

Emergency Support Function 13
Public Safety and Security

ESF Coordinator

Grays Harbor County Division of Emergency Management

Primary Agency

Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office

Municipal Police Departments

Support Agencies

Quinault Indian Reservation Police Department

Confederated Tribes of the Chehalis Police Department

Grays Harbor County and Municipal Departments

Grays Harbor Communications E 911 Center

Fire Departments and Districts

Port of Grays Harbor

Washington State Patrol

Washington Department of Fish and Wildlife

Washington State Parks

Washington National Guard

US Coast Guard

National Park Service

US Forest Service

Federal Law Enforcement

Immigration and Customs Enforcement

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 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, tribal, 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 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 Grays Harbor County and municipal agencies will maintain at the EOC up-to-date contact lists on essential personnel 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.

- H. It is neither implied nor should it be inferred that this plan guarantees a perfect emergency or disaster response will be practical or possible. No plan can shield individuals from all events. While every reasonable effort will be made to respond to emergencies or disasters, resources, and or systems may be overwhelmed. Some events provide little or no warning to implement operational procedures and all emergency plans are dependent upon tactical execution, which may be imperfect. This plan can only be fulfilled if the situation, information exchange, extent of actual capabilities and resources are available at the time of the incident.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. In an emergency which is within the capabilities of local law enforcement organizations, regular law enforcement 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 Washington State Patrol (WSP) 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 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response.
4. All emergency traffic regulations, particularly those involving roadblocks, re-routing, etc., will be closely coordinated with the designated representative of the appropriate city or county public works department, Washington State Department of Transportation or WSP.

B. Organization

1. Law enforcement operations will be conducted 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 Grays Harbor 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 coordinated through the 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.

2. Preparedness Activities

- a. Develop and maintain operational guidance for the effective use of resources.
- b. Ensure that all law enforcement personnel within the jurisdiction, including regulars, 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. Demobilization resources.
 - ii. Return equipment and vehicles to response ready condition.
 - iii. Document costs and provide copies to the EOC.
 - iv. Issue public statements per ESF #15.
 - b. Division of Emergency Management
 - i. Act as liaison between local law enforcement agencies and state or federal damage assessment teams, as appropriate.
 - ii. Coordinate information with Washington State Emergency Management Division.
 - iii. Demobilize EOC when appropriate (Refer to ESF #5).

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. All law enforcement agencies
1. Notify the Grays Harbor Communications E 911 Center of a major law enforcement emergency.
 2. Provide a representative to the EOC with the authority to coordinate law enforcement functions.
 3. Coordinate and control traffic, warn and evacuate the public, control access to affected areas, and protect life and property.
 4. Assist the coroner in necessary investigation, identification, recovery, and management of deceased persons.
 5. Develop and maintain plans and procedures to support emergency responsibilities and functions.
 6. Manage law enforcement resources to provide assistance upon request from other jurisdictions or Grays Harbor County Sheriff's Office.
 7. Provide damage assessment and situation 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. Grays Harbor County Division of Emergency Management
 - 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.

- C. State agencies
 - 1. The Washington State Emergency Management Division shall serve as the central point of contact with the EOC for requests for specific state and federal disaster resources and services.
 - 2. WSP will assist the EOC and countywide law enforcement agencies in law enforcement operations. WSP will coordinate and maintain liaison with the appropriate state departments as identified in the Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. WSP may also provide warning and communications support as appropriate.