



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

The ESF based Henderson County Emergency Operations Plan format is broken into three categories.

1. Basic Plan & Emergency Support Functions (ESF)
2. Support Plans
3. 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 – Wes Alexander, HCHS, Jeff Stone, KYTC, Steve Gibson, COH

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 – Nick Stallings, HCRD, Brian Williams, HPW

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 – Josh Dixon Fire Chief HFD, David Denton, Chief RCVD
Support: David Garber, President, Henderson County Fire Chief's Association

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 Coordinators – Kenny Garrett, EMA Dir, Tim Troutman, Deputy EM Dir
Support: Vera Mayes, Jill Ward

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

Coordinator – Kenny Garrett, EMA
Primary Agencies: Chris Mills, American Red Cross, Bobbie Jarrett, Housing Authority

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 – Kenny Garrett, EMA

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,

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 – Kenny Garrett, SAR Coordinator, Jill Ward, Director's Assistant, 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 – Josh Dixon, Chief, HFD, Lance Wayne, Asst Chief, RCFD

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

ESF #11 – AGRICULTURE

Primary Coordinator – Jessica Buckman and veterinarian Dr. Tim Cottingham.

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 – Chuck Tucker (HMPL), Tim Clayton (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 – Bob Shoultz, Interim Chief, HPD, Chip Stauffer, Sheriff
Support: Capt. Brenton Ford, Post 16, Kentucky State Police

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 / VOLUNTEER – DONATION MANAGEMENT

Primary Coordinators – Judge Brad Schneider, Mayor Brad Staton, Buzzy Newman, Henderson City Manager, Mayor Ronda Smith, City of Corydon, Mayor David Sellars, City of Robards
Agencies: Melissa Clements, United Way of Henderson, Kenny Garrett, EMA

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. Volunteer and Donation Management.

ESF #15 – PUBLIC INFORMATION

Primary Coordinators – Holli Blanford, City of Henderson, PIO, Kenny Garrett, EM Director

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.

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