

Annex D
State Emergency Function # 4
Firefighting

LEAD AGENCY: Department of Public Safety, **Division of Fire Safety**

SUPPORTING AGENCIES: Office of Emergency Management; Military Affairs;
Transportation; Law; Red Cross; Salvation Army

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this SEF is to provide procedures for the mobilization and coordination of firefighting personnel, equipment, and supplies in support of local governments in the event of a structure fire or firefighting-related emergencies within the state (other than wildfires) that exceed the capabilities of local firefighting resources to manage.

II. SCOPE

The scope of this SEF is to describe the general actions of the Division of Fire Safety and other supporting agencies in response to a structure fire or firefighting-related emergency (other than wildfires) that exceeds the capabilities of local firefighting resources to manage.

III. SITUATION

The potential for damage from fires in urban areas is especially high during and after a major disaster or terrorism events. Numerous fires have the potential to spread rapidly causing extensive damage and threatening life and property. Normally available firefighting resources may be difficult to obtain and utilize because of massive disruptions of communications, transportation, utility and water systems.

Local fire departments will be a primary response agency in most terrorist events (conventional, chemical and radiological). They may play an important support role during response to and recovery from a bioterrorism event.

IV. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

- A. Major structure fires and other emergencies which exceed local capabilities, will occur.
- B. Terrorism events may result in major structural fires, mass casualties and the need for mass decontamination.
- C. Successful suppression and extinguishment of catastrophic fires will require organized, interagency cooperation at all levels of government.

V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Colorado Emergency Resource Mobilization Plan specifies procedures for the mobilization and coordination of fire and rescue services statewide to respond to any type of emergency that requires additional resources. ESF-4 will use the mobilization plan to obtain additional fire resources, as needed.
- B. Cities, towns, counties, fire protection districts, and other fire protection organizations are responsible for requesting state support through the appropriate county emergency management agency when a fire incident or disaster exceeds local capabilities.
- C. Additional assistance may be other state agencies, private companies, and cooperating industries. Based on known or projected threats, imminent hazards or predicted disasters that may require additional resources, ESF-4 may mobilize resources and stage them at designated locations in a condition to respond if assistance is requested.
- D. Ordering and tracking of resources is accomplished through activation of the State Emergency Operations Center's Resource Ordering and Status System (ROSS) dispatch function.

VI. ESF ACTIONS

In preparation for and execution of its fire protection mission, ESF-4 will:

- A. Preparedness
 - 1. Maintain current inventories of fire service facilities, equipment, and key personnel throughout the state.
 - 2. Coordinate with the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association on the organization and training of fire service emergency teams to rapidly respond to requests for assistance.
 - 3. Coordinate with the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association on the training of fire chiefs in utilizing the Colorado Emergency Resource Mobilization Plan.
 - 4. Prepare local fire departments to respond to terrorism events by providing Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) / terrorism training, including training on evidence preservation.
 - 5. Participate in state exercises and conduct, at least annually, an ESF-4 exercise to validate the Colorado Emergency Resource Mobilization Plan.

B. Response

1. Support local fire departments with appropriate resources to include mobilizing and deploying firefighting teams and resources as needed.
2. Coordinate with ESF-4a for use of state wildland firefighting assets to support firefighting operations, when indicated.
3. Coordinate with ESF-1 for use of Colorado Department of Transportation assets to support firefighting operations, when indicated.
4. Using the incident command system, assume responsibility for coordinating and tracking all firefighting resources committed to an incident. This may include placing personnel at a forward command post. Establish staging areas with the requesting group.
5. Plan for and establish relief resources to replace or rotate with committed resources for extended operations.
6. Obtain and submit fire situation and damage assessment reports and provide information to SEOC.
7. Establish communications with the Rocky Mountain Area Coordination Center (RMACC) to coordinate fire service response beyond the state's capability.
8. Request supporting agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during an event.
9. Request supporting agencies document any lost or damaged equipment, any personnel or equipment accidents.

C. Recovery

1. Maintain adequate resources to support local operations and plan for a reduction of resources.
2. Conduct reviews of incident actions with teams involved to improve future operations.
3. Inventory any lost or damaged equipment and record any personnel injuries or equipment accidents.
4. Anticipate and plan for arrival of and coordination with FEMA ESF-4 personnel in the SEOC and the Disaster Field Office (DFO).
5. Inform agencies that provided resources where to send records For costs incurred during an event.

D. Mitigation

1. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in the Colorado Emergency Resource Mobilization Plan or ESF-4.

VII. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Department of Public Safety, **Division of Fire Safety**

1. Identify, train, and provide Division of Fire Safety personnel to staff ESF-4 in the SEOC.
2. Notify all ESF-4 supporting agencies upon activation.
3. Maintain database inventories of fire service facilities, equipment, and key personnel throughout the state.
4. Coordinate with the Colorado State Fire Chiefs' Association on the organization and training of fire service emergency teams. Alert, activate, and employ these firefighting teams to requests for assistance.
5. Monitor status of all fire service operations and provide updates to SEOC.

B. Colorado Department of Transportation

1. Identify, train, and assign CDOT personnel to maintain contact with and prepare to execute missions in support of ESF-4 during periods of activation.
2. Maintain inventories of DOT assets that may be utilized to support fire service operations.
3. Provide equipment, fuel, personnel, shop service, and transportation assets to support fire service operations.