedness

    a. Serve as the primary coordinator of emergency management activities within Chatham County.

    b. Monitor potential or developing incidents and support the efforts of operations.

    c. Support the implementation of mutual aid agreements.

    d. Establish procedures for agencies, organizations and local governments to maintain expenditures.

    e. Coordinate the development of plans, guides and concepts intended to directly support the EOC.

    f. Plan and/or attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.

    g. Participate in and/or conduct exercises to evaluate local capability.

    h. Ensure all ESF-5 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

    a. Alert support agencies and other jurisdictions when there is a potential emergency or disaster.

    b. Activate and staff the EOC according to the magnitude of the event.

    c. Maintains the staffing schedule for the EOC from activation to demobilization.

    d. Coordinate operations with, and situational reporting to, the State Operations Center.

    e. Coordinate logistical assistance from, and between, jurisdictions, supporting agencies, and the State Operations Center (SOC) and enact Memorandums of Agreement (MOA) and contracts as necessary.

    f. Compile initial damage assessment reports and forward to the SOC.

    g. Coordinate or participate in briefings and conference calls to maintain and provide situational awareness.

    h. Establish planning schedules and coordinate operational period objectives and reporting requirements.

    i. Provide updated information to ESF-15 External Affairs to distribute to the general public and media outlets.

Recovery

a. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during the recovery phase.

b. Collect and process information regarding recovery activities to include anticipating types of recovery information that the EOC and other State agencies may require.

c. Coordinate the transition to long term recovery efforts.

d. Resume day-to-day operations.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response or at the direction of the CEMA Director.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-5 agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-5 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-5 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management

Planning	• Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Developing and maintaining Standard Operating Guides
	  ➢ Developing and maintaining MOAs
	  ➢ Participating in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate local capabilities

Core Capability	ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management

Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Maintaining situational awareness and developing a Common Operating Picture
	  ➢ Completing necessary reports
	  ➢ Incorporating information displays within the EOC

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)	• Coordinate with each support agency through at least an annual meeting to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Coordinate the flow of messages within the EOC. • Coordinate the overall efforts to collect, process, report and display essential elements of information and facilitate support for response operations. • Distribute plans and reports to the State and other ESFs. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery efforts. • Identify and provide support staff with necessary operational information to assist ESFs within the EOC. • Coordinate with Non-Governmental Organizations (NGO) and private sector resources to enhance response and recovery operations. • Participate in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate local capabilities.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend at least an annual meeting to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify and provide support staff representatives for this ESF and ensure that they have necessary operational information related to assigned activities. • Request non-governmental organizations and private sector entities with available assets contribute those resource to enhance the response effort. • Participate in training and/or exercises to evaluate local capacities.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery operations.

Chatham County Engineering	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed:
	  ➤ Situational Awareness Unit
	  ➤ Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Unit

Chatham County Internal Audit	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➤ Situational Awareness Unit
Chatham County Resiliency	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➤ Planning Section Chief

Metropolitan Planning Commission	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed:
	  ➤ Future Planning Unit
	  ➤ Situational Awareness Unit

SAGIS	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➤ Geographic Information Systems (GIS) Unit

Emergency Support Function – 6
Mass Care/Sheltering

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Chatham County Fire Department
Chatham County Health Department
Chatham County Parks and Recreation
Chatham County Strategic Planning
Chatham Emergency Services
Chatham Savannah Authority for the Homeless
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief
Housing Authority of Savannah
Living Independent for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.
Salvation Army
Savannah Chatham County Public School System
Savannah Food Truck Association

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Mass Care/Sheltering services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-6 is to coordinate activities associated with the emergency provision of temporary non-medical shelters, housing, and human services to include emergency mass feeding and disaster welfare information of individuals and/or families impacted by an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering is designed to ensure seamless integration of key mass care resources and information for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-6 acts to meet the Mass Care/Sheltering and essential elements of information needs of operations to include emergency sheltering, housing, feeding, and human services support to include mass feeding and disaster welfare information in an emergency or a disaster.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-6 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Maintain a roster of primary ESF support staff points of contact.

b. Coordinate with ESF-8 Health/Medical for the provision of updated lists of planned functional and access needs shelters or other special needs resources.

c. Coordinate with the American Red Cross, Chatham County Health Department, CEMA and GEMA/HS to ensure an up-to-date shelter list is available. Ensure that this list includes the location, capacity, health inspection status, accessibility level, pet space, generator or generator hook up and point of contact information.

d. Acquire and regularly update a list of agencies (public and private sector) that have a mission and capability to provide mass feeding during times of disaster.

e. Coordinate with the American Red Cross and CEMA to establish a communication system between the EOC and operational shelters.

f. Plan for the evacuation of and care for the populations (unique & general) during an emergency or disaster.

g. Ensure that procedures are established, and responsibilities identified for the issuance and distribution for feeding operations for residents both in and out of shelters through the use of mobile and on-site feeding resources

h. Ensure that procedures are established and responsibilities identified for the issuance and distribution for feeding operations for emergency workers and critical workforce shelters through the use of mobile and on-site feeding resources.

i. Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of services to assist individuals and families affected by the emergency or disaster.

j.   Coordinate with ESF-6 stakeholders to ensure essential shelter arrangements are made including securing shelter and feeding arrangements, training shelter workers, providing shelter management, distributing media releases regarding shelter locations, operating shelters and maintaining shelter records.

k.   Participate in and/or attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.

l.   Participate in and/or conduct exercises to evaluate local capability.

m. Ensure all ESF-6 support entities integrate NIMS principles throughout planning activities.

Response

a.   Coordinate with ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management and ESF-11 Agriculture/Food/Water to identify food and water needs as well as establish mass feeding sites to ensure optional access for public service.

b.   Conduct a needs assessment with supporting entities to determine the number of sheltering facilities necessary to support the emergency or disaster. Include the amount of functional and access needs shelters that may be required.

c.   Establish processes for the opening and closing of shelter facilities in accordance with the needs assessment.

d.   Support the opening and operation of shelters upon request as appropriate.

e.   Coordinate with ESF-3 Public Works/Engineering for garbage removal and ESF-8 Health/Medical for sanitation requirements and inspections at mass feeding sites.

f.   Monitor the occupancy levels and ongoing needs of operational shelters and provide an updated list of shelter locations to ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management.

g.   Coordinate with ESF-13 Law Enforcement for security needs and specialized units as appropriate at shelter locations and mass feeding sites.

h.   Ensure a functional communications system has been established between operational shelters and the EOC. This may include the use of radios, phones and electronic messaging services.

i.   Coordinate with ESF-8 Health/Medical for the provision of medical services and mental health services within operational shelters.

j.   Coordinate with ESF-11 Agriculture/Food/Water for the incorporation of community resources and personnel for the provision and distribution of food and water.

k. Provide a list of mass care sites requiring restoration of services to the EOC.

l. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response.

Recovery

a. Coordinate with ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management, ESF-8 Health/Medical, and ESF-11 Agriculture/Food/Water for the establishment and support of mass feeding sites operated by ESF-6 partners.

b. Coordinate with appropriate ESF-6 support entities to establish a process for the reunification of family members who may have been separated as a result of the emergency or disaster event.

c. Continue the provision of food and/or water and the coordination of mass feeding operations to ensure optimal access for public service throughout re-entry and recovery.

d. Coordinate with ESF-3 Public Works/Engineering for garbage removal and ESF-8 Health/Medical for sanitation requirements and inspections at mass feeding sites.

e. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-6 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-6 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-6 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering

Mass Care Services	• Provide life-sustaining and human services to the affected population. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Hydration
	  ➢ Feeding
	  ➢ Sheltering
	  ➢ Temporary Housing
	  ➢ Evacuee Support
	  ➢ Reunification
	  ➢ Distribution of Emergency Supplies

Housing	• Implement housing solutions that effectively support the needs of the whole community and contribute to its sustainability and resilience. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Short-term housing
	  ➢ Intermediate-term housing
	  ➢ Long-term housing

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine priorities for conducting sheltering and mass feeding operations within the community. • Ensure agencies providing sheltering and mass feeding support have adequate support and all necessary resources are procured. • Serve as the principle point of contact with ESF-6 mass care/sheltering from the EOC. • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness. • Provide coordination for staffing, supporting and operating shelters during an emergency or disaster event. • Provide coordination for staffing, supporting and operating mass feeding sites through activation of the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce during emergency or disaster events.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC) and ESF-15 External Affairs. • Following an emergency event, identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate plans, procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, checklists, go-kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC, if requested. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the agency's readiness to support this ESF.
American Red Cross	• Provide shelter listings for each facility with the names and contact numbers of each facility liaison. • Establish a protocol for prioritizing response actions. • Provide a system for recording incoming requests for sheltering, identifying response assignments and actions to be taken. • Coordinate bulk emergency relief distribution points, when possible. • Coordinate activities with other ESF's, as necessary. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce for awareness and support, if possible. • Coordinate the release of public information regarding the locations of shelters with ESF-15 External Affairs. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ EOC Liaison

Supporting Agency	Actions
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	• Provide feeding support to disaster survivors. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce • Provide critical workforce sheltering location for EOC personnel, as necessary. • Provide feeding operations assistance to the general population, when available. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position, if requested: ➢ ESF-11 Agriculture/Food/Water
Chatham County Animal Services	• Coordinate sheltering arrangements for animals. • Establish a system to register animal identification data in an effort to reunite animals with their owners. • Identify potential shelter locations (barns, pastures, kennels, etc.) to be utilized as animal shelters. • Coordinate the reunification of animals to their owners and determine the disposition of animals that cannot be reunited with their owners or returned to a normal habitat. • Coordinate the release of public information related to pet/animal sheltering or reunification with ESF-15 External Affairs. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position, if requested: ➢ ESF-18 Animal Services
Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services	• Assist with the assessment of human needs during and post disaster. • Coordinate disaster food stamp (D-SNAP) operations and/or other food support for individuals and/or families affected by the emergency or disaster event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions, if requested: ➢ ESF-6 Mass Care Services
Chatham County Fire Department	• Assist shelter and mass feeding staff with connections to behavioral health resources, should they be requested. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions, if requested: ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting
Chatham County Health Department	• Coordinate support staffing assigned to shelters through identifying available health and welfare workers to augment personnel assigned to shelters. • Support disaster mental health services.

Supporting Agency	Actions

Chatham County Health Department (continued)	• Provide technical assistance for shelter, feeding and warehouse operations related to food, vendor control, water supply and waste disposal.
	• Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce.
	• Coordinate the provision of medical and first-aid supplies for shelters and first-aid stations.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions, if requested:
	   ➢ Health and Human Services Branch Director
	   ➢ ESF-8 Health and Medical Services
	• Provide an agency representative to the EOC to monitor and input information into the Hurricane Registry Board on WebEOC

Chatham County Parks and Recreation	• Provide support staffing for sheltering operations to include both general population and critical workforce shelters. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position, if requested: ➢ Sheltering

Chatham County Strategic Planning	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions, if requested:
	   ➢ ESF-6 Mass Care Services
	   ➢ Sheltering
	   ➢ ESF-8 Vulnerable Populations
	   ➢ ESF-15 External Affairs

Chatham Emergency Services	• Provide resources as appropriate to assist with basic medical care and transportation services during sheltering operations. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Emergency Medical Services
Chatham Savannah Authority for Homeless	• Serve as the principal point of contact for the Homeless Continuum of Care with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering. • Provide a current listing of unsheltered locations for service coordination Pre / Post disaster. • Coordinate with other ESFs and the EOC as necessary to provider subject matter expertise on individuals experiencing homelessness. • Support Disaster Mental Health services Pre / Post disaster.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee	• Support disaster mental health services with member agencies, as available. • Request volunteer agencies and private sector entities with resources contribute those assets to the response and recovery effort. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position as necessary: ➢ Volunteers and Donations Management
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief	• Provide listings of mass feeding sites and contact numbers for each site manager. • Establish a protocol for prioritizing response actions. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce.
Housing Authority of Savannah	• Support housing alternatives for those displaced by an emergency or disaster event. • Provide subject matter expertise on available housing programs and support.
Living Independent for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	• Assist in the identification of access barriers to evacuation and sheltering resources/processes for people with disabilities (ex. shelter site walk-throughs, sharing of past evacuation challenges of people with disabilities) • Assist in the dissemination of information about emergency planning efforts/resources to people with disabilities in Chatham County. • Facilitate connection between and sharing of information and resources among 1) ESF agencies/organizations and 2) local/regional/national support organizations serving people with disabilities.
Salvation Army	• Provide resources to support mass feeding operations. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Support disaster mental health services. • Provide feeding services to members of Chatham County's Critical Workforce and supporting emergency responders. • Provide comprehensive emergency support services to include case management, financial counseling and additional emergency aid support to disaster survivors, as appropriate.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Savannah Chatham County Public School System	• Provide support to sheltering and mass feeding operations through utilization of equipment, facilities and necessary resources, if requested. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Coordinate the release of public information regarding the locations of shelters and mass feeding sites with ESF-15 External Affairs. • Provide law enforcement support for security at shelters as necessary and if requested. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions: ➢ SCCPSS Liaison
Savannah Food Truck Association	• Identify and secure food items to support mass feeding operations. • Provide certified food truck vendors to support the overall feeding strategy. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Provide for the proper storage of food provided during the emergency or disaster event.

