

# Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

## 2.4 Concept of Operations

In a catastrophic incident, requests for interdisciplinary resources accumulate quickly and typically in such a manner that no single agency or organization can meet all resource requirements. In accordance with the Virginia Department of Emergency Management's (VDEM) Local EOP Templates, the County EOP provides for the orderly coordination of multiple government agencies, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations.

At the inception of any incident, typically either at the "Alert/Notification" phase or the "Incident Recognition" phase, the Director of Emergency Management will determine the level of severity of the situation and the need for potential activation of individual ESFs.

In a large-scale catastrophic event, the Director of Emergency Management will automatically activate all functions within this plan and immediately open the EOC where all ESF representatives will report.

Northampton County supports and relies on numerous agencies, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector to support emergency operations by providing resource support, both personnel and materiel, and recognizing that any reduction in the ability of a single entity to deliver goods and services can potentially impact operations. The County EOP is based upon the concept that emergency functions of Northampton County and its stakeholders will, to the extent possible, parallel normal day-to-day functions.