



**PRIMARY AGENCIES:** 

State: Division of Emergency Management

State Land Department

Private: Arizona Fire Chiefs Association

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** 

State: Department of Administration

Department of Agriculture Registrar of Contractors Department of Corrections

Department of Environmental Quality

State Fire Marshal

Department of Game & Fish Department of Health Services Department of Public Safety Department of Transportation

Federal: Department of Agriculture

Department of Defense Bureau of Indian Affairs

Bureau of Land Management

National Park Service

Local: County departments of emergency management

Fire departments and districts

Volunteer: American Red Cross

Salvation Army

Other volunteer agencies

#### I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Purpose

Optimize the use of fire service resources, including emergency medical services, throughout the state for emergencies/disasters requiring state fire service response and/or assistance.

## B. Scope

Provide personnel, equipment and supplies in support of:

- 1. County/local agencies involved in rural and urban firefighting operations; and
- 2. State or federally declared emergencies/disasters.

#### II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- **A.** Uncontrolled fires may reach such proportions as to become an emergency/disaster. If not promptly controlled, even small fires can threaten lives and cause significant destruction of property and the environment.
- **B.** Fire service resources may be needed for response to other natural and technological emergencies/disasters.
- **C.** ADEM has entered into a memorandum of understanding with the Arizona Fire Chiefs Association (AFCA) to coordinate fire service resources.
- **D.** The AFCA will provide a fire service representative to the SEOC upon the request of the Director, ADEM, or his/her designee.
- **E.** State Land Department (SLD) Fire Management Division (FMD) will provide two representatives to the SEOC when requested by the Director, ADEM, or his/her designee to coordinate fire service resources.
- **F.** Fire service resources will be obtained from fire service agencies that have indicated to SLD-FMD, AFCA and/or ADEM in writing, that they desire to participate with the state in emergency situations.

#### III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. When fire exceeds, or is expected to exceed the resources of local government (including mutual aid), the county emergency management/services director will notify ADEM either directly, or through the Department of Public Safety (DPS) Duty Officer.
- **B.** If the situation warrants, the Director, ADEM, or his/her designee, will activate this ESF and/or open the SEOC.
- C. Natural and man caused emergencies/disasters, other than wildland fires, will be managed by ADEM. Wildland fires will be managed by SLD-FMD (see Appendix 1 Wildland Fire).
- D. The memorandum of understanding between the AFCA and ADEM will dictate how fire service resources are accessed by ADEM during state and federal emergencies/ disasters.

- E. If mass casualties are involved and patients are to be transported to Maricopa County medical facilities, whether from within Maricopa County or from other counties, the Maricopa County Medical Alerting System must be activated.
- **F.** All responding agencies will develop internal procedures to include:
  - 1. Identification of key personnel;
  - Alert notification;
  - 3. Operational checklists; and
  - 4. Expenditure documentation.

#### IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

## A. Primary Agencies

- 1. **ADEM** is responsible for the coordination of state resources required under this ESF, and will:
  - a. Coordinate the planning for and response to natural and human caused fires, except wildland fires, which exceed or are likely to exceed the capability of local government.
  - b. Coordinate and manage the use of fire service resources responding to emergencies/disasters.
  - c. Notify the AFCA and SLD when this ESF is activated and request representatives to serve in the SEOC.
  - d. Provide support and coordination of resources as needed.
  - e. Develop operational procedures to include:
    - (1) Internal and external alert notification;
    - (2) Expenditure documentation; and
    - Operational checklists.
  - f. Coordinate continuing actions and recovery operations.