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City of Port Wentworth Finance Department
City of Savannah
City of Tybee Island Finance Department
Savannah Chatham County Public School System
Town of Thunderbolt Finance Department
University of Georgia Extension Services
United States Army Corps of Engineers

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Logistics services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-7 Logistics provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-7 is to provide comprehensive disaster logistics planning, management and sustainment capabilities that harness the resources of internal and external stakeholders to include public, private and Non-Governmental organizations. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-7 Logistics will coordinate with supporting entities for the coordination, procurement and management of resources necessary to support response and recovery operations.

Scope

ESF-7 acts to meet the Logistics and essential elements of information needs of operations by establishing a framework for the integration of internal and external logistics support entities through increased collaboration in planning, sourcing, acquisition and utilization of resources.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-7 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-7 Logistics in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Develop procedures for responding to and complying with resource requests.

b. Coordinate with local public, private and Non-Governmental Organizations to establish and maintain a listing of available resources to include services and donated goods for use during an emergency or disaster event.

c. Coordinate the development of pre-planned contracts as necessary to ensure prompt support from vendors during an emergency or disaster event.

d. Develop and execute MOAs between Chatham County and supporting agencies/organizations as appropriate.

e. Provide training to ESF-7 Logistics support entities on Chatham County emergency procurement procedures for acquiring supplies, resources and equipment.

f. Utilize hazard vulnerability data to develop a listing of resource inventories and pre-identify anticipated resource requests by ESF.

g. Establish procedures for the reimbursement of private vendors for services rendered during an emergency or disaster event.

h. Establish a process for the notification of volunteer organizations when an emergency or disaster event is either threatening or already occurred within Chatham County.

i. Participate in and/or conduct exercises to evaluate local capability.

j. Ensure all ESF-7 support entities integrate NIMS principles throughout planning activities.

Response

a. Conduct a situational assessment to identify potential resource needs.

b. Contact appropriate support entities whose personnel, equipment or other identified resources may be necessary to support operations.

c. Establish a process to ensure the tracking and accountability of requested resources.

d. Locate, procure and issue county agencies the necessary resources to support emergency operations. This includes coordination with the Chatham County Purchasing Department to identify prospective staging area warehouses available for lease to replace damaged or destroyed facilities.

e. Execute county contracts and/or MOA's as needed.

f. Coordinate with GEMA/HS to deploy state resources and personnel to support emergency operations.

g. Coordinate the establishment of a staging area for volunteers to unload, store or disperse donated goods.

h. Coordinate with ESF-13 Law Enforcement to evaluate the security requirements necessary at warehousing facilities.

i. Provide necessary information for public release to ESF-15 External Affairs to be disseminated to the general public.

Recovery

a. Coordinate the continued support of delivery of services to emergency response entities and disaster survivors throughout the emergency or disaster event.

b. Conduct procurement activities as long as necessary until all identified procurement needs have been met.

c. Assess the continuing volunteer services needs of disaster survivors.

d. Ensure that ESF-7 team members and/or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the incident.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-7 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-7 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-7 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-7 Logistics
Logistics and Supply Chain Management	• Deliver essential commodities, equipment and services in support of the impacted communities and survivors. Synchronize logistics capabilities and enable the restoration of impacted supply chains. This may include, among other things: ➢ Emergency power and fuel support ➢ Coordinate the access to community staples
Supply Chain Integrity and Security	• Strengthen the security and resilience of the supply chain. This may include, among other things: ➢ Fuel Supplies ➢ Feeding Supplies ➢ Health and Medical Supplies

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Serve as the principle point of contact with ESF-7 Logistics from the EOC. • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness. • Provide training to support entities regarding planning for and operating Points of Distribution. • Provide rapid identification of internal resources that could potentially be utilized to fulfill resource requests during disaster response operations. • Coordinate the expedient leasing of real property to facilitate disaster logistics operations during a disaster response. • Coordinate expedient renting, purchasing and contracting of critical equipment, supplies and services needed during an emergency or disaster response. • Provide for the rapid establishment and operation of temporary field logistics facilities during an emergency or disaster response. • Coordinate the provision and installation of temporary emergency power to county critical facilities during an emergency or disaster response.

Coordinating Agency	Actions

Chatham Emergency Management Agency (Continued)	• Order, receive, store, account for and distribute Initial Response Resources such as:
	  ➢ Water
	  ➢ Ice
	  ➢ Shelf-stable meals
	  ➢ Tarps
	  ➢ Medicine
	  ➢ Medical Supplies
	• Coordinate with the Volunteer and Donations unit to ensure a tracking system has been established for both volunteers and donated goods
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	  ➢ Logistics Section Chief
	  ➢ Volunteers and Donations
	  ➢ Commodities Distribution

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Coordinate with each support agency through meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF.
Chatham County Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions: ➢ Finance Section Chief ➢ Compensation and Claims ➢ Cost ➢ Time ➢ Volunteers and Donations
Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Resources and Facilities
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Volunteers and Donations
City of Bloomingdale Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Bloomingdale Liaison Officer
City of Garden City Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Garden City Liaison Officer
City of Pooler Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Pooler Liaison Officer
City of Port Wentworth Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Port Wentworth Liaison Officer
City of Savannah	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Savannah Liaison Officer

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Tybee Island Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Tybee Island Liaison Officer

Savannah Chatham County Public School System	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	  ➢ SCCPSS Police and Facilities
	  ➢ SCCPSS Transportation

Town of Thunderbolt Finance Department	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ City of Thunderbolt Liaison Officer

University of Georgia Extension Services	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position:
	  ➢ Resources Branch
	  ➢ ESF-7 Resource Ordering and Tracking

United States Army Corps of Engineers	• Following an incident of critical significance, coordinate with appropriate ESF-7 entities to provide information on supporting logistical operations throughout Chatham County to include:
	  ➢ Points of Distribution Operations
	  ➢ Power Generation
	Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position:
	  ➢ USACE Liaison Officer

**Emergency Support Function – 8
Health and Medical**

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INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Health and Medical services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-8 Health and Medical provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-8 is to provide the mechanism for coordinated County assistance to municipal resources by addressing the public health and medical needs of residents, disaster survivors and emergency response workers during disasters, potential disasters or events that have the potential to impact the public's health. This, however, is not a tactical response document. ESF-8 Health

and Medical establishes the framework for the implementation of procedures addressing the local identification, registration, evacuation and sheltering support of individuals with access and functional needs.

Scope

ESF-8 acts to meet the Health / Medical and essential elements of information needs of operations to include emergency medical services personnel, facilities, vehicles, equipment and supplies for disaster survivors, including those with functional and access needs in an emergency or a disaster.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-8 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-8 Health and Medical in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Preparedness

a. Identify and coordinate the deployment of doctors, nurses, patient care technicians and other medical personnel to disaster areas, as necessary.

b. Create and maintain a list of available medical supplies, equipment, transportation services, hospitals, medical care clinics, mental health services, durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers, and first aid units to support disaster response operations.

c. Establish procedures to ensure the continuity of health and medical services to the community.

d. Identify locations for the establishment of staging areas for medical personnel, equipment and supplies, as necessary.

e. Identify facilities and/or locations to utilize as medical care centers should the primary emergency care facilities not be available.

f. Coordinate with local healthcare entities (hospitals, long term care facilities, youth and adult clinical facilities) to establish procedures for the reduction, evacuation, and relocation of patients.

g. Establish procedures for requesting medical assistance teams to provide support to disaster response and recovery operations.

h. Establish procedures for the provision of medical and dental care, as necessary.

i. Establish plans that reflect the needs of all persons to include those with physical disabilities, special medical needs, communication disabilities, those with intellectual and development disabilities, those with mental health needs, and non-English speaking individuals.

j. Identify individuals within the general populous experiencing functional, access and/or medical needs, including those individuals within long term care facilities.

k. Establish and coordinate procedures in conjunction with local and state stakeholders for the evacuation and relocation of individuals experiencing functional, access and medical needs. This is commonly referred to as the Hurricane Registry.

l. Communicate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering and ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water for the provision of food services to individuals with dietary restrictions.

m. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering and ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water to ensure the delivery of food services to individuals who have a pre-identified functional, access and medical need.

n. Establish and coordinate procedures in conjunction with both ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering and ESF-18 Animal Services to protect the public from communicable diseases and the contamination of food, water and pharmaceuticals.

o. Establish procedures for the identification of disease, vector, and epidemic control.

p. Establish procedures for the distribution of emergency immunizations.

q. Identify procedures to provide testing of individual/private water sources (e.g. wells).

r. Identify sanitary inspection procedures and establish protocols to control unsanitary conditions.

s. Create and maintain a list of available environmental laboratory testing facilities.

t. Provide guidance to facilities caring for Chatham County's vulnerable populations in the development and maintenance of emergency preparedness and response plans.

u. Ensure essential public health information is monitored and coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs for dissemination as appropriate.

v. Identify procedures for the rapid provision of crisis counseling and mental health/ substance abuse assistance to individuals, including the organization and

deployment of crisis counseling teams. Identify resources that will provide training and coordination of these crisis counseling teams.

w. Maintain relationships with government agencies, professional associations, private sector entities, faith-based groups, and volunteer organizations to provide mental health and substance abuse assistance during emergency or disaster events.

x. Ensure all ESF-8 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Coordinate the delivery of health and medical services during an emergency or disaster event.

b. Coordinate the provision of medical personnel, equipment, pharmaceuticals, and necessary supplies to support operations.

c. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering for the provision of health and medical services during sheltering operations, as necessary.

d. Conduct a situational assessment to determine the need for the implementation of health surveillance programs.

e. Coordinate the evacuation and/or relocation of individuals experiencing functional, access and/or medical needs as appropriate and communicate any limitations or resource needs to GEMA/HS.

f. Coordinate public health and sanitation services, as necessary.

g. Coordinate the provision of mental health and recovery services to individuals, families and communities as necessary.

h. Coordinate the provision of essential public health information support to emergency medical services providers.

i. Maintain a process for the distribution of all relevant health and medical information to the general public in cooperation with ESF-15 External Affairs and the state Department of Public Health.

Recovery

a. Coordinate the restoration of essential health and medical care systems as appropriate.

b. Provide assistance with the restoration of permanent medical facilities and the return to normal operational status.

 c. Coordinate and assist with the restoration of available medical supplies, equipment, transportation services, hospitals, medical care clinics, mental health services, durable medical equipment (DME) suppliers, and first aid units.

 d. Coordinate and establish methods for individuals with functional, access and/or medical needs and establish to return to an identified destination.

 e. Maintain situational awareness to determine the need for conducting environmental and epidemiological surveillance.

 f. Continue necessary assistance throughout the re-entry process and until all health and medical concerns have been resolved.

 g. Coordinate with local Code Enforcement authorities to issue Public Health notices regarding necessary clean-up actions on private properties.

Mitigation

 a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-8 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-8 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-8 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-8 Health and Medical
Public Health, Healthcare, and Emergency Medical Services	• Provide lifesaving medical treatment via Emergency Medical Services and related operations and avoid additional disease and injury by providing targeted public health, medical, and behavioral health support, and products to all affected populations. This includes but not limited to: ➢ Hurricane Registry ➢ Disease prevention and protection
Health and Social Services	• Restore and improve health and social services capabilities and networks to promote the resilience, independence, health (including behavioral health), and well-being of the whole community. This includes but not limited to: ➢ Community Care Providers ➢ Medical Facilities

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions

Chatham County Health Department	• Serve as the principle point of contact with ESF-8 Health and Medical from the EOC.
	• Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness.
	• Conduct a situational assessment to determine the health and medical needs associated with the emergency or disaster event.
	• Establish a protocol for prioritizing response actions.
	• Provide leadership in directing, coordinating and integrating the overall countywide efforts to provide medical and public health assistance to disaster survivors.
	• Coordinate and direct the activation and deployment of resources to include health/medical personnel, supplies and equipment to support disaster response and recovery operations.
	• Coordinate the establishment of both active and passive surveillance systems to ensure protection of the public health.
	• Provide technical assistance in coordination to the response for:
	   ➢ Hazardous materials incidents
	   ➢ Safety of food and drugs
	   ➢ Radiological hazards
	   ➢ Vector Control
	   ➢ Mental health emergencies
	   ➢ Potable water/wastewater/solid waste
	   ➢ Victim identification/mortuary services
	• Coordinate the release of boil water orders, safety issues and pertinent information for the public health with ESF-15 External Affairs.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	   ➢ Health and Human Services Branch
	   ➢ ESF-8 Health and Medical Services
	   DPH will be providing a liaison to the EOC to monitor and input data into the Hurricane Registry Evacuation Board during evacuations

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate plans, procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, checklists, go-kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested.
American Red Cross	• Provide supplementary medical, nursing aid, and other health services upon request and in accordance with current capabilities. • Establish procedures to obtain the names of those affected by the emergency or disaster event to facilitate health and welfare communications between appropriate agencies and members of immediate family. • Provide assistance to disaster survivors for the replacement of personal medical supplies, glasses, dentures, hearing aids, wheelchairs and medications as appropriate. • Provide support for mental health counseling as available.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham Area Transit	• Provide transportation support in coordination with the evacuation of individuals experiencing functional and access needs. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Chatham Area Transit
Chatham County Animal Services	• Provide support for the evacuation of pets during the evacuation of individuals with functional, access and/or medical needs. • Establish procedures for the reunification of pets to their owners' post event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-18 Animal Services
Chatham County Coroner's Office	• Coordinate mortuary service operations to include the establishment and operation of a temporary morgue.
Chatham County Fire Department	• Assist shelter and mass feeding staff with connections to behavioral health resources, should they be requested. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions, if requested: ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting
Chatham County Mosquito Control	• Identify and monitor mosquito populations for the threat of disease. • Eradicate disease carrying mosquito populations.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine priorities regarding Health and Medical affects to the community. • Ensure agencies providing Health and Medical services have adequate support and all necessary resources are obtained.

