

Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

3.13 ESF #13 - Public Safety and Security

Primary Departments

Northampton County Sheriff's Office

Primary Support Agency

Virginia State Police

Support Departments

Northampton County Emergency Management

Other Support Agencies

USCG – Cape Charles
VDOT

Purpose

The purpose of this document is to guide the actions of the ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) during an emergency/disaster response. Law enforcement provides for the safety of citizens and security of property during public emergencies. ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) prescribes the procedures for the command, control, and coordination of Northampton County's law enforcement personnel to support emergency operations.

Scope

This annex identifies key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with ESF # 13 (Public Safety and Security) in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating departments/agencies.

Potential operations include the following:

- Providing force and critical infrastructure protection
- Providing security planning and technical assistance
- Providing technology support
- Assisting with general law enforcement

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ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) Primary Departments	Roles/Tasks
<p>Preparedness</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Develop and maintain plans to provide for effective law enforcement, prompt warning and evacuation, traffic and crowd control, search and rescue, and the security of vital facilities and supplies. • Work with stakeholders to identify potential evacuation routes in the event of a major emergency situation. • Identify essential facilities and develop procedures to provide for their security and continued operation in a time of emergency. • Ensure that MAAs with other counties, government agencies, and private-sector organizations are current and up to date. • Collect, analyze, and disseminate information on disaster impacts throughout the preparedness and planning process. • Conduct annual exercises to test and validate the capability of the Northampton County Sheriff's Office to conduct and support field operations for all incidents. • Develop procedures for assistance with warning and evacuating residents with access and functional needs (elderly, handicapped, etc.). • Review and update strategies for special emergency situations requiring distinct law enforcement procedures, such as civil disorders, hostage or terrorist situations, and bomb threats or detonations. • Conduct ongoing evaluations with VDOT of all critical links and intersections along noted evacuation routes and revise SOPs regarding traffic control measures, as necessary. • Conduct impact evaluation of prior efforts by the Sheriff's Office and enhance existing SOPs to improve future operations. • Develop and/or participate in relevant ESF-related planning, training, and exercise activities at the local, regional, state, and/or federal level.
<p>Response – Initial Actions</p>	<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. • Alert all personnel and special facilities, as required. • Test primary communications systems and arrange for alternate systems, if necessary. • Determine which areas are in need of evacuation with support and coordination from ESF #4 (Firefighting) and ESF #5 (Emergency Management). • Implement evacuation procedures for the threatened areas, if necessary. Instruct evacuees to bring one change of clothes, medicine, baby food, sleeping bags, and other supplies, as required. • Provide traffic and crowd control, as required. • Implement the necessary security at the emergency site, evacuated areas, vital facilities, shelter areas, and supply storage areas. • Assist with search and rescue operations, as required. • Develop EOC staffing schedule based on 12 operational periods. • Develop and implement a briefing schedule for all staff coming on shift, utilizing all appropriate forms and Situation Awareness Reports. • Begin recording disaster-related expenses.

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Response – Continuing Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief incoming personnel. • Coordinate with the VDOT for signs and marking the roadways. • Provide personnel for securing emergency sites, evacuated areas, vital facilities, and supply storage areas. • Provide for backup power. • Provide a daily situation report to the EOC Manager. • Maintain contact with in-the-field response teams. • Begin to implement evacuation as directed and coordinate traffic and crowd control operations. • Continue to warn the public and assist with providing protective action guidance. • Assist with search and rescue operations, as required. • Implement existing MAAs with other jurisdictions, if necessary.
Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Continue all emergency operations actions, as necessary. • Complete post-emergency investigations as they relate to local state and federal investigations, as necessary. • Support cleanup and recovery operations, as required. • Assist with identification of the dead, if necessary. • Determine which EOC sections and response staff are no longer needed and order deactivation or demobilization. • Continue the use of ICS during demobilization. • Ensure that deactivated sections complete all required paperwork for financial reimbursement, and transfer any remaining tasks or responsibilities to the appropriate remaining EOC staff. • Begin to return to a normal state of operations. • Conduct leadership and staff debriefing to identify single points of failure in response operations. • Compile incident documentation for After- Action/Corrective Action planning and recovery reporting purposes. • Dispatch response teams to provide for security and traffic control. • Effect return movement. • Assist with the identification of the dead, if necessary. • Assist with damage assessment. • Complete and submit disaster-related expense records.
ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) Support Departments	Roles/Tasks
Northampton County Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Support resource requests from responders in the field.
ESF #13 (Public Safety and Security) Other Support Agencies	Roles/Tasks
VDOT	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assist with road closure and other similar operations.
USCG – Cape Charles	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secure ports and waters around the County and CBBT.