

Emergency Support Function 13

Public Safety and Security

ESF Coordinator: Humboldt County Emergency Management Agency

Primary Agencies: Humboldt County Sheriff's Office
Humboldt Police Department

Support Agencies: Humboldt County and Municipal Departments
Humboldt County Communications E9-1-1 Center
Humboldt County Municipal Fire Departments

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

Emergency Support Function 13 (ESF-13) Public Safety and Security provides for the effective coordination of countywide law enforcement operations during emergency or disaster situations.

B. Scope

The scope of this ESF is to outline law enforcement procedures required to effectively respond to a countywide emergency or disaster. ESF-13 Public Safety and Security capabilities include force and critical infrastructure protection, security planning and technical assistance, technology support and public safety in both pre-incident and post-incident situations.

II. POLICIES

A. Local, state, and specific federal authorities have primary responsibility for public safety and security. These agencies typically are the first line of response and support during incidents having the potential or actual threat to public safety and security.

B. In most situations, local jurisdictions have primary authority and responsibility for law enforcement activities, utilizing National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) procedures. In large scale incidents needing additional resources, mutual aid agreements will be activated with operations managed through a unified command structure.

- C. ESF-13, Public Safety and Security, does not supersede plans, procedures and protocols implemented by public safety agencies or law that address scene management and emergency operations.
- D. Each local, state, or federal agency will assume the full cost of protection of the lands within its respective boundaries unless other arrangements are made.
- E. Primary and support agencies will participate in drills and exercises to test existing plans and procedures.
- F. All Humboldt County and municipal agencies will maintain up-to-date contact lists and NIMS compliant resource typing information on their resources.
- G. Primary and support agencies will participate in post-disaster briefings and development of an After Action Report.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

- 1. In an emergency which is within the capabilities of local law enforcement organizations, regular activity such as traffic control or emergency police functions will remain the responsibility of the affected jurisdiction.
- 2. In an emergency beyond the capabilities of the local law enforcement agency, additional personnel will be provided through mutual aid agreements and/or specific requests from Incident Command or the on-scene supervisor.
- 3. The Iowa State Patrol (ISP) may advise or assist within the county, but will not supersede the authority of the Sheriff/Chief of Police except as identified by state statute and ESF-10 Hazardous Materials Response.
- 4. All traffic regulations will be closely coordinated with all city, county and state representatives.

B. Organization

- 1. Law enforcement operations will be coordinated locally unless the emergency or disaster has countywide significance. In this event, Incident Command will coordinate operations from an

Incident Command Post (ICP) or at the Humboldt County Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

2. When necessary, the ICP may be activated and staffed to centralize coordination of operations. It may be necessary for the command structure to incorporate into an Incident Management Team with other response agencies, such as fire, medical, and transportation. The established ICP will relay information to their liaison at the EOC.

C. Procedures

1. When circumstances dictate emergency or disaster operations, law enforcement agencies will follow guidelines identified in procedure manuals for their organizations.
2. When the EOC is activated, a representative of the affected jurisdiction(s) will respond to the EOC, as able, to coordinate and exchange information with field units.
3. Additional resources beyond local capabilities and mutual aid agreements will be requested and coordinate through the county EOC.

D. Phases of Emergency Management

1. Mitigation Activities
 - a. Law Enforcement agencies will comply with facility, property, and personnel protection mitigation plans promulgated by their jurisdictions.
 - b. Ensure that all law enforcement personnel within the jurisdiction, including full-time, reserves, or auxiliaries, are trained to the appropriate NIMS/ICS level, in traffic control and evacuation procedures, and in search and rescue operations.
 - c. Coordinate and maintain liaison with support agencies and state and federal law enforcement agencies.
 - d. Review plans and procedures and assure that all law enforcement personnel are informed of existing or revised procedures.

- 3. Response Activities
 - a. Assist with the dissemination of warnings and notifications as time and resources allow.
 - b. Conduct search and rescue operations within the respective jurisdiction.
 - c. Document expenditures for disaster/emergency related activities and report to the EOC.
 - d. Provide senior-level representation at the EOC or ICP in multi-agency operations.

- 4. Recovery Activities
 - a. Law enforcement agencies
 - i. Coordinate with The Public information Officer to ensure the EOC is updated with current and accurate information.
 - ii. Demobilize Resources. Return equipment and vehicles to response ready condition.
 - iii. Document costs and provide copies to the EOC.

 - b. Humboldt County Emergency Management Agency
 - i. Serve as liaison between local law enforcement agencies and state or federal teams, as appropriate.
 - ii. Coordinate information with Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division.
 - iii. Demobilize EOC when appropriate (Refer to ESF-5 Emergency Management).

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All law enforcement agencies
 - 1. Notify the Humboldt County Communications E-911 Center of a major law enforcement emergency.

2. Coordinate and control traffic, warn and evacuate the public, control access to affected areas, and protect life and property.
3. Assist in necessary investigation, identification, recovery, and management of deceased persons.
4. Develop and maintain plans and procedures to support emergency responsibilities and functions.
5. Manage law enforcement resources and assistance upon request from other jurisdictions or Humboldt County Sheriff's Office.
6. Provide a representative with the authority to coordinate law enforcement functions to the EOC.
7. Provide damage assessment and situations reports to the EOC.
8. Establish an ICP and coordinate with support agencies, as appropriate.
9. Provide incident documentation, reports, and financial information to the EOC when appropriate.

B. Humboldt County Emergency Management Agency

1. Activate the EOC and issue emergency warnings, when appropriate.
2. Act as the contact point for regional, state, and federal emergency or disaster assistance.
3. Coordinate documentation of emergency activities and recovery of funds.