Chatham Emergency Services	• Coordinate the evacuation of patients from the disaster area.
	• Coordinate the transportation of patients to medical facilities outside of Chatham County in accordance with approved trauma transport protocols.
	• Coordinate the following resources:
	   ➢ Advanced Life Support/Basic Life Support
	   ➢ Emergency Medical Technicians
	   ➢ Paramedic's
	   ➢ Procurement of Emergency Medical Equipment
	   ➢ Air Evacuation Resources

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Services (continued)	• Coordinate critical incident stress debriefings for emergency responders. • Coordinate the integration of public and private services into the emergency or disaster response. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following Position: • Emergency Medical Services
Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care	• Provide utilization of Curtis V. Cooper Primary Health Care facility in support of the evacuation and return of individuals with access to medical, dental and pharmacy services. • Provide support for individuals with behavioral health needs. • Provide Mobile Health services by deploying five (5) mobile units to provide medical, dental and/or behavioral health needs.
Department of Family and Children Services	• Establish mental health crisis counseling centers as appropriate. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➤ ESF-6 Mass Care Services
Georgia Department of Agriculture	• Coordinate inspections of venues such as groceries stories and other facilities that fall under identified Department of Agriculture responsibilities. • Provide assistance in conducting damage assessments with matters related to farmland, commodities, livestock and structures.
J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care	• Provide utilization of J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care facility in support of the evacuation and return of individuals with access to medical, dental and pharmacy services. • Provide support for individuals with behavioral health needs.
Living Independent for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.	• Assist in the identification of access barriers to evacuation and sheltering resources/processes for people with disabilities (ex. shelter site walk-throughs, sharing of past evacuation challenges of people with disabilities) • Assist in the dissemination of information about emergency planning efforts/resources to people with disabilities in Chatham County. • Facilitate connection between and sharing of information and resources among 1) ESF agencies/organizations and 2) local/regional/national support organizations serving people with disabilities.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Medical Reserve Corps	• Support the provision of medical services in accordance with identified agency protocols. • Maintain a current list of all volunteers and associated credentials to support disaster response operations.
Memorial Health University Medical Center	• Coordinate the evacuation of patients from the disaster areas as requested. • Coordinate the transportation of victims to medical facilities outside of Chatham County in accordance with approved trauma transport protocols. • Coordinate Critical Incident Stress Debriefings for emergency responders as appropriate.
Memorial Health University Medical Center (continued)	• Re-supply field emergency medical service units with consumable medical supplies as available. • Conduct an assessment of hospital capabilities and damages. Provide the results of these assessments to the EOC. • Mobilize hospital staff as available and necessary to provide teams to support field treatment and triage sites. • Coordinate with emergency medical service units, surrounding hospitals and incident response support personnel to ensure that casualties are transported to the appropriate medical facility. • Coordinate with local emergency responders for the isolation and decontamination of incoming patients as necessary to prevent the spread of agents to other patients and staff members. • Provide staff for the establishment of a reception and support center for friends and family of disaster survivors. • Provide patient identification information to the American Red Cross upon request and in accordance with appropriate procedures. • Establish mental health crisis counseling centers. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Hospitals
Salvation Army	• Provide support for mental health services. • Provide feeding support during the evacuation and return of individuals with functional and access needs, commonly known as the Hurricane Registry.

Supporting Agency	Actions
St. Joseph/Candler Hospital(s)	• Coordinate the evacuation of patients from the disaster areas as requested. • Coordinate the transportation of victims to medical facilities outside of Chatham County in accordance with approved trauma transport protocols. • Coordinate for Critical Incident Stress Debriefings for emergency responders as appropriate. • Re-supply field emergency medical service units with consumable medical supplies as available. • Conduct an assessment of hospital capabilities and damages. Provide the results of these assessments to the EOC. • Mobilize hospital staff as available and necessary to provide teams to support field treatment and triage sites.
St. Joseph/Candler Hospital(s) (continued)	• Coordinate with emergency medical service units, surrounding hospitals and incident response support personnel to ensure that casualties are transported to the appropriate medical facility. • Coordinate with local emergency responders for the isolation and decontamination of incoming patients as necessary to prevent the spread of agents to other patients and staff members. • Provide staff for the establishment of a reception and support center for friends and family of disaster survivors. • Provide patient identification information to the American Red Cross upon request and in accordance with appropriate procedures. • Establish mental health crisis counseling centers. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Hospitals
YMCA of Coastal Georgia	• Provide utilization of the West Chatham YMCA facility in support of the evacuation and return of individuals with functional and access needs, commonly known as the Hurricane Registry.

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165th Airlift Wing Fire Department

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Search and Rescue services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-9 Search and Rescue provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-9 is to rapidly deploy local search and rescue components to provide specialized life-saving assistance to municipal authorities during an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-9 Search and Rescue serves as the mechanism to provide coordination and resource support to local jurisdictions involved in both urban and non-urban search and rescue operations.

Scope

ESF-9 acts to meet the Search/Rescue and essential elements of information needs of operations by establishing a framework for the management and coordination of Search and Rescue resources for locating, extricating and providing medical assistance to individuals in both the urban and non-urban setting.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-9 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-9 Search and Rescue in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Maintain a current listing of available resources and trained personnel that could support search and rescue operations and ensure a state of readiness.

b. Anticipate the mobilization of personnel and equipment during existing or anticipated emergencies and be prepared to stage those resources at assigned locations.

c. Establish and maintain a liaison with state Urban Search and Rescue assets and anticipate the arrival of external assets in support of operations as appropriate.

d. Ensure all ESF-9 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Provide support to local agencies through the provision of necessary and deployment of teams and equipment in support of Search and Rescue operations.

b. Assume responsibility for the coordination and tracking of all resources committed to a Search and Rescue incident. This may include the placement of personnel at an Incident Command Post and the establishment of staging areas.

    c.   Deploy liaison teams to the Incident Command Post or County EOC as necessary to support operations.

    d.   Coordinate the utilization of available resources to augment response agencies during search and rescue operations and request state and federal assistance as necessary.

    e.   Ensure all emergency Search and Rescue incident information is provided to the EOC to ensure the development of a common operating picture and maintain situational awareness.

    f.   Coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs for the dissemination of information to members of the general public and local media outlets.

    g.   Coordinate with ESF-1 Transportation for the utilization of available resources to transport emergency workers, evacuated persons and rescued victims from the emergency scene to an identified safe location or emergency shelter.

    h.   Coordinate with ESF-1 Transportation and ESF-8 Health and Medical for the provision of medical assistance and the transportation of victims beyond initial collection points.

    i.   Incorporate State and Federal resources in support of Search and Rescue operations as needed.

Recovery

    a.   Maintain adequate resources to support local operations and plan for a reduction in resources.

    b.   Inventory lost or damaged equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.

    c.   Conduct reviews of Search and Rescue operations with teams involved to improve future responses.

Mitigation

    a.   Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-9 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-9 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-9 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-9 Search and Rescue

Mass Search and Rescue Operations	• Deliver traditional and atypical search and rescue capabilities, including personnel, services, animals and assets to survivors in need, with the goal of saving the greatest number of endangered lives in the shortest time possible. This includes but not limited to:
	  ➢ Urban Search and Rescue
	  ➢ Wilderness Search and Rescue
	  ➢ Marine Search and Rescue

Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects and the status of the response. This includes but not limited: ➢ Size, scope and potential cascading effects

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
City of Pooler Fire Department	• Coordinate with each supporting agency through ESF meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Develop a listing of available assets to support Search and Rescue operations.
City of Pooler Fire Department (Continued)	• Establish procedures for the prioritization of response actions. • Conduct a situational assessment to determine the need for Search and Rescue services based upon identified critical needs and available resources. • Establish procedures for the incorporation of private sector assets to support operations. • Establish procedures for the development and utilization of County search maps in support of operations. • Coordinate with ESF-3 Public Works/Engineering for the provision of technical assistance for the completion of structural shoring as required to ensure the safety of Search and Rescue teams. • Coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs for the dissemination of critical public information.

Coordinating Agency	Actions
	• Ensure communications with municipal liaison to ensure the collection of critical information and the development of a common operating picture. • Serve as a liaison between the EOC and the State EOC. • Provide technical assistance concerning any potential policy challenges. • Coordinate with ESF-3 Public Works/Engineering for debris removal and/or push back to allow Search and Rescue team movement. • Coordinate with ESF-1 Transportation for the utilization of assets to transport Search and Rescue team personnel. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-9 Search and Rescue

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance.
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF.

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested.
Chatham County Marine Patrol	• Provide available marine assets to assist with Search and Rescue operations.
Chatham County Mosquito Control	• Provide available aviation assets to assist with Search and Rescue operations.

Chatham County Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas.
	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims.
	• Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction.
	• Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	  ➢ Public Safety Branch
	  ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement
	  ➢ EOC Security

Chatham County Sheriff's Office	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine priorities regarding Search and Rescue operations within the community. • Ensure agencies providing Search and Rescue services have adequate support and all necessary resources are identified. • Provide direction and oversight to the Chatham Emergency Management Agency Search and Rescue Team. • Establish and maintain appropriate volunteer team standard operating procedures. • Implement volunteer Search and Rescue resources as needed.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.
City of Bloomingdale Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
City of Garden City Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.
City of Garden City Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction.
City of Garden City Police Department (Continued)	• Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
City of Pooler Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
City of Port Wentworth Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Port Wentworth Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
City of Savannah Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols. • Utilize designated Georgia Search and Rescue Teams to provide technical assistance and aid in identified Search and Rescue requirements. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-10 Hazmat
City of Savannah Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
City of Tybee Island Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.
City of Tybee Island Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Civil Air Patrol	• Provide available aviation assets to assist with Search and Rescue operations to include the search for downed aircraft. • Establish and maintain communications with the Incident Commander/Search and Rescue Coordinator throughout operations.
Georgia Forestry Commission	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance in the development and utilization of mapping tools to support Search and Rescue operations. • Provide experienced personnel to provide insight and support search operations within a National Forest or Park.
Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
Isle of Hope Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.
Marine Rescue Squadron	• Provide available assets to assist with water related Search and Rescue operations. • Establish and maintain communications with the Incident Commander/Search and Rescue Coordinator throughout operations.
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Town of Thunderbolt Police Department	• Provide security for Search and Rescue teams and identified search areas. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide an Incident Commander during searches for missing persons within assigned jurisdiction. • Provide assistance and security during death investigations.
United States Coast Guard/Marine Safety Unit	• Provide available assets to assist with water related Search and Rescue operations. • Establish and maintain communications with the Incident Commander/Search and Rescue Coordinator throughout operations.
165th Airlift Wing Fire Department	• Provide assistance through utilizing available resources in the search for victims. • Provide assistance through utilizing available resources for the treatment of victims in accordance with local protocols.

