

# Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

## 2.7.1 Town Government

The primary responsibility for maintaining order within the towns of Northampton County resides with the towns of Cape Charles, Cheriton, Eastville, Exmore, and Nassawadox. The many legal roles and responsibilities are prescribed in their respective town charters, in state statutes, and in municipal ordinances. On a less frequent basis, municipal departments are confronted with large-scale events that can occur suddenly or over variable periods of time and escalate beyond normal responses. These situations, which are distinguished as major incidents, disasters, or catastrophes, have expanded requirements that can exceed the capacity of one town to handle alone. In all instances, town resources should be pursued first before turning elsewhere. Outside resources may include mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions, and assistance may be available through local and regional agreements, pre-existing MAAs, or contractual agreements.