

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) 1 TRANSPORTATION

Primary Agency: Chatham Area Transit
Support Agencies: Chatham County Board Of Education
Chatham County Department of Public Works
Chatham Emergency Management Agency
GA Department of Transportation
Laidlaw

Supporting information, documentation, activation instructions and checklists are contained in the Introduction to Emergency Support Functions Annex.

I. Introduction

A. Purpose:

1. To support and assist municipal, county, private sector, and voluntary organizations requiring transportation for an actual or potential Incident of Critical Significance.
2. To assist city and county agencies and other ESFs with the emergency efforts to transport people. The priorities for allocation of these assets will be:
 - a. Evacuating persons from immediate peril.
 - b. Transporting personnel for the support of emergency activities.
 - c. Transporting relief personnel necessary for recovery from the emergency.

B. Scope: The emergency operations necessary for the performance of this function include but are not limited to:

1. Preparedness
 - a. Maintain current inventories of government transportation facilities, supplies, and equipment by mode.
 - b. Maintain current resource directories of all commercial and industrial transportation assets, facilities, and supplies within the County, to include maintaining points of contact, their geographic locations, territories, and operating areas.
 - c. Establish and maintain liaison with the state and adjacent County transportation officials.
 - d. Plan for supporting all types of evacuation(s) to include lock down of draw bridges, suspension of highway construction and maintenance, lane reversal

on evacuation routes, and Highway Patrol traffic management plans and operations.

- e. Estimate logistical requirements (e.g., personnel, supplies and equipment, facilities, and communications) during the planning process and through exercises. Develop appropriate transportation packages to support likely scenarios.
- f. Participate in exercises and training to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
- g. Ensure all ESF #1 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning. As a minimum, primary action officers for all ESF #1 agencies will complete ICS 200, 300, and 700 courses.

2. Response

- a. Identify transportation needs required to respond to the emergency.
- b. Coordinate with Georgia National Guard (GANG) for use of state military transportation assets.
- c. Identify, obtain, prioritize and allocate available transportation resources.
- d. Report the locations of damage to transportation infrastructure, degree of damage, and other available information to ESF #5.
- e. Assist local governments in determining the most viable, available transportation networks to, from, and within the disaster area, and regulate the use of such networks as appropriate.
- f. Coordinate emergency information for public release through ESF #15.
- g. Plan for transportation support of mobilization sites, staging areas, and distribution points.

3. Recovery

- a. Continue to render transportation support when and where required as long as emergency conditions exist.
- b. Coordinate the repair and restoration of transportation infrastructure with the assistance of ESF #3.
- c. Evaluate and task the transportation support requests for impacted areas.
- d. Anticipate, plan for, and ready the necessary notification systems to support damage assessment teams, establishment of staging areas, distribution sites, and other local, state, and federal recovery facilities in the impacted area.
- e. Anticipate, plan for, and ready the necessary notification systems to support the deployment of

- mutual aid teams, and work teams and activities in the impacted area.
 - f. Ensure that ESF #1 team members or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the event.
4. Mitigation
- a. Support and plan for mitigation measures.
 - b. Support requests and directives resulting from the County Commission concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
 - c. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in briefings, situation reports and action plans.

II. Concept of Operations

- A. General: ESF 1 is under the leadership of Chatham Area Transit (CAT). Upon request, a CAT representative will be available to respond to the EOC to assume primary responsibility for this ESF. When partial activation of the EOC is implemented, the CAT representative will identify which support agencies for ESF #1 are required and take steps to assure that these agencies are activated or alerted as appropriate. ESF #1 will respond to requests for transportation assistance. It is anticipated that when evacuations are completed the majority of the requests for transportation will be initiated by other ESFs to assist in providing aid to those in need.
- B. Response:
- 1. Initial Actions:
 - a. Vehicle inventories will be maintained and coordinated through ESF 1. Documentation of mileage and status will begin at this time.
 - b. Each ESF 1 agency will establish communications with its field personnel and ensure that they are ready for timely response.
 - c. Coordination will be established with support agencies to prioritize response strategies.
 - d. Confirmation of the level of readiness will be made with support agencies to include fuel availability, resources, etc.
 - e. Resources will be strategically positioned and sheltered when it becomes apparent that an Incident of Critical Significance is imminent.
 - f. ESF #6 (Mass Care) will assist with the coordination of ground transportation schedules to evacuation shelters with ESF 1.

- g. The US Coast Guard will notify harbor officers of the areas affected by the potential event of the need to lock down drawbridges.
- 2. Continuing Actions:
 - a. ESF 1 will coordinate transportation resources with requests for transport of personnel.
 - b. Priorities will continually be reassessed to address the most critical transportation needs.
 - c. Resources that are committed to specific missions will be tracked for redeployment if necessary. Updated information will be provided to ESF 5 (Emergency Management).
 - d. Resources will be re-staged as appropriate.
- 3. Recovery:
 - a. Upon request, transportation resources will be provided to assist recovery activities.
 - b. Develop recovery actions and strategies.
 - c. Continuing Actions: Transportation will continue to be provided for related activities.

III. Responsibilities:

- A. Primary Agency: Chatham Area Transit Authority
 - 1. CAT will coordinate with the support agencies in directing transportation resources and prioritizing the needs for transportation services.
 - 2. Immediately following an Incident of Critical Significance, assess the overall status of the transportation system within the county and begin determination of potential needs and resources.
 - 3. ESF 7 (Resource Support) will supply information pertaining to potential volunteer groups, contract vendors, and other entities that may be able to supplement available resources.
- B. Support Agencies:
 - 1. Chatham County Board of Education & Laidlaw: School buses, resources, personnel, equipment, vehicles and fuel will be made available as needed to assist in fulfilling transportation needs.
 - 2. ESF #8:
 - a. Advanced Life Support transport for those in need of medical transportation.
 - b. Basic Life Support transport for those in need of minimal medical care or who are non-ambulatory.
 - c. EMS Auxiliary resources will also be made available to assist with transportation needs identified by CAT.
 - 3. ESF #3: Drawbridge lockdown.