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Savannah Fire Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham Fire Department
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department
City of Garden City Fire Department
City of Pooler Fire Department
City of Port Wentworth Fire Department
City of Tybee Island Fire Department
Georgia Forestry Commission
Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department
Isle of Hope Fire Department
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department
165th Airlift Wing Fire Department

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of firefighting services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-10 Hazardous Materials provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-10 is to provide a comprehensive mechanism to ensure the appropriate utilization of hazardous materials resources in response to an actual or potential discharge and/or uncontrolled release of oil or hazardous materials during disasters or emergencies. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-10 Hazardous Materials serves as the mechanism to provide support to local jurisdictions during hazardous materials operations

Scope

ESF-10 acts to meet the hazardous materials and essential elements of information needs of operations by assessing potential impacts to the health of individuals and the environment.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-10 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-10 in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Prepare an inventory of existing threats using SARA Title III and Tier II information.

b. Plan for response to hazardous materials incidents.

c. Develop plans for communications, warning and public information.

d. Develop procedures for identification, control, and clean-up of hazardous materials.

e. Develop and maintain a listing of private contractors capable of performing emergency and/or remedial actions associated with a hazardous materials incident.

f. Maintain current inventories of local assets capable of responding to a hazardous materials incident.

g. Develop plans and/or mutual aid agreements regarding hazardous materials incidents with local agencies, other county agencies, contiguous states, federal agencies, and private organizations as required.

h. Collect and utilize licensing, permitting, monitoring, and/or transportation information from the appropriate local, county, state, or federal agencies and/or private organizations to facilitate emergency response.

i. Establish a structure for reliable communications between supporting entities and the EOC.

j. Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of hazardous materials personnel and resources to support an emergency or disaster response.

k. Ensure all ESF-10 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

     a. Maintain a current listing of available fire service agencies and resource capabilities.

     b. ESF 10 will coordinate, with the Unified/Incident Command, all hazardous substance response specific efforts and provide information to the EOC for coordination of all other municipal efforts.

     c. Provide 24-hour response capability and dispatch personnel to an incident scene as necessary.

     d. ESF 10 will assess the situation to include: the nature, amount and location of real or potential releases of hazardous materials; pathways to human and environmental exposure; probable direction and time of travel of the materials; potential impact on human health, welfare, safety, and the environment; types, availability, and location of response resources, technical support, and cleanup services; and priorities for protecting human health, welfare and the environment.

     e. After reviewing reports, gathering and analyzing information and consulting with appropriate agencies, determine and provide, as available, the necessary level of assistance.

     f. Provide protective action recommendations, as the incident requires.

     g. Provide for monitoring to determine the extent of the contaminated area and consult with appropriate support agencies to provide access and egress control to contaminated areas.

     h. Consult with appropriate local, state, or federal agencies and/or private organizations with regard to the need for decontamination. Coordinate with ESF 8 regarding decontamination of injured or deceased persons.

     i. Coordinate decontamination activities with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies.

     j. Coordinate with appropriate local, state, and federal agencies to ensure the proper disposal of wastes associated with hazardous materials incidents; and assist in monitoring or tracking such shipments to appropriate disposal facilities.

Recovery

     a. Terminate operations when the emergency phase is over and when the area has been stabilized by responsible personnel.

     b. Inventory lost or damaged equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.

Mitigation

      a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-10 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-10 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-10 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-10 Hazardous Materials

Environmental Response/Health and Safety	• Conduct appropriate measures to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and workers, as well as the environment, from all-hazards in support of responder operations and the affected communities. This includes, among other things:
	  ➢ Fixed site hazardous materials incidents
	  ➢ Environmental contamination

Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects and the status of the response. This includes, among other things: ➢ Size, scope and potential cascading effects

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Savannah Fire Department	• Coordinate with other ESFs to consolidate reports of hazmat responses • Maintain contact with municipal liaisons to collect and relay information • Establish a protocol for prioritizing hazmat responses • Coordinate with each supporting agency through ESF meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Plan for, coordinate with and assign responding mutual aid resources as appropriate. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-10 Hazmat

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Coordinate the training of all first responder agency personnel in basic hazmat awareness to assist in recognition of and first-step protection measures for response to hazmat incidents • Coordinate the planning required to identify and plan for known risks within the community, and provide education to the public and continually improve the reaction capabilities of local emergency response agencies • Respond to hazardous material incidents of all types and sizes that warrant a response • Make initial assessments as to the severity/magnitude of the situation • Coordinate appropriate decontamination efforts, as needed • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-10 response and recovery efforts • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Document disaster related activities related to this ESF • Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine incident priorities in support of firefighting operations.

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
City of Garden City Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
City of Pooler Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-9 Search and Rescue
City of Port Wentworth Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
City of Tybee Island Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
Hunter Army Airfield Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
Isle of Hope Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department	• Provide support to hazardous materials operations through the utilization of available resources and personnel to the affected jurisdiction. • Participate in Mutual Aid agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources.
165th Airlift Wing Fire Department	• Provide Military and Aviation hazardous materials support to the Savannah – Hilton Head International Airport. • Participate in Mutual Aid Agreements to support County Firefighting operations and augment resources as necessary.

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Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham County Health Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
American Red Cross
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Salvation Army
Savannah Chatham County Public School System
Savannah Food Truck Association

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Agriculture/Food and Water services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF - 11 is to provide coordination in conjunction with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering for nutrition assistance and administration of the Disaster Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (D-SNAP), ensuring the safety and security of Chatham County's commercial food supply and eradicating highly infectious animal and plant based diseases. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water is designed to provide a framework for the integration of key resources and information for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-11 acts to meet the Agriculture/Food and Water essential elements of information needs of operations to include the provision and protection of the commercial food supply and response to diseases affecting animals and/or plants during an emergency or disaster event.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-11 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Maintain a roster of primary ESF support staff points of contact.

b. Ensure that procedures are established and responsibilities identified for the issuance and distribution for feeding operations.

c. Maintain a listing of potential food resources to include appropriate point of contact information.

d. Coordinate with ESF-8 Health and Medical to ensure food safety inspection and monitoring procedures are established.

e. Coordinate with ESF-8 Health and Medical to ensure the establishment of procedures for the response to a threatened food supply.

f. Establish a process for public notifications regarding suspected and/or contaminated food supplies in conjunction with ESF-8 Health and Medical and ESF-15 External Affairs.

g. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering to identify secured sources of food for distribution during mass feeding operations.

h. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering to establish procedures and determine the availability of personnel and handling equipment to ensure the timely distribution of food and drinking water.

i. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering to determine the availability of personnel and handling equipment to support mass feeding operations.

j. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering for the availability and location of food storage facilities within Chatham County. This may include the ability to store dry, chilled and/or frozen food items.

k. Work with the state Department of Agriculture to assist, when necessary, the surveillance of pests that may pose a potential and/or substantial threat to agriculture, horticulture, the economy or the public health.

l.   Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of services to assist individuals and families affected by the emergency or disaster.

m. Participate in and/or attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.

n. Ensure all ESF-11 support entities integrate NIMS principles throughout planning activities.

Response

a. Coordinate with ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management and ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering to determine the critical feeding needs of disaster survivors and establishment of mass feeding sites, as appropriate.

b. Establish procurement procedures for essential food and necessary supplies that are not available from existing inventories.

c. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering for the incorporation of community resources and personnel for the provision and distribution of food and water and appropriate distribution procedures.

d. Establish procedures for the notification of appropriate state and federal agencies in the event of suspicious activity contributing to the contamination of food supplies.

e. Secure food supplies, transportation assets, and necessary equipment to include storage and/or distribution facilities to support operations.

f.   Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering and ESF-8 Health and Medical to establish guideline for immediate local protective measures concerning a potential threat to the food supply.

g. Coordinate with ESF-13 Law Enforcement for suspected cases of intentional food supply contamination. This may include the use of a chemical or biological agent.

h.   Coordinate the decontamination and/or destruction of animals, plants, cultured aquatic products, food and any associated facilities as necessary.

i.   Support efforts to quarantine, stop the sale or movement of and placement of restrictions upon animals, plants and products as necessary to eradicate diseases and pests.

j.   Coordinate with appropriate entities for technical assistance, equipment, supplies and personnel to respond to animal health emergencies or acts of agro-terrorism that may pose a substantial threat to the state.

k. Coordinate the dissemination of essential public information with ESF-15 External Affairs.

Recovery

a. Coordinate with ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management, ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering and ESF-8 Health and Medical to support existing mass feeding sites to ensure optimal access for public service based upon emergency needs.

b. Coordinate with state agencies as appropriate for the provision of food and water to mass feeding sites.

c. Determine the need for mutual aid assistance and implement request for assistance through local mutual aid agreements of through GEMA/HS.

d. Request Veterinary Medical Assistance Teams (VMATs) as necessary through GEMA/HS.

e. Coordinate operations to ensure appropriate occupational safety measures are followed.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-11 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-11 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-11 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water
Environmental Response/Health and Safety	• Conduct appropriate measures to ensure the protection of the health and safety of the public and workers, as well as the environment, from all-hazards, in support of responder operations and the affected communities. This includes but is not limited to: ➢ Food and Water distribution ➢ Bulk Food Storage

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Coordinate a situational assessment to determine priorities for conducting mass feeding operations within the community. • Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering for the establishment of Mass Feeding Sites. • Coordinate support staffing for the ESF-11 Food and Water Unit within the EOC. • Coordinate the establishment of Points of Distribution and operational procedures. • Ensure agencies providing support to ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water have the necessary guidance and support required to accomplish tasks.

Chatham County Health Department	• Support provisions to ensure food safety and sanitary conditions are maintained during retail food preparation and distribution.
	• Ensure the establishment of food safety inspection and monitoring procedures.
	• Support the Georgia Department of Agriculture as they respond to a threatened food supply.
	• Ensure proper notifications are made to the public during a suspected and/or contaminated food supply event.
	• Coordinate the surveillance of pests and/or animals that may pose a potential or substantial threat to the public health.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	    ➢ Health and Human Services Branch
	    ➢ ESF-8 Health and Medical

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are sufficient in number to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations, as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster response and recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC) and ESF-15 External Affairs. • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate plans, procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, checklists, go-kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC, as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually, as requested.
American Red Cross	• Provide shelter listings for each facility with the names and contact numbers of each facility liaison. • Establish a protocol for prioritizing response actions. • Provide a system for recording incoming requests for sheltering, identifying response assignments and actions to be taken. • Coordinate bulk emergency relief distribution points, when possible. • Coordinate activities with other ESF's, as necessary. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce for awareness and support, if possible. Coordinate the release of public information regarding the locations of shelters with ESF-15 External Affairs.

Supporting Agency	Actions
American Red Cross (Continued)	- Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ EOC Liaison
America's Second Harvest of Coastal Georgia	- Provide feeding support to disaster survivors. - Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce - Provide critical workforce sheltering location for EOC personnel, as necessary. - Provide feeding operations assistance to the general population, when available. - Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-11 Agriculture / Food/Water
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee	- Request volunteer agencies and private sector entities with resources contribute those assets to the response and recovery effort. - Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce - Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position as necessary: ➢ Volunteers & Donations
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief	- Provide listings of mass feeding sites and contact numbers for each site manager. - Establish a protocol for prioritizing response actions. - Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. - Coordinate the release of public information regarding the locations of mass feeding sites with ESF-15 External Affairs.
Georgia Department of Agriculture	- Provide support to ESF-11 Agriculture/Food and Water through the provision of technical assistance, available resources and support for pre-event and post-event animal rescue and evacuations. - Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position as necessary: ➢ EOC Liaison

Supporting Agency	Actions
Salvation Army	• Provide resources to support mass feeding operations. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Provide canteen services to members of Chatham County's Critical Workforce and supporting emergency responders.

Savannah Chatham County Public School System	• Provide support to mass feeding operations through utilization of equipment, facilities and necessary resources.
	• Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce.
	• Coordinate the release of public information regarding the locations of mass feeding sites with ESF-15 External Affairs.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	   ➢ SCCPSS Transportation
	   ➢ SCCPSS Police and Facilities

Savannah Food Truck Association	• Identify and secure food items to support mass feeding operations. • Provide certified food truck vendors to support the overall feeding strategy. • Participate in the Chatham County Mass Feeding Taskforce. • Provide for the proper storage of food provided during the emergency or disaster event.

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Energy / Utilities

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Chatham County Public Works Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Atlanta Gas Light
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
City of Bloomingdale Public Works Department
City of Garden City Public Works Department
City of Pooler Public Works Department
City of Port Wentworth Public Works Department
City of Savannah Infrastructure and Development
City of Savannah Sanitation Department
City of Tybee Island Public Works Department
Georgia Power
Town of Thunderbolt Public Works Department
United States Army Corps of Engineers

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of public works and engineering involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-12 Energy / Utilities supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency on Chatham County's energy and utility networks. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-12 is designed to ensure seamless integration of key energy and utility resources to manage fuel shortages, power outages, and other associated activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-12 acts to meet the energy and utility essential elements of information needs of operations to include gas, electric and other infrastructure systems in an emergency or a disaster. This ESF is structured to coordinate the provision of emergency supply and transportation of fuel and the provision of emergency power to support immediate

response operations, as well as restoring the normal supply of power. This ESF will work closely with local and state agencies, energy suppliers and distributors.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-12 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-12 Energy / Utilities in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Estimate logistical requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises.

b. Develop and maintain resource lists to support ESF-12 operations utilizing both public and private sector entities.

c. Pursue Memorandums of Agreement and/or contracts to support ESF-12 resource needs.

d. Establish and maintain contact with the state and adjacent county public works officials.

e. In coordination with public and private utilities, establish priorities to repair damaged energy systems and coordinate the provision of temporary, alternate, or interim sources of natural gas supply petroleum fuels, and electric power.

f. Participate in exercises and training.

g. Ensure all ESF-12 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Analyze affected areas to determine operational priorities and emergency repair procedures with utility field personnel. Provide status of energy resources to the EOC Operations Group as required.

b. In coordination with public and private utilities, prioritize rebuilding processes to restore utilities in affected areas.

c. Locate fuel for emergency operations.

d. Activate contracts to support operations, as needed.

e. Coordinate with GEMA for the use of state assets.

f. Report the locations of damage to utility infrastructure, degree of damage, and other available information to the EOC.

g. Maintain continual status of energy systems and the progress of restoration.

h. Recommend energy conservation measures, as needed.

i. Coordinate emergency information for public release through ESF-15.

j. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans.

