

LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. PURPOSE

This annex assigns responsibilities and provides coordination between the law enforcement agencies operating during emergencies to ensure the safety of all citizens, maintain law and order, protect public and private property, and provide protection for essential industries, supplies and facilities for any type of disaster.

II. SITUATION

During emergencies, law enforcement agencies must expand their operations to provide increased protection required by disaster conditions. Federal, state, and county law enforcement agencies are available to support local law enforcement agencies.

III. ASSUMPTIONS AND PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Adequate law enforcement resources and services will often be available through the existing Law Enforcement Agency Mutual Aid Agreement. If local capabilities are over-taxed, support may be obtained from state law enforcement agencies.
- B. In the event of major disaster, outside resources may not be available to provide support.

IV. ORGANIZATION/RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Lyon County Sheriff will be the Law Enforcement Coordinator for county-wide operations. Local police departments will retain responsibility for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
- B. Specific responsibilities and tasks in law enforcement are contained in the Emergency Response Checklist, Attachment 1.

V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

Emergency law enforcement operations will be an expansion of normal operations and responsibilities.

B. Traffic and Crowd Control

Law enforcement agencies have the major responsibility of providing traffic and crowd control in emergency situations to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation/reception (See Annex E).

C. Warning

Law enforcement personnel may be required to support warning requirements by utilizing emergency vehicles with sirens and public address systems to ensure notification of all residents in the affected area. The need for implementation of this procedure will depend on the actual situation and will be coordinated with the Executive Group and County Emergency Management Coordinator.

D. Search Coordination

Law enforcement officials are responsible for the coordination of search efforts.

E. Extended Operations

1. Mutual aid information may be coordinated through the EOC by Law Enforcement personnel.

F. Evacuation

1. Law enforcement agencies have two major tasks during evacuations: to provide police protection and to promote orderly departure and return of the risk area population. Individual departments will be responsible for routes within their jurisdictions.

2. Priority of the wrecker or towing services will be to clear disabled vehicles off roadways in order to keep traffic flowing.

G. Animal Control

Policies for animal control will be determined by Law Enforcement personnel and/or Public Health personnel.

H. Haz Mat - refer to Annex P

VI. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. Exercises

Law enforcement personnel should participate in exercises designed to examine the feasibility of the Emergency Operating Plan.

B. Plan Maintenance

Law enforcement officials should meet annually to review/revise this portion of the plan.

LIST OF ADDENDA

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**LAW ENFORCEMENT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHECKLIST**

Position/Organization

PREPAREDNESS PHASE

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- _____ Review Mutual Aid Agreements
- _____ Review and update emergency staff assignments
- _____ Identify available resources (manpower/equipment)
- _____ Alert personnel to be on standby status
- _____ Review Law Enforcement SOPs
- _____ Review procedures for transporting/guarding prisoners
- _____ Review training procedures for volunteer support
- _____ Identify potential traffic and security problems and determine law enforcement requirement
- _____ Recommend local ordinances to mitigate the effects of potential disasters as related to law enforcement
- _____ Should participate in disaster exercises as requested
- _____ Coordinate evacuation planning and procedures

RESPONSE PHASE

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- _____ Alert personnel to Response Phase
- _____ Request mutual aid support, as necessary
- _____ Coordinate with Fire Services if evacuation is required
- _____ Advise field units of hazardous conditions
- _____ Provide assistance to special needs groups in the event of evacuation

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EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHECKLIST**

Position/Organization

RESPONSE PHASE (continued)

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- _____ Request assistance in Traffic Control from Fire Services, if necessary
- _____ Assign personnel to shelters, as necessary
- _____ Advise Executive Staff of status and limitations of law enforcement capabilities
- _____ Provide damage reports to EOC
- _____ Request additional communication support
- _____ Authorize assistance to support other law enforcement agencies, as appropriate
- _____ Maintain log of activities and itemize financial expenditure records
- _____ Maintain status record of manpower, vehicles, and equipment
- _____ Assign personnel to traffic control points in the event of evacuation
- _____ Provide security to affected areas, as needed.
- _____ Set up initial hazard area perimeter in coordination with Senior Fire Officer

RECOVERY PHASE

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- _____ Assist in damage assessment
- _____ Complete financial reports
- _____ In the event of evacuation, establish traffic control for return of population and resources

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Position/Organization

RECOVERY PHASE (continued)

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- _____ Provide Law Enforcement Coordinator with log of law enforcement operations
- _____ Review law enforcement operations and submit changes to the County Emergency Management Coordinator
- _____ Assist with return of special needs groups, if required

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