

CIVIL DISTURBANCE

Tasked Organization: Greenwood County Sheriff

Staff augmentation as directed by the County Manager

I. INTRODUCTION

Civil disturbances are public crises which occur with or without warning and may adversely impact significant portions of the population of Greenwood County. The Greenwood County Civil Disturbance Plan establishes operating responsibilities and procedures to ensure preparedness and orderly activation of County resources in response to civil disturbances which may occur within Greenwood County.

Review this annex and the EOP and develop Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for each task established by this appendix and the EOP. Each ESF will insure that the special needs community is factor into their SOPs. Annually review the State EOP & Department of Homeland Security Universal Task List and integrate tasks as appropriate.

II. MISSION

Define County roles and responsibilities in response to a civil disturbance emergency situation.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. County Sheriff's Office will develop, coordinate, and maintain the Civil Disturbance Plan and subsequent implementing instructions (SOPs).

B. County Sheriff's Office shall be the agency responsible for coordination of County law enforcement resources in a civil disturbance. The County EOC shall be the agency responsible for coordination of non-law enforcement resources. Requests for military support for law enforcement missions will be forwarded to the County EOC in turn they will forward to the SCEOC for action.

C. The County Sheriff is the County Council's designated representative to represent them in a civil disturbance and designated as the Incident Commander for all civil disturbances in Greenwood County. The County Sheriff's Office will insure that all ongoing activities are communicated to the County Manager and County EOC.

D. If it appears that County resources may be exceeded and state and/or federal resources are needed, County EOC will be contacted for state and federal law enforcement assistance.

IV. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. County Sheriff's Office:

1. Coordinate law enforcement resources (i.e. law enforcement, personnel, situation assessment, on-site communications, etc.) in response to a civil disturbance.
2. Maintain an updated civil disturbance response plan and liaison with SLED.
3. Provide personnel and equipment to support operations.
4. Collect and review intelligence information as it pertains to civil disturbance.
5. Maintain necessary liaison with other law enforcement agencies to achieve close coordination of planning and operations in troubled areas.
6. Identify, train, and assign personnel to staff ESF-13 in the EOC.
7. Provide all necessary communications, equipment, personnel, traffic control, and security for on the scene operations and necessary manpower to the EOC.

B. Director, Emergency Management::

1. Encourage and assist local law enforcement agencies in the development of mutual aid agreements
2. Maintain internal procedures to ensure that proper communications are maintained between local law enforcement and the EOC throughout civil disturbances.
3. Provide Civil Emergency Response Team (CERT) personnel, as required and if available.
4. Initiate staffing action for issuance of the appropriate "executive order" for declaration of a state of emergency is available.
5. Coordinate non-law enforcement local and state resources in response to civil disturbance.
6. Request support of SC EMD for stationing of a South Carolina National Guard and Department of Natural Resources, Division of Law Enforcement liaison at the county EOC.
7. Maintain liaison with appropriate agencies at the state and federal government level.

C. County Detention Center

1. Establish plans for the establishment of temporary holding facilities(s).
2. Establish plans and resources for transporting prisoners.
3. Establish plans and resources for mass processing of those arrested.
4. Maintain an updated civil disturbance response plan.

D. Public Information Officer (County Administration or SC EMD Liaison)

Insure effective media releases are coordinated with all applicable elements of county government and necessary arrangements for supporting the media are provided to the extent possible.

F. Other Departments, Agencies, and/or Non County Liaison: Provide necessary support as required.

V. STATE AND FEDERAL INTERFACE

A. At the State level the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is the lead agency responsible for coordinating law enforcement assistance utilizing state resources to include the National Guard while it remains under state authority

B. In those cases where state and local law enforcement resources are inadequate the Chief Executive of the State may submit an application to the Attorney General of the United States to request emergency federal law enforcement assistance. The Attorney General will approve or disapprove the application no later than 10 days after receipt. If the application is approved, federal law enforcement assistance may be provided to include equipment, training, intelligence or personnel.

C. In the event that a serious law enforcement emergency or civil disturbance constitutes an insurrection against the government of the County or of South Carolina, the state legislature or the Governor (if the legislature cannot be convened) may request, through the Attorney General, that the President call into federal service National Guard of other states, and use the Armed Forces, as may be necessary, to end the emergency or suppress the disturbance.

D. In the event that a serious law enforcement emergency or civil disturbance makes impractical or otherwise hinders the enforcement of the laws of the United States and/or deprives any part of the County or South Carolina's population of Constitutional rights and privileges, the President may call into federal service the National Guard of any state, and use the Armed Forces, to end the emergency or suppress the disturbance.