Recovery

a. Maintain coordination with all supporting agencies and organizations on operational priorities and emergency repair and restoration.

b. Continue to provide energy emergency information, education and conservation guidance to the public in coordination with ESF-15.

c. Coordinate the repair and restoration of energy infrastructure.

d. Ensure that ESF-12 team members and/or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the incident.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-12 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-12 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-12 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-12 Public Works and Engineering
Infrastructure Systems	• Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community. This includes, among other things: ➢ Energy network assessment ➢ Restoration of energy services

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Public Works Department	• Coordinate with applicable energy providers to provide current status of operations, future actions and any resource gaps • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary • Conduct impact assessments within affected areas • Coordinate with municipal public works departments • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➢ ESF-3 & ESF-12 • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations • Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness

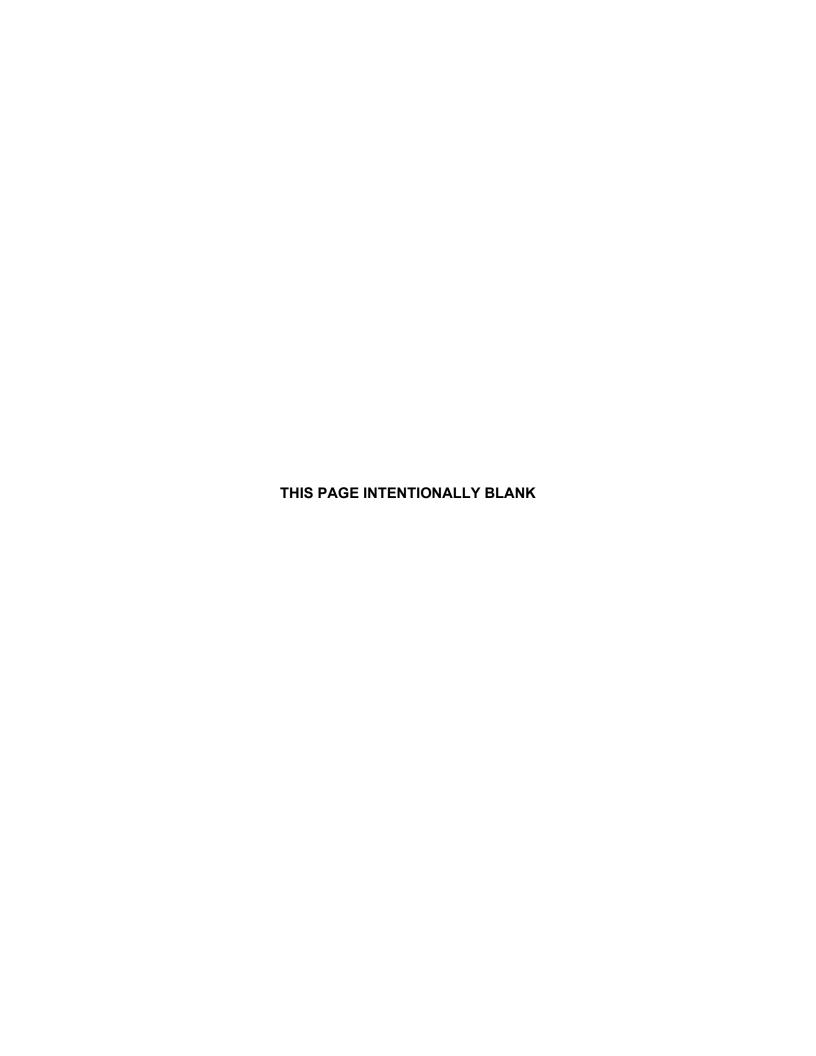| Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Immediately following an emergency or disaster, assess the overall status of the energy infrastructure within the area of responsibility, determine potential needs & resources, report status to ESF-12 Coordinator • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-12 response and recovery efforts • Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF • Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to measure the Agency's readiness to support this ESF • Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center as needed • Document disaster related activities related to this ESF • Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations
Atlanta Gas Light	• Provide status of infrastructure to the EOC, as needed
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Provide ESF-12 Coordinator with guidance and support required to accomplish assigned tasks

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Bloomingdale Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
City of Garden City Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
City of Pooler Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
City of Port Wentworth Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
City of Savannah Infrastructure and Development	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality.

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Savannah Infrastructure and Development (continued)	• Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
City of Savannah Sanitation Division	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality
City of Tybee Island Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
Georgia Power	• Provide status of power infrastructure • Coordinate power restoration, as needed • Render downed powerlines safe to be cleared from roadways • Support county and local governments with resources and technical support, as needed • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer
Town of Thunderbolt Public Works Department	• Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs • Repair/maintain appropriate public works infrastructures • Coordinate debris operations within appropriate municipality • Coordinate priority re-entry route clearance within appropriate municipality • Activate contracts to support operations, as necessary • Request additional support, as necessary
United States Army Corps of Engineers	• Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Liaison Officer

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Law Enforcement

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City of Garden City Police Department
City of Pooler Police Department
City of Port Wentworth Police Department
City of Tybee Island Police Department
CSX Police Department
Federal Protective Service
Georgia Bureau of Investigations
Georgia Port Authority
Georgia Southern University Police Department
Georgia State Patrol
Georgia Tech Police
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department
Savannah Chatham County Public School System Police Department
Savannah Hilton-Head International Airport Police Department
Savannah Police Department
Savannah State University Police Department
Savannah Tech Police Department
Town of Thunderbolt Police Department
U.S. Coast Guard/Marine Safety Unit
U.S. Customs and Border Protection
U.S. Transportation Security Administration

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of law enforcement involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-13 Law Enforcement Annex supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency on Chatham County. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-13 Law Enforcement is designed to ensure seamless integration of law enforcement resources and information for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities to address an emergency or disaster.

Scope

ESF-13 acts to meet the law enforcement and essential elements of information needs of operations to include disturbances, civil unrest and curfews in emergency or a disaster. This ESF is structured to oversee public safety needs of the community.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-13 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-13 Law Enforcement in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Analyze hazards and determine law enforcement support requirements including the need to preposition necessary assets.

b. Develop and maintain a listing of all available resources.

c. Identify agencies, organizations and individuals with the capability to support operations.

d. Establish and maintain liaison with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies.

e. Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of law enforcement personnel and resources to support an emergency or disaster response.

f. Establish procedures for the identification, location, removal and disposition of the deceased.

g. Participate in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate capabilities to support this ESF.

h. Ensure all ESF-13 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Secure evacuated areas, including safeguarding critical facilities and controlling entry and exit points to the disaster area as necessary.

b. Activate existing MOA's with supporting entities as appropriate.

c. Coordinate with ESF-5 Emergency Management/Planning to request additional resources as necessary.

d. Provide security to the EOC.

e. Provide warning and communications assistance in support of ESF-2 Communications.

f. Provide support to county evacuation plans through the provision of traffic control, communications, area patrols and security for shelter locations.

g. Pre-position response resources when it is apparent that resources may be necessary.

h. Coordinate with law enforcement agencies responding from an outside jurisdiction.

i. Control vehicle and individual access to restricted areas.

j. Coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs for the collection and dissemination of necessary public information.

Recovery

a. Continue operations as necessary to ensure the protection of life and property.

b. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery.

c. Provide assistance during the return of evacuees.

d. Inventory lost or damage equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.

e. Conduct reviews of Law Enforcement operations with teams involved to improve future responses.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-13 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-13 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-13 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-13 Law Enforcement
On-scene Security, Protection and Law Enforcement	• Ensure a safe and secure environment through law enforcement and related security and protection operations for people and communities located within affected areas and also for response personnel engaged in lifesaving and life-sustaining operations. This includes, among other things: ➢ Provide Warnings and Communications ➢ Conduct Area Patrols ➢ Ensure Safety and Security ➢ Conduct Traffic Control

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Police Department	• Conduct a situational assessment and prioritize response actions. • Identify and facilitate resolution of area responsibility among supporting agencies. • Establish and maintain communications with municipal liaisons to collect and relay pertinent information. • Provide technical assistance on policy issues. • Coordinate with other ESFs to consolidate reports and eliminate the duplication of efforts. • Coordinate with each support agency through meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Serve as a liaison between the EOC and state operations center concerning law enforcement activities. • Provide assistance to ESF-15 External Affairs regarding the dissemination of public information concerning law enforcement activities.

Coordinating Agency	Actions

	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	    ➢ Public Safety Branch
	    ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement
	    ➢ EOC Security

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Support Agencies	• Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities.
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested
Chatham County Sheriff's Office	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate

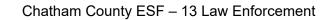| Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate a situational assessment to determine incident priorities in support of law enforcement operations.

Chatham – Savannah Counter Narcotics Team	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate
	• Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	    ➢ Public Safety Branch
	    ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement

City of Bloomingdale Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
City of Garden City Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
City of Pooler Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
City of Port Wentworth Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate
City of Port Wentworth Police Department (Continued)	• Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
City of Tybee Island Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
CSX Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Federal Protective Service	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Georgia Bureau of Investigations	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Georgia Port Authority	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ GPA LNO
Georgia Southern University Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Georgia State Patrol	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Georgia State Patrol
Georgia Tech Police	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate.
Georgia Tech Police (Continued)	• Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Savannah Chatham County Public School System Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following Positions: ➢ SCCPSS Police and Facilities

Supporting Agency	Actions
Savannah Hilton-Head International Airport Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Savannah Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Savannah State University Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Savannah Tech Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Town of Thunderbolt Police Department	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
U.S. Coast Guard / Marine Safety Unit	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
U.S. Customs and Border Protection	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
U.S. Transportation Security Administration	• Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.

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Emergency Support Function – 14
Private Sector

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ESF – 14 Private Sector

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Savannah Economic Development Authority

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Buy Local Savannah
Greater Savannah Black Chamber of Commerce
Metropolitan Savannah Area Hispanic Chamber of Commerce
Pooler Chamber of Commerce
Port Wentworth Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Downtown Business Association
Savannah Waterfront Association
South of DeRenne Avenue
Tourism Leadership Council – Savannah

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of private sector involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-14 Private Sector Annex supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate the effects of a disaster or emergency on Chatham County's Private Sector community. This, however, is not a tactical response document. ESF-14 Private Sector is designed to ensure communication, resources and information for preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation activities to address an emergency or disaster are occurring between both the public and private sectors.

Scope

ESF-14 acts to assist business and industry in disaster preparedness, response, mitigation and recovery actions in response to an emergency or disaster.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-14 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate staffing for the Private Sector Liaison position within the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Preparedness

a. Develop strategies in coordination with CEMA to incorporate private sector/businesses into ESF-14.

b. Conduct outreach activities for private sector preparedness, such as a lessons learned workshop.

c. Inform businesses of re-entry procedures. Encourage registration for re-entry permits through the Georgia Emergency Management Agency/ Homeland Security.

d. Determine which industries may be willing to assist with disaster operations.

e. Develop necessary MOU's and MOA's with identified membership organizations to support disaster response and recovery operations.

f. Coordinate with identified organizations to maintain membership lists of commercial and industrial suppliers of services and products to include points of contact associated with business and industry related functions.

g. Participate in training and/or exercises on an annual basis. Topics should include business continuity and private sector plan development for natural and man-made disasters.

h. Ensure all ESF-14 personnel integrate NIMS principles, where possible.

Response

a. Facilitate information sharing between government entities and private sector stakeholders.

b. Amplify emergency response messaging and communicate risk/vulnerability to business and industry stakeholders.

c. Assist the EOC with developing protection and response priorities for private sector critical lifelines and other economic/business centers.

d. Coordinate with business community needing assistance, as well as those that can donate support and how to receive support.

    e.   Assist with facilitation of in-kind and monetary donations from businesses.

Recovery

    a.   Assist EOC with restoration and recovery priorities and plans for private sector critical lifelines and other economic and business sectors.

    b.   Assist EOC with gathering damage assessment information for private sector organizations.

    c.   Amplify recovery messaging and communicate recovery resources (Small Business Administration – SBA) to business and industry stakeholders.

    d.   Coordinate with business community needing assistance, as well as those that can donate support and how to receive support.