#### SLD will:

- a. Maintain contact with the SEOC, advising of resource needs;
- b. Assign two representatives to the SEOC to coordinate fire service missions and resources in the operations and logistics groups; and

- c. Procure resources through their established system of accessing fire resources.
- 3. **AFCA** will assign a representative to work in the SEOC when requested. Their representative will:
  - a. Coordinate the use and deployment of needed fire service resources;
  - b. Report on the status of fire service resources and operations;
  - c. Serve as a liaison with Arizona Department of Health Services to coordinate emergency medical assets;
  - d. Contact the county emergency management director when fire and support resources from his/her county are accessed; and
  - e. Maintain a listing of fire service resources within the state, in cooperation with SLD and ADEM.
- **B. Support agencies** will provide trained personnel to the SEOC as requested, to coordinate their agencies' activities during an emergency/disaster.
  - 1. **Fire departments and districts** that have volunteered to participate as fire service assets during state and federally declared emergencies/disasters will:
    - a. Provide personnel and equipment, including emergency medical services, as requested by the primary agencies, unless the response would place their jurisdiction in jeopardy.
    - b. Not dispatch personnel or equipment to a disaster/emergency unless requested by SLD, the affected local jurisdiction under a mutual aid agreement, or the AFCA representative in the SEOC.
    - c. Assume their appropriate role in the Incident Command System (ICS) and/or provide incident command support as requested by the incident commander (IC) or, if ICS has not been established, initiate ICS.
    - d. Triage, stabilize, treat, transport and decontaminate the injured as appropriate.
    - e. Establish and maintain field communications and coordination with other responding emergency teams and hospitals.
    - f. Direct the activities of private, volunteer, bystander volunteers and other emergency medical units.
    - g. Assist in the evacuation of patients from affected hospitals and nursing homes.

- h. Provide specialized teams to support disaster response or as prepositioned assets to mitigate or respond to forecasted emergencies.
- I. Provide a wide range of support at the scene based on the needs of the incident, including improvisational tasking.
- Remain as state assets until released by the SEOC to return to their home jurisdiction.
- k. Report situation, needs and mission status to the appropriate EOC.

### 2. **Registrar of Contractors** will:

- a. Provide information of licenced contractors in Arizona:
- b. Provide construction inspectors to inspect structures for safety; and
- c. Inform public on how to hire a contractor for repairs.

### 3. **Department of Corrections** will provide:

- a. Drug, tracking or scent dog teams;
- b. Personnel to assist with security;
- c. Transportation resources; and
- d. Construction equipment.
- 4. The **State Fire Marshal (SFM)** provides fire fighting training, conducts fire safety inspections and coordinates some fire service operations in the state.

#### Game and Fish will:

- a. Respond as needed in case of fire threat to fisheries and hatcheries;
- b. Respond as needed in case of movement of wildlife into inhabited areas due to fire/threat in their home territory.
- c. Provide peace officers to control traffic; and
- d. Provide transportation resources.

#### 6. **Department of Health Services** will:

- a. Identify available emergency medical services;
- b. Identify emergency lighting and equipment;

- c. Identify special needs supervised care facilities in evacuation area;
- d. Provide epidemiologist services;
- e. Identify ambulance support resources; and
- f. Provide support from the state laboratory.

### 7. **Department of Public Safety** will:

- a. Provide security for state property and evacuated areas;
- b. Provide roadblocks on state and federal highways;
- c. Assist in evacuation of threatened population from state lands;
- d. Provide rotary and fixed wing aircraft; and
- e. Provide crime laboratory support for evidence collection, body identification and notification of next of kin.
- 8. **Other state support agencies** will develop internal operating procedures to include:
  - a. Key personnel identification;
  - b. Alert notification;
  - c. Expenditure documentation; and
  - d. Operational checklists.
- 9. **Volunteer agencies** will provide trained personnel to the SEOC as requested to coordinate their activities during the emergency/disaster.

### 10. Federal agencies

- a. **U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service**, is responsible for fire service activities in the national forests.
- b. **Department of Defense** is responsible for fire service activities on federal military installations.
- c. **Bureau of Indian Affairs (BIA)** is responsible for fire service activities on Native American nations' lands.
- d. **Bureau of Land Management (BLM)** is responsible for fire service activities on BLM lands.

e. **National Park Service** is responsible for fire service activities on Park Service lands.

# V. TRAINING

- **A.** ADEM provides and coordinates emergency management training.
- **B.** SFM provides and coordinates fire fighting training.

# **Appendix**

1. Wildland Fire