

**ANNEX J – LAW ENFORCEMENT**  
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### **I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS**

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#### A. Situation

1. During emergencies, law enforcement agencies must expand their operations to provide the increased protection required by disaster conditions.
2. Upon activation of the EOC, coordination of law enforcement activities will be the responsibility of the Law Enforcement Coordinator. This is not a job title, but a descriptive term for the person in the EOC who coordinates law enforcement activities. The Law Enforcement Coordinator should be the head of the jurisdictional law enforcement agency.

#### B. Assumptions

1. Adequate law enforcement resources and services will often be available through existing verbal mutual aid agreements. If local capabilities are overtaxed, support will be obtained from state and federal law enforcement agencies.
2. On-scene command centers and/or coordination through the EOC may be needed because law enforcement provides a wide variety of functions, and coordination and communication among various agencies is necessary.

### **II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

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#### A. General

1. During emergency situations, each law enforcement organization will retain authority within its jurisdiction.
2. On-duty deputies will be notified by radio dispatch during emergencies. Telephones and pagers will be used to notify off-duty deputies.
3. Information concerning damage assessment, evacuation status, and related areas of concern will be forwarded to the Sheriff's Department or jurisdictional law enforcement agency. This information will then be forwarded to the activated Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4. Law enforcement will be prepared to re-route traffic around damaged areas during emergencies in order to provide a continuous flow to the extent possible.
5. Security will be provided by law enforcement during emergencies in coordination

- with the Incident Commander (IC) at the scene of the emergency.
6. The law enforcement departments will collect, evaluate, and disseminate intelligence concerning disasters, especially man-made, to the operating forces on a need-to-know basis.
  7. In situations requiring extensive assistance where local and state resources are overwhelmed or inadequate or in post-incident/pre-incident situations requiring protective solutions or capabilities unique to the federal government, ESF #13 of the National Response Plan (NRP) is activated.

### **III. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES**

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#### A. Tucker County Commission

1. As part of the Executive Group in the EOC, ensure that the Law Enforcement Coordinator position is filled.
2. Oversee the planning and development of the law enforcement function.
3. Arrange for funding of emergency law enforcement activities.
4. Determine which situations would necessitate the appointment of a law enforcement official as the On-Scene Commander.

#### B. Tucker County Sheriff

1. Provide overall control at the scene of the emergency, to include entrance and egress to the site.
2. Secure the EOC and other restricted areas.
3. Provide a hostage negotiator when needed.
4. Support evacuation efforts, if underway.
5. Provide security around the perimeter of the emergency as directed by the Incident Commander (IC).
6. Collect evidence if the emergency is also designated as a crime scene.
7. Coordinate and prepare mutual aid agreements between local, county, state, and federal law enforcement agencies that will detail the extent of support and under what conditions support will be given (who, when, where, and how it will be paid for).

#### C. Municipal Police Departments

1. Provide overall control of the scene of the emergency to include entrance and egress

to the site if the site is within jurisdictional boundaries.

2. Maintain law and order.
3. Provide mobile units for warning.
4. Secure key facilities.
5. Provide traffic and crowd control.
6. Support other emergency response activities.

D. West Virginia State Police

1. Support local law enforcement operations, as and when requested.

#### **IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

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- A. The Tucker County Sheriff is responsible for coordinating emergency law enforcement activities within the county outside of municipal boundaries. Police agencies will have the authority and responsibility within their respective jurisdictions. The establishment of priorities and coordination between law enforcement units will be requested through the EOC, but only after local resources have been expended or deployed.
- B. Local governments are responsible for coordinating law enforcement activities with other jurisdictions, if necessary.
- C. When two (2) or more police agencies are involved, primary service will be provided by the first department on the scene. The jurisdictional department will always take the lead where and when appropriate.
- D. Mutual aid forces will function under the supervision of their enforcement coordinator at the EOC in the jurisdiction in which they are operating.
- E. Auxiliary and volunteer forces that are not covered by mutual aid agreements will work under the direct supervision of the Sheriff. Military forces not covered by mutual aid agreements will work under the direct control of their superiors, but will serve at the direction of the chief law enforcement official of the jurisdiction to which they are sent.

#### **V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

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A. Administration

1. Law enforcement agencies will maintain current maps and charts and current notification/recall rosters.
2. Law enforcement agencies will make maximum use of available communications

resources. In addition to providing communications for the EOC, the need to augment existing radio communications with amateur radio groups and other communications organizations must be given high priority.

3. Law enforcement agencies will develop procedures for the timely submission of required reports and records. Records are required to establish historical data and to substantiate reimbursement requests.

**B. Logistics**

1. The Tucker County Sheriff's Department will provide security for the EOC and all restricted areas.
2. Law enforcement agencies will make maximum use of available communications resources.
3. Resource requests not covered by mutual aid agreements should be made through the local EOC using the prescribed resource typing definitions in the NIMS. See Annex H: Resource Management or [http://www.fema.gov/nims/mutual\\_aid.shtm](http://www.fema.gov/nims/mutual_aid.shtm).

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**VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT**

- A. Because the Law Enforcement Coordinator is filled on an as-needed basis in the EOC, a pre-established line of succession is not feasible.
- B. Lines of succession to all key positions will be established in OGs and approved by the senior elected official of the applicable jurisdiction.

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**VII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

- A. Each law enforcement agency will be responsible for developing and maintaining plans that will reflect the operational capabilities of the respective department or agency. The Sheriff is responsible for ensuring the compatibility of the various jurisdictional law enforcement plans.
- B. All appropriate plans will be reviewed at least annually and tested by conducting exercises. Resources will be inventoried at least semi-annually to include personnel, equipment, supplies, and other items.

**VIII. LIST OF APPENDICES**

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**IX. AUTHENTICATION**

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Tucker County Sheriff