Mitigation

    a.   Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-14 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-14 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-14 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-14 Private Sector
Community Resilience	• Enable the recognition, understanding, communication of, and planning for risk and empower individuals and communities to make informed risk management decisions necessary to adapt to, withstand, and quickly recover from future incidents. This includes, but is not limited to: ➢ Business Continuity ➢ Operational Coordination ➢ Hazard Mitigation
Risk and Disaster Resilience Assessment	• Assess risk and disaster resilience so that decision makers, responders, and community members can take informed action to reduce their entity's risk and increase their resilience. This includes, but is not limited to: ➢ Hazard Mitigation ➢ Business Continuity

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Savannah Economic Development Authority	• Coordinate with private sector businesses and provide information to the EOC. • Coordinate the identification of businesses and industry needing immediate assistance. • Provide input on operational needs for restoration of business and industry during an emergency. • Provide virtual support to the EOC, if requested.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Coordinate ESF-14 administrative, management, planning, training and preparedness activities. • Coordinate with ESF-14 stakeholders to provide pertinent emergency information. • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Assist in the identification of businesses and industry needing immediate assistance. • Coordinate with business community needing assistance to amplify messaging from government sources. • Collect information and refer private sector organizations that are interested in donating either in-kind or monetary donations to non-profit organizations providing relief efforts. • Collaborate with the business community to create local employment opportunities that accelerate disaster recovery efforts. For example, encourage private sector partnerships to prioritize hiring displaced workers. • Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation, as needed, to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF. • Participate in training, exercises, and other preparedness events to support the readiness of this ESF. • Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center virtually, as needed. • Document disaster-related activities in alignment with this ESF to ensure eligibility for federal public assistance. Detailed records of actions, such as resource use, personnel hours, and expenditures, are critical for securing reimbursement through programs like FEMA's Public Assistance Program. This documentation promotes

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (continued)	• transparency, expedites funding, offsets financial burdens, and strengthens long-term resilience by demonstrating compliance with federal requirements.

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External Affairs

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Chatham County Public Information Office

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
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Chatham County Police Department
Chatham County Sheriff's Office
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham Emergency Services
Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team
City of Bloomingdale
City of Garden City
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Savannah Hilton Head International Airport
Savannah State University Police Department
Savannah Technical College Police Department
South University
St. Joseph/Candler Hospital
Town of Thunderbolt
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of External Affairs involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-15 External Affairs provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-15 is to ensure the provision of coordinated, accurate and timely information delivery to affected audiences, including members of government, local news media, the private sector and the general populace during an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-15 External Affairs establishes a framework for the prevention of inaccurate information dissemination, rumor control and the identification of necessary actions to be taken by the general public.

Scope

ESF-15 acts to meet the External Affairs and essential elements of information needs of operations through the establishment of a countywide public information program that establishes a unified voice across organizations and ensures the timely and accurate delivery of public information.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-15 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-15 External Affairs in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Establish and maintain a media directory.

b. Develop a public information program to educate the public regarding the effects of common emergency and disaster situations. This includes things such as the development of an emergency go-kit, understanding their evacuation zone and the explanation of watches/warnings.

c. Establish plans/procedures to conduct a multi-agency/jurisdictional coordinated public information program during emergencies or disasters, to include the establishment of a Joint Information Center (JIC).

d. Establish plans/procedures for the coordination of public information with local, state, national and international media outlets before, during and after an emergency or disaster event.

e. Conduct training to educate news media outlets that ESF-15 External Affairs serves as the primary source for information during an emergency or disaster event.

f. Establish procedures to ensure a unified media release is utilized by support entities.

g. Designate a liaison to communication with local, state and federal governments and ensure proper handling of inquiries.

h. Support disaster public awareness initiatives through dissemination of information, news articles, Public Service Announcements and presentation of audio-visual materials.

i. Develop procedures to organize and operate a media briefing area and/or a JIC.

j. Develop and maintain pre-scripted emergency alert messages, news releases and public service announcements for all hazards to include tropical storm and hurricane information, rainwater flooding, storm surge watches/warnings and tornado watches/warnings.

k. Establish communication resources to provide people with sensory disability (e.g. visually and hearing impaired) and non-English speaking persons with critical information pertaining to the emergency or disaster event.

l. Ensure agencies and/or organizations that have functional support responsibilities coordinate the dissemination of essential public information with ESF-15.

m. Develop a briefing and reporting system to include an EOC briefing, situation report and public information request format in conjunction with ESF-5 Planning/Emergency Management.

n. Ensure necessary reporting information and formats are shared with agencies and/or organizations identified to have a primary functional support responsibility.

o. Ensure all ESF-15 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Maintain a system to ensure accurate dissemination of relevant information to include the location, type of hazard, extent of damage, casualties, operational shelters, evacuation routes and other identified protective actions.

b. Establish a timeframe for the notification and dissemination of information to local media outlets regarding an emergency or disaster event.

c. Establish procedures for the notification of entities whose personnel, equipment or other necessary resources may be utilized to support response and recovery operations.

d. Ensure timely and accurate emergency alert messages and news releases are disseminated to the general public utilizing common language and terminology.

e. Ensure the delivery of essential public information to identified vulnerable populations.

f. Execute a multi-agency/jurisdiction coordinated public information program to include the establishment of a Joint Information Center.

g. Establish an area for media briefings and/or press conferences and conduct briefings in a timely manner.

h. Identify appropriate spokespersons from local government, agencies and/or organizations and ensure the establishment of media responsibilities.

i. Ensure the timely and continuous dissemination of incident information updates throughout the emergency or disaster event.

j. Provide advanced media releases to the State Operations Center.

k. Prepare EOC briefings and situation reports for mapping to keep local government and emergency management officials, state and federal agencies/organizations informed of the severity and magnitude of the incident.

l. Provide technical assistance information and analysis upon request of the CEMA Director or EOC Manager.

m. Arrange and coordinate supplemental public information operations when necessary and as resources allow.

n. Coordinate information dissemination with other jurisdictions that share the media market.

o. Ensure the proper recording and tracking of information that may be necessary for a disaster declaration.

Recovery

a. Continue provision of public safety and other necessary assistance information throughout the recovery phase.

b. Process and disseminate disaster welfare and family reunification information.

Mitigation

    a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-15 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-15 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-15 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-15 External Affairs
Public Information and Warning	• Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate.

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Public Information Office	• Establish a protocol for prioritizing response activities. • Identify and plan for public education campaigns throughout preparedness, response and recovery phases. • Ensure coordination with other ESFs for the timely and accurate dissemination of public information. • Coordinate with the CEMA Director to identify key messages that the public must be aware of and ensure regular communications throughout the incident. • Coordinate public information throughout the incident beginning with the initial notification and continuing into the final recovery information. • Coordinate media interviews and media inquiries. • Maintain contact with municipal public information officers to ensure the collection and sharing of information.

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Public Information Office (Continued)	• Coordinate social media efforts to ensure accurate information is released, rumor monitoring is being conducted and timely information is being disseminated. • Maintain resources to establish a Joint Information Center if needed during an emergency or disaster event. • Maintain an updated contact list for ESF-15. • Coordinate and maintain the Chatham County Public Information Officers Association. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-15 External Affairs

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend scheduled meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested.

Supporting Agency	Actions

Chatham County Health Department	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.
	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	  ➢ Health and Human Services Branch
	  ➢ ESF-8 Health and Medical

Chatham County Police Department	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.
	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	  ➢ Public Safety Branch
	  ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement
	  ➢ EOC Security

Chatham County Sheriff's Office	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Conduct a situational assessment and determine the need for public information support. •
Chatham Emergency Services	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Chatham Emergency Services (Continued)	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:

Supporting Agency	Actions
	➢ Emergency Medical Services ➢ ESF-4 Firefighting

Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.
	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	    ➢ Public Safety Branch
	    ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement

City of Bloomingdale	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
City of Garden City	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
City of Pooler	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
City of Port Wentworth	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
City of Savannah	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.

Supporting Agency	Actions
City of Savannah (Continued)	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
City of Tybee Island	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
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Georgia Port Authority	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ GPA LNO
Georgia Southern University – Armstrong Campus Police	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Georgia State Patrol	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Georgia State Patrol
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Memorial University Medical Center	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Hospitals
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Private Sector Business LNO

Savannah Chatham County Public School System	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.
	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions:
	   ➢ SCCPSS Transportation
	   ➢ SCCPSS Police and Facilities

Savannah College of Art and Design	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Savannah Hilton Head International Airport	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ SHHIA LNO
Savannah State University Police Department	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
Savannah Technical College Police Department	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
South University	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
St. Joseph/Candler Hospital	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Hospitals
Town of Thunderbolt	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public. • Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center.
Town of Thunderbolt (Continued)	• Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event.
U.S. Army Corps of Engineers	• Provide support to ensure a unified message is delivered to the public.

Supporting Agency	Actions
	• Provide logistical and resource support during the establishment of a Joint Information Center. • Provide logistical and resource support if requested during a smaller event. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ USACE LNO

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Community Alerting

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ESF – 16 Community Alerting

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham Emergency Management Agency

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham County Information and Communications Systems
Chatham County Public Information Office

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Community Alerting involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-16 Community Alerting provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. The mission of ESF-16 is to provide a framework of processes, organizational rules, communications protocols and behavioral standards that enable rapid decision making and effective communications during an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-16 Community Alerting serves as a platform for the coordinated, accurate and timely dissemination of emergency notifications, alerts and warnings prior to, during and after an emergency or disaster event.

Scope

ESF-16 acts to meet the Community Alerting and essential elements of information needs of operations through establishing governance, coordinating with stakeholders, embracing the whole community, developing policies and procedures, delivering actionable messages, conducting training/exercises and correcting misinformation.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-16 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-16 Community Alerting in the EOC.

Preparedness

    a. Research and incorporate new technologies for the dissemination of emergency alerts and warnings.

    b. Establish and maintain a countywide Emergency Alert System Plan.

    c. Develop procedures identifying the proper chain of command for initiating, cancelling, and revoking emergency alerts and for rapidly correcting and updating alert information as additional details become available.

    d. Ensure coordination with jurisdictional, state and federal stakeholders regarding the dissemination of alerts and warnings that relate to hazards affecting multiple jurisdictions.

    e. Develop a countywide emergency alerting strategy that meets the needs of the whole community, including those with access and functional needs.

    f. Obtain authority and tools for accessing federal warning systems as a Collaborative Operating Group via the FEMA Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).

    g. Ensure processes are in place to maintain security across all networks, devices, systems and user interfaces.

    h. Conduct testing, training and exercises of alert and warning systems with stakeholders on a routine basis to ensure proficiencies.

    i. Develop internal safeguards across the entire alert and warning lifecycle, including both human and machine, in order to protect against system misuse and prevent false messaging.

    j. Ensure all ESF-16 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

    a. Coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs to develop comprehensive, targeted and specific messaging to ensure that recipients receive actionable communications during an emergency or disaster event.

    b. Maintain situational awareness throughout the emergency or disaster event to prevent the spreading of inaccurate information and to provide situational updates and necessary courses of action.

    c. Establish communications with stakeholders to ensure the delivery of unified messaging when notifying, alerting or warning the public during an emergency or disaster event.

d. Identify and establish trigger points throughout the emergency or disaster event to eliminate alert and warning issuance and dissemination delays.

e. Utilize all available alerting and warning platforms to confirm the importance of the message and encourage the taking of protective actions.

f. Avoid alerting fatigue by only disseminating messages that pertain to the immediate threat of life, health, public safety, security or property and require immediate action.

Recovery

a. Maintain situational awareness and disseminate alerts and warnings that require immediate action to ensure the safety of life and property.

b. Coordinate with ESF-15 External Affairs to ensure that a unified message is being delivered, appropriate actions are being taken and misinformation is being corrected.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-16 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-16 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-16 actions supporting the capability.

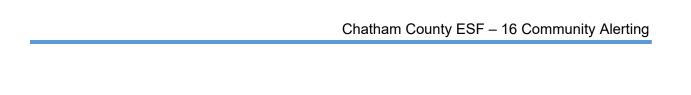| Core Capability	ESF-16 Community Alerting
Public Information and Warning	• Deliver coordinated, prompt, reliable and actionable information to the whole community through the use of clear, consistent, accessible, and culturally and linguistically appropriate methods to effectively relay information regarding any threat or hazard, as well as the actions being taken and the assistance being made available, as appropriate. This includes but is not limited to: ➢ Social Media ➢ CEMA Alert

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	- Maintain Situational Awareness to ensure the dissemination of emergency alerts and warnings that provide accurate and timely information, provide necessary protective actions and identify potential adverse impacts of the incident. - Develop policies and procedures identifying roles and responsibilities pertaining to the issuance and coordinated dissemination of alerts and warnings to the public. - Ensure whole community inclusion and understand the different methods by which individuals receive, interpret and respond to messages. - Incorporate internal safeguards to protect against system misuse and prevent false messaging. - Conduct regular tests, trainings and/or exercises to determine local capabilities and incorporate lessons learned into future operations. - Monitor misinformation and establish safeguards that err on the side of public safety throughout the emergency or disaster event.

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	- Coordinate with each support agency through at least quarterly meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. - Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. - Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. - Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. - Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. - Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). - Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities.

