



# EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #13

## LAW ENFORCEMENT ANNEX

### PRIMARY AGENCY:

State: Department of Public Safety

### SUPPORT AGENCIES:

State: Department of Administration - Capitol Police  
Attorney General's Office  
Department of Corrections  
Division of Emergency Management  
Game and Fish Department  
National Guard  
State Parks  
University police departments

## I. INTRODUCTION

### A. Purpose

1. Describe law enforcement measures provided by the state in support of local governments during an emergency/disaster.
2. Describe policies for obtaining federal assistance.

### B. Scope

Establish the roles and responsibilities of state agencies involved in law enforcement activities during an emergency/disaster.

## II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. In an emergency/disaster, law enforcement/safety measures may be needed to protect life and property.
- B. During an evacuation, traffic control personnel may be needed to ensure an orderly flow of traffic and proper parking at reception centers/shelters.
- C. The concentration of large numbers of people in shelters during an evacuation may necessitate police presence to preserve orderly conduct.
- D. Police patrols/surveillance will be needed in evacuated areas to prevent looting and protect property.

- E. Evacuation of prisons/jails may require additional personnel.
- F. Incidents of bombing, bomb threats, threats against individuals and the public, and arson to achieve political concessions and public notoriety are becoming more prevalent. Terrorist acts and violent activity may cause disastrous results. There is also the potential for immobilization of local law enforcement resources through bombing, blackmail or sniping activities. Acts of terrorism and other criminal activities may immobilize/overwhelm local law enforcement and require state support.
- G. Civil disturbances may result in injuries/damages requiring mobilization of enforcement resources.

### **III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

#### **A. Mission**

The mission of law enforcement authorities is to maintain law and order, protect life and property, provide traffic control and law enforcement support, guard essential facilities/supplies and coordinate mutual aid.

#### **B. Direction and Control**

1. DPS is responsible for coordination of operations in this ESF. A DPS Coordinator will operate from the SEOC, and be supported by other state law enforcement agencies.
2. County sheriffs and police chiefs are responsible for law enforcement within their jurisdiction. A line of succession will be established to cover shifts/absences.
3. Law enforcement agencies will utilize their normal communications facilities. Telephones will be used to route communications and back up radio services.
4. Terrorist activities/threats will be handled according to the Terrorism incident annex.
5. Civil disturbances will be handled according to Appendix 1 to this ESF.

### **IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. State Government**

1. **DPS** will:
  - a. Identify and provide direction/coordination of state law enforcement activities/resources;
  - b. Staff control points and road blocks to expedite traffic to reception centers and prevent reentry of evacuated areas;
  - c. Provide traffic control, law enforcement and security for damaged state property within their jurisdiction; and

- d. Provide escort services for mobile homes and other heavy equipment being moved to disaster sites.
- 2. **Department of Corrections** will:
  - a. Identify facilities that may require evacuation and coordinate equipment, evacuation routes and alternate/shelter facilities.
  - b. Provide care and security of inmates in detention centers as well as those being relocated/evacuated.
  - c. Plan for care and security of evacuated inmates.
- 3. **ADEM** will coordinate activities requested by state/local law enforcement agencies.
- 4. **National Guard** troops will:
  - a. Assist with law enforcement activities.
  - b. Prevent looting in evacuated areas.
- 5. Other state agencies with law enforcement mandates will provide assistance.

**B. County and Local Governments** will:

- 1. Provide public safety functions utilizing law enforcement resources.
- 2. Develop mutual aid procedures with adjacent law enforcement agencies and participate in the state Master Mutual Aid Compact.

**C. Federal Government**

- 1. Large areas of the state fall under the jurisdiction of the federal government, i.e., Department of Defense, Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture.
- 2. Federal agencies will provide primary law enforcement on federal lands.

**V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS**

Emergency operations will be carried out in conformity with agency SOPs. Each agency coordinator is responsible for updating their agency SOP.

**VI. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

Reviews/updates to this ESF will be provided by DPS and support state agencies.

APPENDICES

- 1. Civil Disturbance