



EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #7 RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

LEAD: **Emergency Management**

SUPPORT: **Disaster Assistance Council
All County Organizations**

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

To provide coordinated logistic and resource support to the citizens of Thurston County during a disaster, or the threat of one.

B. Scope

This ESF addresses the provision of resources to county organizations and the community during the immediate response to a hazardous event and in subsequent response and recovery operations. Coordination includes the effort and activity necessary to evaluate, locate, procure, and provide facilities, material, services, and personnel.

II. RELATED POLICIES

- A. In accordance with Section 7 of Article VIII of the Washington State Constitution, no county, city, town or other municipal corporation shall give any money, or property, or loan its money, or credit to or in aid of any individual, association, company or corporation.

- B. In accordance with RCW 38.52.070 (2), a political subdivision in which a disaster occurs shall have the power to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster, protecting the health and safety of persons and property, and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. The political subdivision is authorized to exercise the powers vested under this section in the light of the exigencies of an extreme emergency situation without regard to time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law (excepting mandatory constitutional requirements), including, but not limited to, budget law limitations, requirements of competitive bidding and publication of notices, provisions pertaining to the performance of public work, entering into contracts, the incurring of obligations, the employment of temporary workers, the

rental of equipment, the purchase of supplies and materials, the levying of taxes, and the appropriation and expenditures of public funds.

- C. In accordance with RCW 38.52.110 (1), in responding to a disaster, the Board of County Commissioners are directed to utilize the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the state, political subdivisions, and all other municipal corporations thereof including but not limited to districts and quasi municipal corporations organized under the laws of the state of Washington to the maximum extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of all such departments, offices, and agencies are directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities upon request notwithstanding any other provision of law.
- D. In accordance with RCW 38.52.110 (2), the Board of County Commissioners, in the event of a disaster, after proclamation by the governor of the existence of such disaster, shall have the power to command the service and equipment of as many citizens as considered necessary in light of the disaster proclaimed, provided that citizens so commandeered shall be entitled during the period of such service to all privileges, benefits and immunities as are provided by RCW 38.52 and federal and state emergency management regulations for registered emergency workers.

III. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS

- A. Thurston County will not have all of the resources, either in type or quantity, which may be required to combat the effects of all potential hazards.
- B. Support agencies will perform tasks and expend resources under their own authorities, including implementation of mutual aid agreements, as applicable, in addition to tasking received under the authority of the County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.
- C. Resource requirements beyond the capacity of support agencies will be coordinated from the County Emergency Operations Center. Requests will be handled on a case-by-case basis and allocation will depend on availability of both the resource and a means of delivery.
- D. Weather conditions, damage to transportation routes, or other factors will restrict access to a disaster site or to a storage area and hence affect the availability and distribution of resources.

- E. The initial response to a hazardous event will focus on lifesaving and injury reduction activities followed by protection of public property. The protection of private property will be the responsibility of the landowner or tenant unless directed otherwise by the Board of County Commissioners or the Disaster Policy Advisory Group.
- F. The EOC will have available, or immediate access to, resource and vendor lists for the most commonly used or anticipated resources to combat a given hazard.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. During a disaster, or the threat of one, the county EOC will be activated to coordinate the response of county government and to support incident commanders with evaluation, planning, and information and resource management.
2. Resources will be provided upon the request of recognized field command personnel, such as an Incident Commander, Fire Chief, Police Chief, or Search and Rescue Coordinator, or upon the direction of the EOC Supervisor.
3. During restoration and recovery, a Disaster Recovery Team may be established to coordinate the county's continuing activities, including mitigation. The EOC will be activated on a case-by-case basis to support the resource needs of the restoration and recovery effort. As resource needs diminish, Emergency Management staff may provide coordination services without EOC activation.
4. Both the EOC staff and the Disaster Recovery Team will support county-wide activities. Close coordination will be maintained with federal, state, city and town officials, the American Red Cross, the Crisis Clinic, and other volunteer organizations. The priority of tasks will be determined by the EOC Supervisor or the Chair of the Disaster Recovery Team.
5. The resources of county organizations will be used to the extent practicable and in accordance with the provisions of RCW 38.52.110 (1). Organizations will retain sufficient quantities of applicable resources in reserve to meet organizational needs, as appropriate. Should County resources be insufficient, additional resources may be procured or requested through the following, listed in priority order:

- a. Mutual Aid and Inter-local Agreements
 - b. Private sector purchase
 - c. The State Emergency Management Division resource request
 - d. If the governor has proclaimed the existence of a disaster, private sector resources in accordance with the provisions of RCW 38.52.110 (2).
6. Procedure
- See EOC standard operating procedures.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Emergency Management

1. Maintain the primary Emergency Operations Center with appropriate equipment, consumables, resource lists, and staff availability.
2. Maintain liaison with support agencies, the business community, volunteer organizations and the Emergency Management Division of the Washington State Military Department.
3. Train and exercise applicable EOC staff in resource management activities.
4. Develop and maintain a communications process for rapid contact of key EOC staff and support agency personnel and volunteer organizations.
5. Produce and maintain, with functional staff, EOC resource management standard operating procedures.
6. Develop procedures for field personnel to register emergency workers at a disaster site.
7. Ensure that field personnel know how to request resources during an emergency or disaster.

B. Support Agencies

1. Maintain appropriate resources to meet routine operational requirements.
2. Take actions necessary to ensure staff is prepared to accomplish response and recovery activities.
3. As applicable, ensure local resources are exhausted, or about to be, prior to requesting resources from the EOC. Resources held in reserve to meet constituent needs are to be considered utilized.
4. As applicable, provide resources, transportation, facilities and services in response to requests from the EOC.
5. Assist lead agency personnel in developing resource lists and operating procedures, as appropriate.
6. Provide for the registration of emergency workers in the field, as appropriate.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. *Thurston County Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*
- B. Thurston County EOC Manual