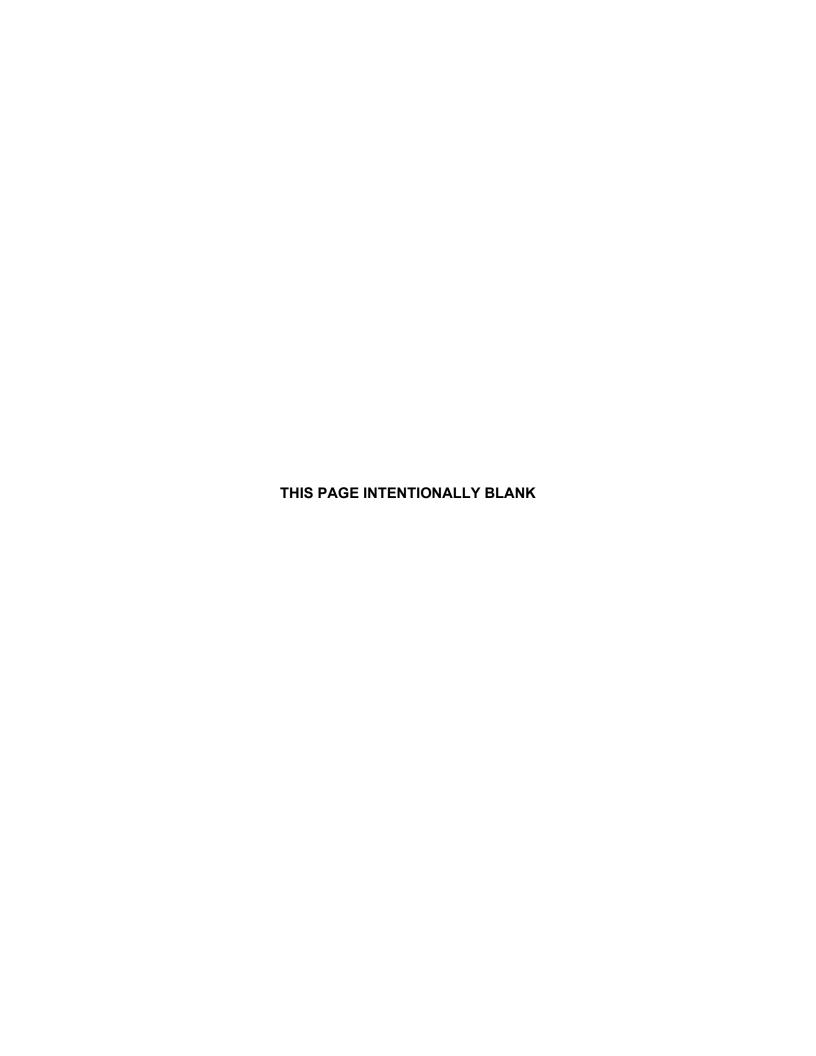| Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	• Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested.
Chatham County Information and Communications Services	• Conduct a risk assessment and vulnerability analysis of the overall emergency alert system to include the network, software, and operational procedures to identify and mitigate cyber vulnerabilities, threats and risks. • Evaluate the likelihood and potential impact of cyber threats and prioritize mitigation efforts accordingly. • Develop security policies based upon a user's role. • Maintain policies on the installation and use of programs, devices and internet browsing. • Establish password policies regarding length, combination of letter cases and special characters, and expiration periods that will require users to change passwords on a regular, pre-determined basis. • Utilize multi-factor authentication processes. • Establish a review process of the alert and warning network in order to eliminate dissemination of erroneous information. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ Technology and Communications Support
Chatham County Public Information Office	• Ensure coordination for the timely and accurate dissemination of public information. • Coordinate social media efforts to ensure accurate information is released, rumor monitoring is being conducted and timely information is being disseminated. • Identify new and available platforms for the dissemination of emergency public information reflective of the whole community. • Develop and maintain pre-scripted emergency alert and warning messages.

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham County Public Information Office (Continued)	• Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➢ ESF-15 External Affairs

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Emergency Support Function – 17
Damage Assessment

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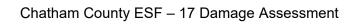| Agency	Name, Title	Date of Delivery	Copies

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ESF – 17 Damage Assessment

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham County Board of Assessors
Chatham County Building Safety & Regulatory Services
Chatham County Occupational Safety & Risk Management
Chatham Emergency Management Agency

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Chatham County Department of Engineering
Chatham County Facilities Maintenance & Operations
Chatham County Fleet Operations
Chatham County Information & Communication Systems
Chatham County Parks & Recreation
Chatham County Public Works
Chatham Emergency Services
Municipalities

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of damage assessment involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

ESF-17 Damage Assessment Annex supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance for damage assessment in the preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation phases. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-17 Damage Assessment is designed to ensure timely and seamless integration of damage assessment resources following an emergency or disaster affecting Chatham County.

Damage assessment provides the basis for the Governor to proclaim an emergency or disaster and/or request Federal assistance. The damage assessment program is essential in a disaster situation to evaluate the cost of damages and/or loss to infrastructure, property and equipment. Information collected from damage assessments is used to request a disaster declaration for Individual Assistance (IA) and/or Public Assistance (PA).

Scope

ESF-17 conducts damage assessments necessary to develop a common operating picture. These operations are critical in determining what support may be needed following an emergency or disaster, as well as determining disaster declaration eligibility.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-17 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-17 Damage Assessment in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Identify priority areas to conduct damage assessments.

b. Establish pre-identified damage assessment teams.

c. Ensure publicly owned infrastructure and equipment is properly insured.

d. Participate in exercises and training.

e. Estimate logistical requirements (personnel, supplies, equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises.

f. Ensure all ESF-17 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. In conjunction with ESF-5, determine the need to deploy damage assessment teams.

b. Collect damage assessment information, determine net losses for public assistance category expenses. Submit information to ESF-5.

c. Direct damage assessment teams to priority areas.

d. Coordinate with ESF-6 to determine areas that may need additional mass care support (shelter, feeding, POD's etc.)

e. Coordinate emergency information for public release through ESF-15.

f. Prepare damage assessment reports.

g. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans.

Recovery

a. Provide damage assessment coordinators for Joint Preliminary Damage Assessments with State and Federal officials.

b. Work with insurance providers to repair damages to public infrastructure, buildings and equipment.

c. Provide net loss information for public assistance costs to appropriate jurisdictional finance entity.

Mitigation

a. Encourage construction enhancements or structural retrofits that minimize damage from disasters.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-17 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-17 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-17 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-17 Damage Assessment
Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response. This includes, among other things: ➢ Public Assistance Damage Assessment ➢ Individual Assistance Damage Assessment

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Building Safety & Regulatory Services	• Prioritize damage assessment areas • Coordinate IA damage assessments • Prepare damage assessment reports • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Damage Assessment

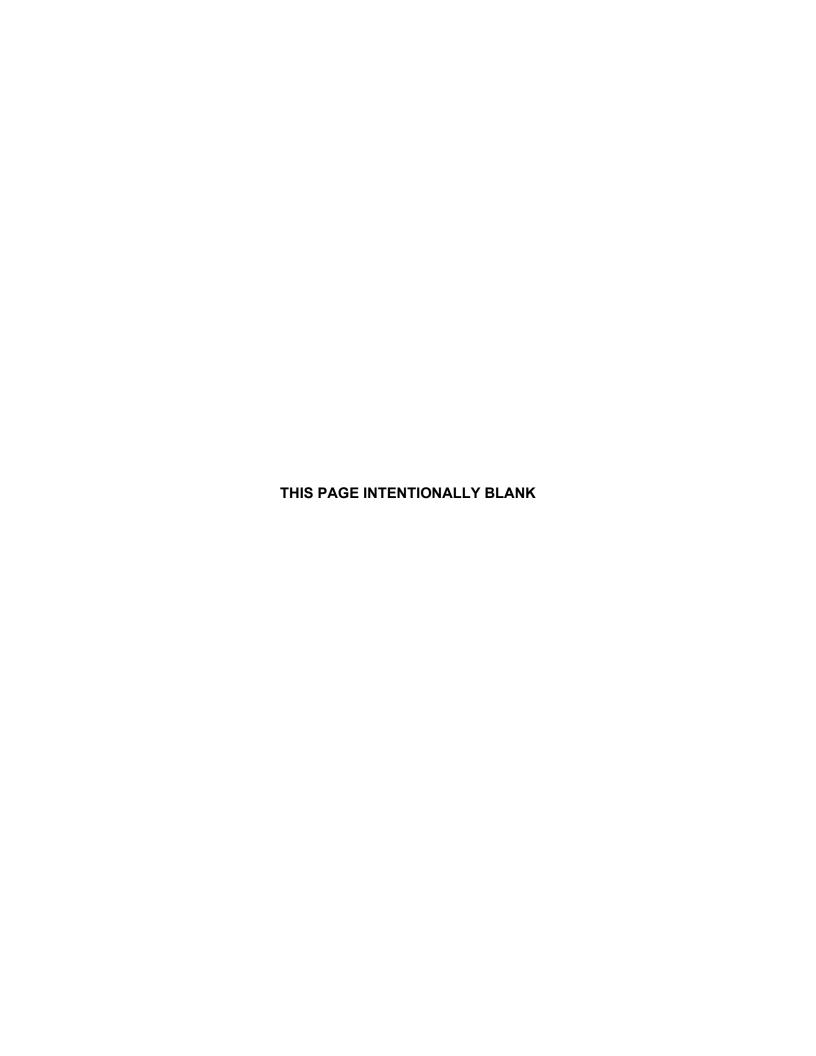| Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Occupational Safety & Risk Management	• Prioritize PA damage assessment areas • Coordinate PA damage assessments • Prepare damage assessment reports • Develop & maintain insurance information • Submit net loss information to Chatham County Finance
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	• Determine the need to activate damage assessment teams • Collect damage assessment information from municipalities • Submit damage assessment information to GEMA • Coordinate with other ESF's to provide necessary support to impacted areas • Coordinate ESF meetings

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Immediately following an emergency or disaster conduct IA or PA damage assessments • Provide necessary staffing to complete assessments • Attend ESF meetings to ensure planning and coordination functions are carried out to support this ESF • Provide additional resources as available to support ESF-17 response and recovery efforts • Develop appropriate plans, policies, procedures, mutual aid agreements, and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of responsibilities to this ESF • Participate in drills, exercises, and other preparedness events to measure the Agency's readiness to support this ESF • Prepare to support the Emergency Operations Center as needed • Document disaster related activities related to this ESF • Prepare to collect and maintain records of expenditures and document resource utilized during response and recovery operations
Chatham County Board of Assessors	• Support IA damage assessments
Chatham County Department of Engineering	• Support PA damage assessments
Chatham County Facilities Maintenance & Operations	• Support PA damage assessments

Supporting Agency	Actions
Chatham County Fleet Operations	• Provide repair/replacement estimates for damage county vehicles/equipment • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Transportation Ground Support
Chatham County Information & Communication Systems	• Support PA damage assessments • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ ESF-2 IT & Communications
Chatham County Parks & Recreation	• Support PA damage assessments
Chatham County Public Works	• Support PA damage assessments
Chatham Emergency Services	• Support IA damage assessments
Municipalities	• Conduct IA damage assessments • Conduct PA damage assessments • Provide security for damage assessment teams • Report net PA losses to CEMA • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC position as needed: ➢ Municipal Liaison

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Animal Services

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ESF – 18 Animal Services

ESF COORDINATOR:
Chatham County Animal Services

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
Georgia Department of Agriculture
Humane Society of Greater Savannah
Oatland Island Wildlife Center

INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of Animal Services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster.

Purpose

The ESF-18 Animal Services Annex supports the EOP and complies with standards set forth in the National Response Framework. This document provides guidance pertaining to the safety and well-being of animals including companion animals during an emergency or disaster event. This however is not a tactical response document. ESF-18 Animal Services is designed to ensure timely and seamless integration of animal services resources following an emergency or disaster affecting Chatham County.

Scope

ESF-18 provides a framework for the identification and coordination of transportation assets, in conjunction with ESF-1 Transportation, to assist with the evacuation of pets and for the identification, staffing and support of pet-friendly shelters, animal shelters, and pet and/or animal confinement/quarantine areas during an emergency or disaster event.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-18 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-18 Animal Services in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Develop plans and/or procedures providing for the coordinated and safe evacuation of pets and animals during an emergency or disaster event.

b. Ensure coordination with appropriate entities to provide vaccinations to pets and animals prior to transport and/or sheltering during an emergency or disaster event.

c. Develop and maintain a listing of all identified animal shelter and confinement areas that are available to provide support during an emergency or disaster event.

d. Coordinate with ESF-6 Mass Care/Sheltering to identify potential pet-friendly shelters in proximity to approved emergency shelter locations.

e. Coordinate and/or participate in the development of public service announcements to increase the awareness of the public regarding animal directives and available pet options during an emergency or disaster event.

f. Coordinate the development of MOA's with appropriate agencies/organizations for the provision of services to assist individuals and families affected by the emergency or disaster.

g. Ensure the development of procedures for the humane re-entry of animals post event and reunification with their owners.

h. Participate in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate available animal and animal industry response capabilities.

i. Ensure all ESF-18 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Coordinate the evacuation of animals from risk areas and provide technical assistance to prevent injury to animals and the dissemination of diseases.

b. Ensure the provision of care for livestock and other animals impacted by the emergency or disaster event.

c. Coordinate with local public, private and Non-Governmental Organizations to provide support to include equipment and technical assistance for the sheltering and stabling of both large and small animals during an emergency or disaster event.

Recovery

a. Ensure coordination with regional and state assets as appropriate.

b. Provide support to State of Georgia Animal Rescue Teams.

c. Provide support to agencies with long-term maintenance, placement or disposition of animals that cannot be returned to their normal habitat or which have been separated from their owners.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multi-jurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-18 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location, as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-18 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-18 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-18 Animal Services
Situational Assessment	• Provide all decision makers with decision-relevant information regarding the nature and extent of the hazard, any cascading effects, and the status of the response. This includes but is not limited to: ➤ Size, Scope and potential cascading effects.

