

Emergency Support Functions Annex
ESF-4 FIREFIGHTING



ESF Coordinator:
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Primary Agency:
Loudoun County Fire and Rescue

Section:
Operations

Community Lifeline(s):
Safety and Security

Branch:
Public Safety

Group:
Fire, Hazmat & SAR

INTRODUCTION

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-4 Firefighting provides the guidance and direction necessary regarding fire, rescue, and emergency medical services (EMS) activities to provide protection of life and property within Loudoun County during a significant event.

Scope

ESF-4 Firefighting coordinates resources necessary to deliver fire, rescue, and EMS services during a significant event. Activities within the scope of ESF-4 functions include: coordinates and establishes priorities regarding delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services; and identifies alternative delivery solutions.

For the purpose of this document, ESF-4 is the responsible ESF for Search and Rescue and Hazardous Materials functions in the absence of an activated ESF-9 Search and Rescue and ESF-10 Hazardous Materials Response.

Relevant Laws, Statutes, Plans, and Policies

- ▶ Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Policies and Procedures Guide

ESF Planning Assumptions

- ▶ A number of mutual aid and automatic aid agreements exist and are available to assist in the delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services.

- ▶ Emergency calls for service and routine resource requests are managed by the Loudoun County Emergency Communications Center. Unique or unusual resource requests may be routed to the EOC.
- ▶ Based on the significant event, fire, rescue, and EMS personnel may be called upon to participate in activities outside of their normal operation.

ORGANIZATION

ESF Responsibilities

- ▶ Reports to and takes direction from the Public Safety Branch Director.
- ▶ Provides informational updates to the Planning Section.
- ▶ Develops plans, policies, and procedures necessary to resolve fire, rescue and EMS issues during the significant event.
- ▶ Documents information and actions related to firefighting missions and assignments.
- ▶ Utilizes current methods and procedures to process requests for assistance.
- ▶ Submits a detailed record of costs and expenditures to the Finance and Administration Section.

Agency Roles and Responsibilities

Loudoun County Fire and Rescue (LCFR)

- ▶ The agency recognized with ESF coordination and primary responsibility. LCFR is responsible for the overall ESF leadership and coordination associated with firefighting activities during a significant event, including search and rescue, hazardous materials, and life safety inspections of damaged buildings.

MISSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS

Mission 1: Manages resources necessary to deliver fire, rescue, and EMS services.

Assignment 1-1: Maintains and updates information related to staffing of fire, rescue, and EMS facilities and equipment.

Assignment 1-2: Identifies, prioritizes, procures, and allocates available resources to maintain adequate fire, rescue, and EMS operations.

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Assignment 1-3: Considers future (in the subsequent 12 to 24-hour period) resource requirements and conveys to EOC leadership.

Mission 2: Coordinates and establishes priorities regarding delivery of fire, rescue, and EMS services.

Assignment 2-1: Assesses fire, rescue, and EMS activities and identifies prioritized staffing scenarios and unmet resource requirements.

Mission 3: Identifies alternative implementation solutions when resources are unavailable or overwhelmed.

Assignment 3-1: Establishes detailed policies and procedures requisite to meet service demands during exceptional conditions.

COMMUNITY LIFELINE(S)

Safety and Security

1. Fire, Emergency Medical Services (EMS), Search and Rescue (SAR), and Hazardous Materials (HazMat)
 - ▶ Identify the status, condition, accessibility, and security of fire and EMS facilities and firefighting and EMS staffing, resources, supplies, and equipment.
 - ▶ Determine impact to response operations and how they will improve if component is stabilized.
 - ▶ Identify actions that have been taken and need to be taken to improve fire and EMS facilities and firefighting and EMS resources.
 - ▶ Evaluate factors that may limit the ability to make improvements.
 - ▶ Establish restoration timeline for fire and EMS facilities and firefighting and EMS resources restoration.

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