

ANNEX K FIRE AND RESCUE

I. PURPOSE.

This annex establishes a sound and effective fire and rescue plan to be used in emergency or disaster situations. The goal of this plan is to ensure a rapid, coordinated response to any emergency to save lives, reduce personal injuries and damage to property. An additional goal is to ensure prompt location and rescue of trapped people in the disaster area and to recover the deceased.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS.

See Section II, Basic Plan.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS.

General.

Oklahoma County does not directly offer fire protection services, and has no fire fighters. These services are provided by either municipal fire departments or by rural volunteer departments. The responsibilities of a Fire Department in disaster situations are basically the same as those they perform daily. Their primary responsibility is to save life followed by fire suppression. In addition selected fire personnel may be trained in specialized skills such as Emergency Medical Technicians, advanced first aid, and extraction procedures.

IV. TASK ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES.

A. Fire Department.

1. Fire suppression.
2. Operate warning system where applicable.
3. Respond to hazardous material accidents/incidents.
4. Assist radiological protection measures.
5. Enforce fire code and fire prevention program.
6. Conduct search and rescue operations (within structures).

B. Mutual Aid Fire Department.

Provide fire units to assist in fire fighting and rescue operations when called upon in accordance with existing agreements.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL.

See Section V, Basic Plan and Annex I.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT.

A. Lines of succession for fire department(s) responding will be according to each department's established procedures.

B. Each responding Fire Chief will maintain control of his unit(s) and will operate within the Incident Command system, and will coordinate with IC as appropriate.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS.

A. Communications.

Fire communications networks are shown in Annex B.

B. Resources.

A list of available fire departments and their resources is attached as an Appendix to this Annex.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE.

A. The Fire Chiefs will coordinate the planning of all fire services related to emergency management operations.

B. Responsibility for development and maintenance of this Annex rests with the Fire Chiefs and the EM Director.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES.

FEMA, State and Local Guide 100 (SLG 100); Guide for Increasing Local Government Civil Defense Readiness During Periods of International Crisis.

FEMA-127, Attack Environment Manual, Chapter 3; What the Planner Needs to Know About Fire Ignition and Spread.

FEMA, Student Manual (SM) 9.2A Support Assistance for Fire Emergencies.

FEMA, SM 9, Rescue Skills and Techniques.

FEMA, CPG 1-6 Disaster Operations - A Handbook for Local Governments.