Responsibilities

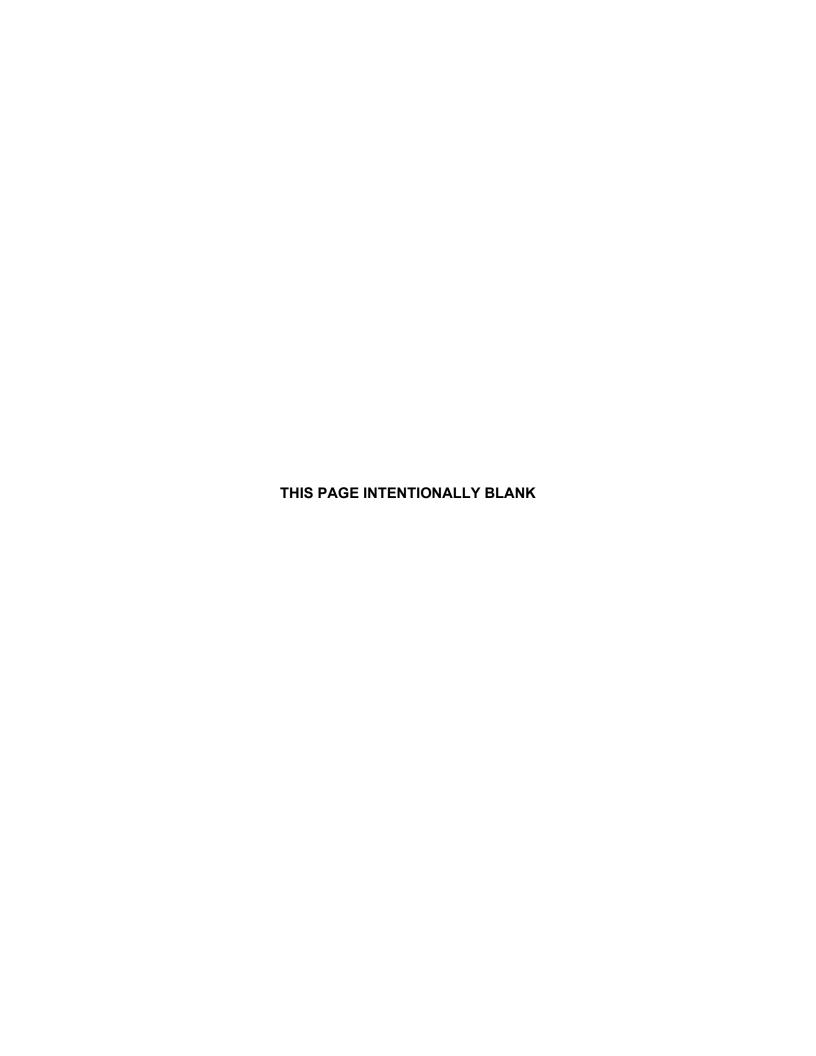| Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Animal Services	• Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Coordinate resources to support pets and service animals at the County Evacuation Assembly Area upon activation. • Coordinate resources to support post-event animal rescue and provide operational support. • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following position: ➤ Animal Services

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies	• Attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives to support this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) are in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct recovery and restoration tasks in coordination with the EOC/RCC and federal assistance program guidance. • Annually evaluate Critical Workforce staffing needs and report sheltering and/or equipment staging locations as requested. • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center (JIC). • Identify damages and/or losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery operations. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Checklists, Go-Kits and other supporting documentation as needed to facilitate execution of the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually as requested.
Georgia Department of Agriculture	• Provide available resources to support pre-event animal evacuations and post-event animal rescue and operational support. • Provide technical assistance for the inspection of facilities to ensure the safety of animals during an evacuation.
Humane Society of Greater Savannah	• Provide available resources to support pre-event animal evacuations and post-event animal rescue and operational support.
Oatland Island Wildlife Center	• Provide available resources to support pre-event animal evacuations and post-event animal rescue and operational support.

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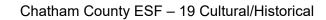

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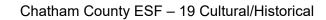
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ESF – 19 Cultural/Historical

ESF COORDINATOR:
Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) - Chatham County Lead

SUPPORT AGENCIES:
American Prohibition Museum
Andrew Low House Museum
ARTS Southeast / Sulfur Studios
Beach Institute African American Cultural Center
Bonaventure Historical Society
Catholic Diocese of Savannah Archives & Records
Chatham County Botanical Garden, Savannah Area Council of Garden Clubs (SACGC)
City of Savannah Municipal Archives
Coastal Heritage Society (CHR; 8 sites)
       Frogtown Tenement #1
       Frogtown Tenement #2
       Georgia State Railroad Museum
       Harper Fowlkes House
       Old Fort Jackson
       Pin Point Heritage Museum
       Savannah Children's Museum
       Savannah History Museum - Battlefield Memorial Park
Congregation Mickve Israel - Nancy & Lawrence Gutstein Museum
Davenport House Museum
Flannery O'Connor Childhood Home
Fort Pulaski National Monument, National Park Service
Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR)
Georgia Historical Records Advisory Council (GHRAC)
Georgia Historical Society
Girl Scout First Headquarters
Gray's Reef Ocean Discovery Center (NOAA)
Green-Meldrim House -- St. John's Church
Historic Savannah Foundation (HSF)
Historic Tours of America
Juliette Gordon Low Birthplace
Kiah House Museum
King-Tisdell Cottage
Lane Library, Georgia Southern University/Armstrong
Live Oak Public Libraries (12 Chatham County sites)
       Bull Street Library
       Carnegie Library
       Forest City Library
       Garden City Library
       Islands Library
       Oglethorpe Mall Library (new site confirmed for constructed)
       Pooler Library
       Port City Library
       Southwest Chatham Library
       Tybee Library
       W. W. Law Library
       West Broad Library

Massie Heritage Center (Savannah-Chatham County Public Schools System)
Mercer Williams House Museum
Mighty Eighth Air Force
National Museum of the Ossabaw Island Foundation
Ralph Mark Gilbert Civil Rights Museum
Savannah African Art Museum
Savannah National Wildlife Refuge (US Fish & Wildlife Service)
Savannah-Ogeechee Canal Society
Savannah Technical College Library
Savannah Theatre
SCAD Museum of Art (Savannah College of Art & Design)
Ships of the Sea Maritime Museum
Skidaway Island State Park (Georgia Department of Natural Resources)
Telfair Museums
      Jepson Center for the Arts
      Owens-Thomas House & Slave Quarters
      Telfair Academy
That Great Gretsch Sound Museum Exhibit
The LAMAR Institute
Tybee Island Historical Society -- Light Station and Museum
Tybee Island Marine Science Center
Tybee Post Theater
UGA Marine Extension Service & Georgia Sea Grant
Wassaw Island Caretta Research Project
Webb Military Museum
Wormsloe State Historic Site (Georgia Department of Natural Resources)

INTRODUCTION

In the state of Georgia, NCH properties are coordinated within ESF-11 under the Georgia Department of Agriculture. The Georgia Department of Community Affairs, Historic Preservation Division (GA DCA HPD) is the state's lead agency for statewide NCH coordination efforts and shares joint oversight of NCH emergency and disaster operations with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources, Parks, Recreation, and Historic Sites Division (GA DNR PRHSD). Georgia's NCH Workgroup Partners include the Georgia Archives and the Georgia Public Library Service (GPLS), both of which are units of the University System of Georgia, as well as the Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) and the GaNCH online directory.

In Chatham County, ESF-19 serves primarily to coordinate with local and state agencies involved in the preservation and protection of Public and Private Non-Profit (PNP) Natural, Cultural and Historical (NCH) properties. The emergency support function of cultural/historical services involves direction and coordination, operations, and follow-through during an emergency or disaster. Regional Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR) serve as the coordinators for this ESF.

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-19 provides operational guidance to departments/organizations that are assigned to work within this ESF. ESF-19 serves

primarily to coordinate with local and state agencies involved in the preservation and protection of Public and Private Non-Profit (PNP) Natural, Cultural and Historical (NCH) properties. Through a collaborative effort, NCH institutions will be encouraged to inventory and prioritize collections, identify potential risks to their resources and develop Standard Operating Guides (SOG) identifying processes for disaster preparedness, response, continuity of operations, recovery and mitigation.

Scope

ESF-19 acts to manage, monitor, and assist in preparedness, response and recovery actions in order to minimize damage to natural, cultural and historical (NCH) property resources, including essential government and historical records.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

General

During an emergency or disaster, ESF-19 may be activated to support operations and assist with the development of a common operating picture. The scope, scale and magnitude of the threat/incident will dictate which support agencies will be requested for the support of ESF-19 Cultural/Historical in the EOC.

Preparedness

a. Develop an inventory of natural, cultural and historical resources and prioritize collections.

b. Participate in and/or conduct workshops for cultural/historical properties to encourage the development of disaster preparedness, response and recovery plans.

c. Participate in mutual aid agreements with governmental agencies, professional organizations and private sector entities.

d. Ensure all ESF-19 personnel integrate NIMS principles.

Response

a. Report the locations of damage and impacts on natural, cultural and historical properties to include the degree of damage and any pertinent information to the EOC.

b. Provide technical assistance to public and PNP NCH properties in damage assessment; request technical assistance and damage assessment support from the GEMA SOC.

c. Coordinate with the state (e.g., GA Archives Liaison) regarding technical assistance on the preservation of and scientific process associated with records

and archival management. Obtain information related to the security of and logistical requirements necessary for damaged natural, cultural and historical records.

d. Coordinate public information and provide updates to ESF-15 for dissemination to local media outlets and members of the public.

e. Report and document damages for possible recovery and Public Assistance reimbursements.

Recovery

a. Support disaster recovery operations with all available resources.

b. Work with the state to reopen public natural, cultural and historical properties to the public as soon as safely possible.

c. Resume day-to-day operations.

d. Report re-opening status.

Mitigation

a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.

Organization

The County EOC will be activated to coordinate a multijurisdictional level response.

Representatives from the applicable ESF-19 Agencies may be assigned to the EOC or alternate location (e.g., WebEOC) as best suited to meet incident needs and coordinate operations.

ESF Role Aligned to Core Capabilities

The following table lists the response capability that ESF-19 most directly supports, along with the related ESF-19 actions supporting the capability.

Core Capability	ESF-19 Cultural/Historical
Planning	• Conduct a systematic process engaging the whole community as appropriate in the development of executable strategic, operational, and/or tactical-level approaches to meet defined objectives. This includes, but is not limited to: ➢ Developing and maintaining SOGs ➢ Developing and maintaining MOAs

	➢ Participating in and/or conduct training and exercises to evaluate local capabilities.
Natural and Cultural Resources	• Protect natural and cultural resources and historic properties through appropriate planning, mitigation, response and recovery actions to preserve, conserve, rehabilitate and restore them. This includes, but is not limited to: ➢ Consistency with post-disaster community priorities ➢ Compliance with applicable environmental and historic preservation laws ➢ Compliance with executive orders

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Georgia Heritage Responders (GHR)	• Coordinate ESF meetings to ensure constant state of readiness. • Coordinate communication with all Support Agencies • Develop plans and procedures to support emergency or disaster operations. • Coordinate the reopening of public natural, cultural and historical properties to the public as soon as safely possible. • Conduct impact assessment within impacted areas • Coordinate pertinent disaster recovery information with the County Joint Information Center. • Maintain the WebEOC NCH Dashboard and report accordingly to the County and State EOCs • Provide EOC Staffing for the following EOC positions as needed: ➢ Cultural/Historical Properties

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Support Agencies	• Inventory and Prioritize Historical and Cultural collections. • Ensure the presence of resources (human and physical) is in sufficient numbers to support the Agency's responsibilities to this ESF. • Develop appropriate Plans, Procedures, Mutual Aid Agreements, Vendor Contracts, Checklists, Go-Kits and

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Supporting Agencies (Continued)	other supporting documentation as necessary to facilitate execution of the responsibilities to this ESF. • Conduct risk assessments to determine vulnerabilities • Ensure measures are taken to protect and preserve the cultural site and collections. • Participate in drills, exercises and other preparedness events to evaluate the Agency's readiness to support this ESF. • Maintain and provide updated contact information for site points of contact in the NCH WebEOC Dashboard • Coordinate with other ESF Agencies through regularly scheduled meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out in support of this ESF. • Identify Agency staff representatives supporting this ESF and other operational practices during emergency and disaster operations. • Prepare to support the EOC as necessary. • Ensure Agency staff maintain NIMS compliance and report compliance measurements annually when requested. • Conduct impact assessment of the agency's site, report any damages/losses and prepare an action plan for recovery activities. • Prepare to collect and maintain detailed, comprehensive records of expenditures and document resources (personnel and items) utilized during response/ recovery operations. • Develop a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP) for the facility and identify long-range recovery needs assuming temporary/long-term loss of occupancy of the agency structure and access to records/collections.

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