

Emergency Support Functions Annex
ESF-4 FIREFIGHTING



ESF Coordinator:
Department of Fire and Rescue

Primary Agency:
Department of Fire and Rescue

Section:
Operations

Branch:
Public Safety

Group:
Fire, Hazmat & SAR

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-4 Firefighting provides the guidance and direction necessary regarding fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS) activities to provide protection of life and property within Loudoun County during a significant event.

Scope

ESF-4 Firefighting coordinates resources necessary to deliver fire, rescue, and EMS services during a significant event. Activities within the scope of ESF-4 functions include: coordinates and establishes priorities regarding delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services; and identifies alternative delivery solutions.

For the purpose of this document, ESF-4 is the responsible ESF for Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials functions in the absence of an activated ESF-9 Search and Rescue and ESF-10 Hazardous Materials Response.

Relevant Laws, Statutes, Plans, and Policies

- ▶ Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Policies and Procedures Guide

ESF Planning Assumptions

- ▶ A number of mutual aid and automatic aid agreements exist and are available to assist in the delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services.

- ▶ Emergency calls for service and routine resource requests are managed by the Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center. Unique or unusual resource requests may be routed to the EOC.
- ▶ Based on the significant event, fire, rescue, and EMS personnel may be called upon to participate in activities outside of their normal operation.

ORGANIZATION

ESF Responsibilities

- ▶ Reports to and takes direction from the Public Safety Branch Director.
- ▶ Provides informational updates to the Planning Section.
- ▶ Develops plans, policies, and procedures necessary to resolve fire, rescue and EMS issues during the significant event.
- ▶ Documents information and actions related to firefighting missions and assignments.
- ▶ Utilizes current methods and procedures to process requests for assistance.
- ▶ Submits a detailed record of costs and expenditures to the Finance and Administration Section.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Department of Fire and Rescue (FR)

- ▶ The agency recognized with ESF coordination and primary responsibility. FR is responsible for the overall ESF leadership and coordination associated with firefighting activities during a significant event, including search and rescue, hazardous materials, and life safety inspections of damaged buildings.

MISSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Mission 1: Manages resources necessary to deliver fire, rescue, and EMS services.

Assignment 1-1: Maintains and updates information related to staffing of fire, rescue, and EMS facilities and equipment.

Assignment 1-2: Identifies, prioritizes, procures, and allocates available resources to maintain adequate fire, rescue, and EMS operations.

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Assignment 1-3: Considers future (in the subsequent 12 to 24-hour period) resource requirements and conveys to EOC leadership.

Mission 2: Coordinates and establishes priorities regarding delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services.

Assignment 2-1: Assesses fire, rescue, and EMS activities and identifies prioritized staffing scenarios and unmet resource requirements.

Mission 3: Identifies alternative implementation solutions when resources are unavailable or overwhelmed.

Assignment 3-1: Establishes detailed policies and procedures requisite to meet service demands during exceptional conditions.

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