



# APPENDIX 1 TO EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #13 CIVIL DISTURBANCE

## PRIMARY AGENCY:

State: Department of Public Safety

## SUPPORT AGENCIES:

State: Department of Administration - Capitol Police  
Department of Corrections  
Division of Emergency Management  
Game and Fish Department  
National Guard  
Department of Transportation  
University police departments

Local: County/local government

## I. PURPOSE

Describe state resources used to support local law enforcement for civil disturbance.

## II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

- A. Government must respond to reports of civil disturbances. A civil disturbance involves illegal activity beyond control of a normal response. The activity may be organized (a strike or demonstration) or uncontrolled (a mob or riot).
- B. Response to a civil disturbance is the responsibility of local law enforcement agencies.
- C. If the situation is beyond the capability of local law enforcement, support may be requested from neighboring law enforcement agencies. Assistance from state agencies (i.e., Department of Public Safety (DPS) and the National Guard) may be requested.

## III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Local government is responsible for coordinating all emergency law enforcement activities within its jurisdiction. All emergency operations should be directed using the Incident Command System, with the local police chief, or his/her appointed representative, directing operations from the local EOC. State and federal support will be requested as needed.

**B.** Response to a civil disturbance will depend upon the circumstances of each incident. The following areas may be of importance in quelling the disturbance:

1. Assess the situation;
2. Advise the Officer-in-Charge of the situation;
3. Establish a perimeter around the area;
4. Identify a staging area and secure it;
5. Equip and brief other responding officers and transport them to the staging area; and
6. Contact ADEM or the DPS Duty Officer (DO) to alert/request support resources.

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

**A. Local Government will:**

1. Restore/maintain law and order;
2. Provide mobile units for warning operations;
3. Provide security for key facilities;
4. Coordinate all law enforcement activities;
5. Provide traffic control;
6. Support other public safety activities; and
7. Activate/staff the local EOC.

**B. County Government will:**

1. Support local government;
2. Provide traffic control on county roads;
3. Perform normal law enforcement activities;
4. Activate the County EOC to coordinate mutual aid; and
5. Alert ADEM/DPS-DO of the situation and request assistance.

**C. State Government**

1. **DPS will:**
  - a. Provide traffic control on state/federal roads;
  - b. Perform normal law enforcement activities; and
  - c. Support local operations.

2. **ADEM** will:
  - a. Activate the SEOC;
  - b. Coordinate state resource assistance to the threatened area; and
  - c. Request federal assistance.
3. **National Guard** will provide:
  - a. Resource support; and
  - b. Armed support to guard against looting and backup local/county/state law enforcement.
4. **Department of Transportation** will support law enforcement with barricades and other forms of access control.
5. Other state agencies (e.g., **Department of Administration - Capitol Police, Department of Corrections, Game and Fish Department** and university police departments) will support local government activities.

## V. **PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

DPS is responsible for the development and maintenance of this Appendix.