

Emergency Support Function – 1 Transportation



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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