

# Northampton County Emergency Operations Plan

## **3.4 ESF #4 - Firefighting**

### **Primary Department**

Northampton County Fire Companies

### **Support Departments**

Northampton County Emergency Management

Northampton County Sheriff's Office

Northampton County EMS

### **Other Support Agencies**

911 Communications Center

U.S. Coast Guard (USCG) – Cape Charles

Virginia State Police

### **Purpose**

The purpose of ESF #4 (Firefighting) is to guide the actions of the Firefighting/ESF during a long-term and/or large-scale fire or emergency incident in Northampton County.

### **Scope**

This annex identifies the key policies, concepts of operations, roles and responsibilities, and capabilities associated with ESF #4 (Firefighting) in Northampton County. Specific operating procedures and protocols are addressed in documents maintained by the participating departments/agencies.

Potential operations include the following:

- Deploying and monitoring firefighting resources
- Overseeing the coordinated firefighting operations in the County
- Demobilizing units and returning them to pre-incident status

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ESF #4 (Firefighting) Primary Department	Roles/Tasks
<b>Preparedness</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recruit and train volunteers in the Northampton County fire companies.</li> <li>Conduct frequent drills and exercises to test County response capabilities.</li> <li>Negotiate and execute MAAs with neighboring counties and cities.</li> </ul>
<b>Response – Initial Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Report to the EOC or make initial contact with the EOC via telephone within one hour of activation, or as directed.</li> <li>Establish communication links with support agencies and regional ESF #4 (Firefighting) coordinators.</li> <li>Obtain an initial fire situation and damage assessment through established intelligence procedures.</li> <li>Determine the appropriate management response to meet the request for assistance.</li> <li>Obtain and distribute, through appropriate channels, incident contact information to emergency responders mobilized through ESF #4 (Firefighting).</li> </ul>
<b>Response – Continuing Actions</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Coordinate incident resource needs, and determine and resolve, as necessary, issues regarding resource shortages and resource ordering.</li> <li>Maintain a complete log of actions taken, resource orders, records, and reports.</li> <li>Continuously acquire and assess information on the incident, identify the nature and extent of problems, and establish appropriate response missions.</li> <li>Provide subject matter experts (SMEs)/expertise regarding structural/urban/suburban fire and fire-related activities.</li> </ul>
<b>Recovery</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Obtain, maintain, and provide damage assessment information through established procedures.</li> <li>Demobilize units and restore equipment to pre-incident condition.</li> <li>Provide documentation to the EOC for reimbursement/tracking purposes.</li> </ul>
ESF #4 (Firefighting) Support Departments	Roles/Tasks
<b>Northampton County Emergency Management</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Negotiate and execute MAAs with neighboring counties.</li> <li>Conduct outreach and collaborate with interstate response partners.</li> <li>Work with military resources to determine availability of response resources.</li> <li>Provide resource support to firefighting crews.</li> <li>Work through Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC) to secure interstate resources.</li> <li>Document losses, track staff work hours, and submit information to FEMA for reimbursement.</li> </ul>
<b>Northampton County Sheriff’s Office</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide security for disaster zone.</li> <li>Assist with evacuations.</li> <li>Assist with traffic control.</li> </ul>
<b>Northampton County EMS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide field units to support firefighting crews.</li> </ul>
ESF #4 (Firefighting) Other Support Agencies	Roles/Tasks
<b>911 Communications Center</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Dispatch and track County firefighting resources.</li> <li>Coordinate with County EOC to request and locate additional resources.</li> </ul>
<b>Virginia State Police</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide security for disaster zone.</li> <li>Assist with evacuations.</li> <li>Assist with traffic control.</li> </ul>
<b>USCG – Cape Charles</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Provide marine firefighting resources.</li> </ul>