

Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

3.12 ESF #12 - Energy

Primary Department

Northampton County Emergency Management

Primary Support Agency

A&N Electric Cooperative

Support Departments

Northampton County Public Works
Northampton County Sheriff's Office
Northampton County Fire Companies

Other Support Agencies

Virginia State Police
VDOT

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guide the actions of the energy support function during an emergency/disaster response. The energy support function is in place to describe procedures to restore the public utility systems that are critical to saving lives and protecting health, safety, and property, and to enable other ESFs to respond.

Scope

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with ESF #12 (Energy) in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating departments/agencies.

Potential operations include the following:

- Estimating the number of customers with utility outages
- Assessing energy and utility system damages
- Estimating the time needed for restoration of utility systems
- Supporting the restoration of utility services
- Assisting in assessing and addressing emergency energy and utility needs and priorities
- Providing emergency information, education, and conservation guidance concerning energy and utility systems

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ESF #12 (Energy) Primary Department	Roles/Tasks
Preparedness	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in interagency training, education, and exercise. • Negotiate and execute MAAs with public and private entities. • Conduct energy and utilities disaster impact and needs assessment.
Response – Initial Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Report to the EOC or make initial contact with the EOC via telephone within one hour of activation, or as directed. • Establish and maintain operational awareness of energy and utilities through direct communication links with operational units (both private and public) in the field and/or their appropriate coordinating entities.
Response – Continuing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Participate in EOC briefings, Incident Action Plans, Situation Reports, and meetings. • Monitor and direct energy restoration resources and response activities. • Receive, manage, and track resource requests for ESF #12 (Energy). • Work closely with energy and utility organizations to maintain current information regarding damage to supply and distribution systems, as well as estimates for restoration. • Evaluate need for and recommend actions to conserve water, fuel, electric power, natural gas, and if necessary, make plans for energy rationing. • Collect and record information on the utilization of labor, materials, equipment, and disaster-related costs.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide debris removal and disposal, allowing clearance for utility workers to access critical locations. • Support resource needs for ESF #12 (Energy) recovery functions. • Collect and record information on the utilization of labor, materials, equipment, and disaster-related costs.
ESF #12 (Energy) Primary Support Agency	Roles/Tasks
A&N Electric Cooperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work with Emergency Manager to prioritize restoration of power. • Request additional resources to support ongoing operations in the County.
ESF #12 (Energy) Support Departments	Roles/Tasks
Northampton County Fire Companies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide traffic control for unsafe conditions such as a downed power line. • Assist with emergency debris clearing impacting the County's utility structures.
Northampton County Sheriff's Office	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide security and traffic control for unsafe conditions such as a downed power line.
Northampton County Public Works	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Coordinate with the Emergency Management on issues related to County owned facilities
ESF #12 (Energy) Other Support Agencies	Roles/Tasks
Virginia State Police	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide security and traffic control for unsafe conditions such as a downed power line.
VDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with opening of critical facilities and transportation routes. • Establish protocols to control traffic at critical intersections given power outages.