

Emergency Support Function (ESF) Definitions

ESF #1 – Transportation

This ESF addresses both emergency transportation assistance and the maintenance of transportation and evacuation routes.

ESF #2 COMMUNICATIONS

This ESF describes the systems and procedures for communicating during a disaster.

ESF #3 PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING

This ESF provides guidance for the organization of public works and engineering resources to respond to and recover from emergency events causing damage to public buildings, roads, bridges, and other facilities.

ESF #4 FIRE FIGHTING

This ESF provides guidance for the organization of County resources to respond to fires resulting in an emergency situation exceeding normal firefighting capabilities.

ESF #5 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

This ESF describes the actions required to coordinate disaster response and recovery functions and manage disaster related information.

ESF #6 MASS CARE, HOUSING AND HUMAN SERVICES

This ESF describes the actions required to provide temporary shelter and humanitarian assistance to people affected by a disaster.

ESF #7 RESOURCE SUPPORT

This ESF provides guidance to assist in coordinating the provision of personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities and services to support emergency operations.

ESF #8 PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

This ESF describes the actions required to coordinate public health and medical services during a disaster.

ESF #9 SEARCH AND RESCUE

This ESF provides guidance for the organization of resources to conduct life saving search and rescue operations.

ESF #10 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

This ESF describes the prevention, preparedness, response and recovery activities actions unique to oil and hazardous materials response.

ESF #11 AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES

This ESF identifies and organizes the resources available to the County to address animal care which includes coordinating animal evacuation, sheltering, and health care. Foreign Animal Disease outbreak is included in this ESF.

ESF #12 ENERGY AND UTILITIES

This ESF provides guidance to help ensure the continued operation of essential utility services in the county.

ESF #13 PUBLIC SAFETY

This ESF provides guidance for the organization of law enforcement resources in the County to respond to emergency situations exceeding normal law enforcement capabilities.

ESF #14 LONG TERM COMMUNITY RECOVERY

This ESF addresses long-term disaster recovery issues.

ESF #15 PUBLIC INFORMATION AND EXTERNAL COMMUNICATIONS

This ESF describes how the County will provide disaster-related information to the media and the public.