

Emergency Support Function – 13 Law Enforcement



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ESF – 13 Law Enforcement

ESF COORDINATOR:

Chatham County Police Department

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Chatham County Sheriff's Office
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham-Savannah Counter Narcotics Team
City of Bloomingdale Police Department
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 damaged 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Provide Warnings and Communications ➤ Conduct Area Patrols ➤ Ensure Safety and Security ➤ Conduct Traffic Control

Responsibilities

Coordinating Agency	Actions
Chatham County Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide support staffing to the EOC for the following positions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➢ Public Safety Branch ➢ ESF-13 Law Enforcement ➢ EOC Security

Supporting Agency	Actions
All Support Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate

Supporting Agency	Actions
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Chatham Emergency Management Agency	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate a situational assessment to determine incident priorities in support of law enforcement operations.
Chatham – Savannah Counter Narcotics Team	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Public Safety Branch ➤ ESF-13 Law Enforcement
City of Bloomingdale Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate
City of Port Wentworth Police Department (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
City of Tybee Island Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate

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Georgia Port Authority	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ GPA LNO
Georgia Southern University Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Georgia State Patrol
Georgia Tech Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide assistance through the allocation of available resources and personnel as appropriate.
Georgia Tech Police (Continued)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in planning functions to provide expertise pertaining to agency roles and responsibilities.
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ SCCPSS Police and Facilities

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Savannah Hilton-Head International Airport Police Department	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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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