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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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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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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

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Mass Care/Sheltering

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SUPPORT AGENCIES:
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Chatham County Animal Services
Chatham County Department of Family and Children Services
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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Chatham County Purchasing and Contracting Department
Coastal Empire Disaster Recovery Committee
City of Bloomingdale Finance Department
City of Garden City Finance Department
City of Pooler Finance Department
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

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Health and Medical

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Chatham County Mosquito Control
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham Emergency Services
Curtis V Cooper Primary Health Care
Department of Family and Children Services
Gateway Behavioral Health
Georgia Department of Agriculture
J.C. Lewis Primary Health Care
Living Independent for Everyone (LIFE), Inc.
Medical Reserve Corps
Memorial Health University Medical Center
Salvation Army
St. Joseph/Candler Hospital
YMCA of Coastal Georgia

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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City of Pooler Fire Department

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Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Chatham Fire Department
City of Bloomingdale Fire Department
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City of Garden City Fire Department
City of Garden City Police Department
City of Pooler Police Department
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Civil Air Patrol
Georgia Forestry Commission
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Hunter Army Airfield Police Department
Isle of Hope Fire Department
Marine Rescue Squadron
Town of Thunderbolt Fire Department
Town of Thunderbolt Police Department
United States Coast Guard/Marine Safety Unit
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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SUPPORT AGENCIES:
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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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ESF COORDINATOR:
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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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 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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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:
Chatham County Health Department
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
City of Pooler
City of Port Wentworth
City of Savannah
City of Tybee Island
Georgia Port Authority
Georgia Southern University – Armstrong Campus Police Department
Georgia State Patrol
Hunter Army Airfield Police Department
Memorial University Medical Center
Savannah Area Chamber of Commerce
Savannah Chatham County Public School System
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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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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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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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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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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