

## **ANNEX 16 (ESF 16) EMERGENCY TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT TO GREENWOOD'S EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

**Tasked Organizations: Greenwood County Sheriff's Office**

**Suggested Liaison: City/Municipal Law Enforcement  
Highway Patrol  
Lander University  
Piedmont Tech**

**Staff augmentation will be as directed by the County Manager.**

### **I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. To establish responsibility, policy and procedures to evacuate all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened disaster area within the county to locations providing relative safety and shelter. The citizens of Greenwood County have the potential for different situations that could warrant an evacuation off all or specific areas. An evacuation will involve all or part of the emergency service organizations of the county.
- B. Only the Governor can "direct and compel" an evacuation. However, a local governing body (municipal or county) can "recommend" an evacuation as opposed to ordering an evacuation.
- C. An authorized Fire Authority Representatives having jurisdiction have the power to direct evacuation of hazardous areas in performance of their duty.
- D. All sections to this annex will be reviewed and determination made as to the necessary actions required to support individuals classified as "special or functional needs". Actions regarding this category of personnel will be contained in the Standard Operations Procedures.
- E. Review this annex and the EOP and develop Standard Operation Procedures (SOPs) for each task established by this appendix and the EOP.
- F. Annually review the State EOP & Department of Homeland Security Universal Task List and integrate tasks as appropriate.

### **II. MISSION**

- A. To provide the citizens of Greenwood County with comprehensive, integrated and coordinated response through which risks are reduced, emergency services are delivered and consequences of events are managed to make our community safe, minimize lost of life, property and preserve infrastructure within the county.

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- B. It is assumed that the public will receive and understand official information related to evacuation. The public will act in its own interest and evacuate dangerous areas when advised to do so. If necessary, local authorities will carry out mandatory evacuations.

### **III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

- A. The direction and control functions of an evacuation are initially exercised by the Greenwood County Manager through the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- B. If deemed necessary, The Governor may order evacuation of selected areas regardless of the action taken or deemed necessary by any county officials. Should a decision be made, he will order implementation of the SC Emergency Operations Plan to augment local emergency operations.
- C. Regardless of who declares evacuation traffic control points will be established in order to control the traffic into and out of the affected area. Municipal traffic plans will be developed and provided the EOC. These plans will be used to augment the County's evacuation decisions.

### **IV. RESPONSIBILITIES**

Actions necessary to insure readiness to respond are divided into the four cycles of emergency management. These are: preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation. Each cycle requires actions to be planned for to insure total readiness. Considerations to be planned for are but are not limited to:

- A. Preparedness/Prevention//Mitigation
  - 1. Pre-Disaster Phase
    - a. Director, Greenwood County Emergency Management
      - 1) Coordinates with all appropriate agencies/adjacent jurisdictions to ensure emergency operational readiness for evacuations.
      - 2) Maintains EOC standard operating procedures.
      - 3) Coordinates identification of feasible evacuation routes likely to be available in the anticipated disaster.
      - 4) Coordinates with appropriate agency for shelter identification.

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- 5) Coordinates with appropriate agency plans for emergency medical care for evacuees.
  - 6) Coordinates with Municipalities within the county. All have signed the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement.
  - 7) Coordinates with Municipalities concerning traffic plan evacuation within the city.
  - 8) Coordinates with Communications Coordinator to ensure all telecommunicators are trained.
  - 9) Coordinate staffing requirements for the various phases of EOC activation with the Director of Emergency Management.
- b. Sheriff's Office:
- 1) Identify evacuation routes
  - 2) Identify traffic control points
  - 3) Identify obstructions to the evacuation plan and identify alternate routes to avoid potential debris/obstruction and report to the EOC for removal.
- c. Department of Social Services Liaison
- 1) Implement plans for Mass Care if appropriate.
  - 2) Coordinates in identifying emergency shelters.
- d. Superintendent of School Districts 50, 51, & 52 Liaison
- 1) Plans for supporting Mass Care (See ESF-6 – Mass Care/ Emergency Welfare Services).
  - 2) Plans for providing mass transportation. (see ESF-1)
2. Disaster Phase
- a. Director, Greenwood County Emergency Management
- 1) Activates the EOC and augments as required.
  - 2) Alerts all responsible agencies.

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- 3) Coordinates allocation and dispatch of transportation resources.
  - 4) Coordinates information with the Chief Public Information Officer.
  - 5) Coordinates evacuation operations.
  - 6) Coordinates with the Communications Coordinator to ensure telecommunicators begin notifying departments/agencies, key personnel, on the emergency notification list.
- b. Sheriff's Office
- 1) Man traffic control points and coordinates with state and affected municipalities to ensure necessary traffic control is established.
  - 2) Coordinates Law Enforcement Activities.
  - 3) Provides security in evacuated area.
- c. Department of Social Services Liaison
- Coordinates Mass Care (See ESF 6 – Mass Care)
- d. Superintendent of School Districts 50, 51, & 52 Liaison
- 1) Supports Mass Care
  - 2) Provides mass transportation. (See ESF-1 – Transportation)
3. Recovery Phase
- a. Director, Greenwood County Emergency Management
- Return of evacuees as required.
- b. Sheriff's Office
- 1) Coordinates Law Enforcement activities during return to normal activities.
  - 2) Provides reentry operations to the public when feasible.
- c. Department of Social Services
- Coordinates conclusion of provision of Mass Care (ESF-6)

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d. Superintendent of School Districts 50, 51, & 52

Provides support to Mass Care as required.

### **V. STATE INTERFACE**

This annex is supported by the State ESF-16 (Evacuation Traffic Management)

ESF-16 will coordinate with the SEOC through the Greenwood County Emergency Management to obtain assistance as required.