



Henderson Office of Emergency Management
“Building a Disaster Resistant Community”
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Emergency Support Function (ESF) Introduction & Responsibilities

Beginning on November 14, 2008 the Commonwealth of Kentucky began the conversion of all county Emergency Operations Plans (EOPs) from Annexed based plans to Emergency Support Function based plans. Ours was adopted by Henderson County Fiscal Court in 2011.

The ESF Based – Emergency Operations Plan format is broken into broad categories;

- Basic Plan & Emergency Support Functions,
- Support Plans,
- Incident Specific Plans

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) provide specific responses for agencies of government and define their responsibilities.

The purpose of the Henderson County EOP (including the ESFs) is:

- To outline the responsibilities of local, state and federal governments in the event of an incident;
- To provide guidance to local agencies as to their responsibilities in the event of an incident;
- To provide procedures to determine the severity and magnitude of incidents and outline the integrated emergency management system to be utilized for overall coordination of the incident response in the County;
- To outline the aid and assistance available to local government, individuals and businesses when a Local, State or Federal Disaster Declaration is issued;
- To outline the actions required of local governments to be eligible for state and federal assistance under Public Law 93-288, the Homeland Security Act of 2002 and other related Public Laws.

Each one of the 15 ESFs has a Primary Coordinator(s) assigned. Listed below are the ESFs, a short description of the support function, and the Henderson Local Primary Coordinator(s) who have been assigned the responsibility for that ESF.

ESF #1 – TRANSPORTATION

Primary Coordinators – Ben Payne, HCHS & George Bentley, KYTC

To coordinate and organize transportation resources for Local and County agencies in preparing for, responding to and recovering from incidents which impact the citizens of the County.

ESF #2 – COMMUNICATIONS

Primary Coordinators – Jordan Webb, Hend 911, Jim Rayburn, EMA

To maintain a reliable communications capability for alert and notification instructions by key officials for the County, and to communicate with local and state agencies in an incident.

ESF #3 – PUBLIC WORKS

Primary Coordinators – Bill Hubiak, Brian Williams

To coordinate the overall response of the County to a major failure of infrastructure due to natural or man-made incidents.

ESF #4 – FIREFIGHTING

Primary Coordinators – Scott Foreman, Glenn Powell

To provide for the protection of life and property and to minimize actual or potential fire damage resulting from an incident, and to assist in rescue operations.

ESF #5 – EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

Primary Coordinator – Kenny Garrett

Support: Fred Behnke, Vera Mayes

To provide staff, facilities and procedures for the coordination of local, state, federal and private response agencies during an impending or existing incident; and to assist in formulating policy, establishing priorities, gathering and analyzing information, monitoring the execution of plans, and directing response and recovery operations as necessary.

ESF #6 – MASS CARE AND SHELTERING

Primary Coordinators – Kenny Garrett

Support: Benny Carringer; Salvation Army, Jason Bradshaw, Red Cross

To provide staff, facilities and procedures for the coordination of state, local, federal and private care and sheltering agencies during an impending or existing emergency or disaster; and to assist the Governor in formulating policy establishing priorities, gathering and analyzing information, monitoring the execution of plans, and directing response and recover operations as necessary as they relate to the care and sheltering of evacuees.

ESF #7 – RESOURCE SUPPORT

Primary Coordinators – Bill Hubiak, Kenny Garrett

The Mission of ESF 7 is to provide resource support consisting of emergency relief supplies, telecommunications, transportation services, security services and personnel to support immediate response activities.

ESF #8 – PUBLIC HEALTH

Primary Coordinators – Jan Bratcher, Henderson Co. Health Department, Linda White, Deaconess Health - Henderson

To coordinate and direct health care related activities within the County. To provide emergency care and treatment of casualties resulting from an incident, including CBRNE incidents that could occur during a war or terrorist attack. To help continue provision of routine emergency and medical care for the general population. To provide emergency public health services that will prevent and/or mitigate the spread of infectious diseases. To provide mental health services for both victims and emergency responders.

ESF #9 – SEARCH AND RESCUE

Primary Coordinators – Bryant Woodard, SAR Coordinator, Fred Behnke, Deputy Director, EMA

To provide an organizational structure and guidance for search and rescue, by means of ground, marine, or air activity, of any person who becomes lost, injured, stranded, trapped or has died. The procedures include searches for lost person, downed or missing aircraft, structural explosions or transportation accidents, and natural or man-made incidents, where search and rescue is an integral part of the overall operations.

ESF #10 –HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Primary Coordinators – Scott Foreman, Glenn Powell

To protect human health and the environment from releases of hazardous materials.

ESF #11 – AGRICULTURE

Primary Coordinator – Camille Lambert and a veterinarian (to be determined by Camille Lambert)

To ensure the safety and security of the county's agricultural market (crop, livestock production, transportation and processing) and ensure that animal and veterinary issues in natural disasters are supported. To provide guidance for dealing with animals impacted by disaster or disease.

ESF #12 – ENERGY

Primary Coordinators – Steve Smith (HMPL), Mike Church (Kenergy), Keith Alexander (KY Utilities), Owen Reeves (Municipal Gas)

Coordinates with the private sector for the emergency repair and restoration of critical public energy utilities, (i.e., gas, electricity, etc.). Coordinates the rationing and distribution of emergency power and fuel, as necessary.

ESF #13 – LAW ENFORCEMENT

Primary Coordinators – Heath Cox (HPD), Ed Brady (HSO), Brenton Ford (KSP)

To maintain law and order, protect life and property, undertake traffic control, provide law enforcement support to other law enforcement agencies, guard essential facilities and supplies, and coordinate law enforcement mutual aid.

ESF #14 – LONG-TERM RECOVERY

Primary Coordinator – Judge Brad Schneider, Mayor Steve Austin

To provide coordination and guidance for recovery operations to include restoration of damaged or destroyed public property, services and assistance to private citizens affected by a major incident. Coordinate damage assessment activities, county/state declaration requirements and facilitate Damage Assessment Reports and Project Applications and to coordinate and administer the county's Public Assistance, Individual Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Programs.

ESF #15 – PUBLIC INFORMATION

Primary Coordinator – Donna Stinnett, Beth Smith

To keep the citizens of the County informed of the developing situation, to give instructions for protective actions in a threatened or actual incident, to control rumors and speculation, and to provide recovery operations instructions.