

Emergency Support Functions Annex  
**ESF-14 COMMUNITY RECOVERY**



**ESF Coordinator:**

Office of the County Administrator  
*Office of Emergency Management*

**Primary Agency:**

Office of the County Administrator  
*County Administrator*  
*Office of Emergency Management*

**Section:**

Planning

**Support Agencies:**

Loudoun County Emergency Management  
Executive Committee (EMEC)  
Representatives  
EMEC Agencies

**Unit:**

Community Recovery Unit

**Community Lifeline(s):**

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**INTRODUCTION**

**Purpose**

Emergency Support Function (ESF)-14 Community Recovery provides guidance and direction to designated agencies responsible for initiating community recovery activities following a significant event.

**Scope**

ESF-14 Community Recovery coordinates the resources necessary to initiate community recovery activities following a significant event. Activities within the scope of ESF-14 functions include: initiates and coordinates the County's recovery efforts in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners; identifies and develops transition strategies for prolonged unmet needs; and initiates processes that foster strategic discussions regarding community resilience.

For the purpose of this document:

- ▶ Recovery refers to the preliminary actions during an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation necessary to initiate subsequent comprehensive strategies.
- ▶ Any agency may be called upon to participate as part of ESF-14 Community Recovery.
- ▶ Members of the Loudoun County EMEC serve as the Policy Group during an EOC activation. The group is comprised of senior representatives from the following agencies:
  - Office of the County Administrator

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- Office of Emergency Management
  - Department of Animal Services
  - Department of Family Services
  - Combined Fire and Rescue System
  - Department of General Services
  - Department of Information Technology
  - Department of Parks, Recreation, and Community Services
  - Loudoun County Health Department
  - Loudoun County Public Schools
  - Public Affairs and Communications
  - Loudoun County Sheriff's Office
- ▶ The County Administrator and/or designee serves as the Director of Emergency Management (Director).

### Relevant Laws, Statutes, Plans, and Policies

- ▶ Loudoun County Emergency Operations Center Policies and Procedures Guide
- ▶ Code of Virginia, Title 44 Military and Emergency Laws, Chapter 3.2 Emergency Services and Disaster Laws

## ORGANIZATION

### ESF Responsibilities

- ▶ Reports to and takes direction from the Planning Section Chief.
- ▶ Provides informational updates to the Planning Section.
- ▶ Identifies plans, policies, and procedures necessary to resolve initial community recovery issues during the significant event.
- ▶ Documents information and actions related to community recovery 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

#### Office of Emergency Management (OEM)

- ▶ The agency recognized with ESF coordination. OEM is responsible for overall leadership and coordination associated with initiating community recovery efforts. Emergency

operational policies and procedures developed by OEM provide the framework for carrying out these activities.

- ▶ Serves as the primary agency responsible for coordinating with local, state, federal, and non-governmental partners regarding recovery efforts.

### **Office of the County Administrator (CA)**

- ▶ As stipulated in the Code of Virginia, the Director is the final authority during all significant events. As such, the Director declares local emergencies, authorizes emergency protective actions, manages and controls certain commodities and services, requests resources from other localities, authorizes the use of County facilities for alternative functions, and amends or suspends certain human resources policies.
- ▶ Determines the need to convene the Policy Group and other agencies, departments, or organizations essential to the recovery process.
- ▶ In collaboration with the Policy Group, if convened, develops and communicates strategic goals relevant to the initiation of community recovery.

### **Policy Group**

- ▶ Provides discipline-specific subject matter expertise to assist the Director of Emergency Management during the strategic goal development process.
- ▶ Formulates policy guidance and recommendations for the Director regarding community recovery.

## **MISSIONS AND ASSIGNMENTS**

**Mission 1:** Coordinates the resources necessary to provide community recovery needs following a significant event.

Assignment 1-1: Identifies, prioritizes, procures, and allocates available resources to initiate community recovery efforts.

Assignment 1-2: Considers long-term resource requirements.

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

**Mission 2:** Initiates and coordinates the County's recovery efforts in collaboration with local, state, and federal partners.

Assignment 2-1: Develops recovery priorities and provides ongoing communication to partners.

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Assignment 2-2: Coordinates with state and federal agencies regarding recovery programs.

**Mission 3:** Identifies and develops transition strategies for prolonged unmet needs.

Assignment 3-1: Collaborates with ESF-6 Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing, and Health and Human Services to identify resource requirements that will facilitate demobilization of general population and pet shelters and other health and human services and animal services facilities.

Assignment 3-2: Acquires identified resources and develops initial plans to address prolonged unmet needs.

**Mission 4:** Establishes and initiates processes that foster realistic, strategic discussions and decisions regarding community resilience and improvement.

**COMMUNITY LIFELINE(S)**

ESF-14 will utilize all appropriate lifelines to prioritize recovery efforts.