

## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) 13 PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY**

PRIMARY AGENCY: Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department  
SUPPORT AGENCIES: Armstrong-Atlantic Campus Police Department  
Bloomingdale Police Department  
Chatham County B.O.E. Police Department  
Chatham County Sheriff's Department  
Garden City Police Department  
Georgia Ports Authority Police Department  
Memorial Health Police Department  
Pooler Police Department  
Port Wentworth Police Department  
Thunderbolt Police Department  
Tybee Island Police Department  
Ga. Department of Public Safety  
Ga. State Patrol  
Ga. Department of Transportation  
Municipal Police Departments  
Other Law Enforcement Agencies

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

### I. Introduction

#### A. Purpose:

Integrates countywide public safety and security capabilities and resources to support the full range of incident management activities associated with potential or actual Incidents of Critical Significance.

1. Local, private sector, and specific State and Federal authorities have primary responsibility for public safety and security, and typically are the first line of response and support in these functional areas.
2. In most incident situations, local jurisdictions have primary authority and responsibility for law enforcement activities, utilizing the Incident Command System on-scene. In larger-scale incidents, additional resources should first be obtained through the activation of mutual aid agreements with neighboring localities and/or State authorities, with incident operations managed through a Unified Command structure. In this context, State resources could include members of the State National Guard that the Governor calls into

State service in a law enforcement, security, and/or public safety capacity.

3. Through ESF #13, State and/or Federal resources could supplement County and local resources when requested or required, as appropriate, and are integrated into the incident command structure using National Incident Management System principals and protocols.
4. ESF #13 primary agencies facilitate coordination among supporting agencies to ensure that communication and coordination processes are consistent with stated incident management missions and objectives.
5. When activated, ESF #13 coordinates the implementation of authorities that are appropriated for the situation and may provide protection and security resources, planning assistance, technology support, and other technical assistance to support incident operations, consistent with agency authorities and resource availability.

B. Scope:

1. ESF #13 capabilities support incident management requirements including force and critical infrastructure protection, security, planning and technical assistance, technology support, and public safety in both pre-incident and post-incident situations. ESF #13 is generally activated in situations requiring extensive assistance to provide public safety and security and where local government resources are overwhelmed or are inadequate, or in pre-incident or post-incident situations that require protective solutions or capabilities unique to Chatham County.
3. The emergency operations necessary for the performance of this function include but are not limited to:
  - a. Preparedness
    - (1) Identify agencies, organizations, and individuals, capable of providing law enforcement support services and associated resource inventories.
    - (2) Analyze hazards, critical facilities, determine law enforcement requirements, and develop plans to preposition assets.
    - (3) Train regular and support personnel in emergency duties.
    - (4) Develop plans to conduct initial damage assessment.
    - (5) Establish and maintain liaison with federal, state and local agencies.

- (6) Develop and maintain standard operating procedures and plans, to include alerting lists of personnel and agencies.
  - (7) Participate in exercises and training to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
  - (8) Ensure all ESF #13 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning. As a minimum, primary action officers for all ESF #13 agencies will complete ICS 200, 300, and 700 courses.
- b. Response
- (1) Provide warning and communications in support of the communications and warning plans.
  - (2) Staff the County EOC as directed.
  - (3) Provide security to the EOC.
  - (4) Secure evacuated areas, including safeguarding critical facilities, and controlling entry and exit points to the disaster area as requested.
  - (5) Conduct initial damage assessment and report results to EOC.
- c. Recovery
- (1) Phase down operations as directed by the EOC.
  - (2) Continue those operations necessary to protect people and property.
  - (3) Assist in return of evacuees.
  - (4) Assist with reconstitution of law enforcement agencies as necessary.
  - (5) Require ESF #13 team members or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the event.
- d. Mitigation
- (1) Support and plan for mitigation measures.
  - (2) Support requests and directives resulting from the Governor and/or GEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
  - (3) Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency, county, state/federal briefings, situation reports and action plans.

## **II. Concept of Operations**

### **A. General:**

2. ESF #13 is activated when public safety and security capabilities and resources are needed to support incident operations. This includes threat or pre-incident as well as post-incident situations.

3. When activated, the primary agencies assess public safety and security needs, and respond to requests for external resources and planning/technical assistance from other agencies, or other ESFs.
4. ESF #13 manages support by coordinating the implementation of all authorities related to public safety and security and protection of property, including critical infrastructure, and mobilizing supplemental security resources and technologies and other assistance to support incident management operations.
5. ESF #13 maintains close coordination with State, County and local officials to determine public safety and security support requirements and to jointly determine resource priorities.
6. The primary agency maintains communications with supporting agencies to determine capabilities, assess the availability of resources and track resources that have been deployed.

B. Incident Management:

While local authorities have primary responsibility for public safety and security, ESF #13 provides County public safety and security assistance to support prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery priorities in circumstances where locally available resources are overwhelmed or are inadequate, or where a unique County capability is required. This may include but is not limited to the following activities, when appropriate:

1. Pre-Incident Coordination: Supporting incident management planning activities and pre-incident actions required to assist in the prevention or mitigation of threats and hazards. This includes the development of operational and tactical public safety and security plans to address potential or actual incidents of critical significance, and the deployment of public safety and security resources to specific threats or potential incidents.
2. Technical Assistance: Providing expertise and coordination for security planning efforts and conducting technical assessments (e.g. vulnerability assessments, risk analyses, surveillance sensor architecture, etc.).
3. Public Safety and Security Assessment: Identifying the need for ESF #13 support and analyzing potential factors that affect resources and actions needed, such as mapping, modeling, and forecasting for crowd size, impact of weather and other conditions on security, etc.
4. Badging and Credentialing: Assisting in the establishment of consistent processes for issuing identification badges to emergency responders and other personnel needing access to places within a controlled area, and verifying emergency responder credentials.
5. Access Control: Providing security forces to support Savannah/Chatham and local efforts (or to secure sites under

- Savannah/Chatham jurisdiction) to control access to the incident site and critical facilities.
6. Site Security: Providing security forces and establishing protective measures around the incident site, critical infrastructure, and/or critical facilities.
  7. Traffic and Crowd Control: Providing emergency protective services to address public safety and security requirements during incidents of critical significance.
  8. Force Protection: Providing for the protection of emergency responders and other workers operating in a high-threat environment.
  9. Security Surveillance: Conducting surveillance to assist in public safety and security efforts, and providing appropriate technology support, as required.
  10. Specialized Security Resources: Providing specialized security assets such as traffic barriers, chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, and high-yield explosives detection devices, canine units, law enforcement personal protective gear, etc.

## **II. Responsibilities**

- A. Primary Agency: Savannah-Chatham Metropolitan Police Department. Recognizing that local authorities have primary responsibility for public safety and security in their jurisdiction, the primary agency will plan for, prepare, and coordinate law enforcement activities conducted in Chatham County in anticipation of and during incidents of critical significance and provide guidance and direction for those agencies implementing the provisions of ESF #13.
- B. Support agencies: Participate in planning for areas of agency expertise, and provide assistance and expertise as appropriate and in coordination with other ESF departments and agencies.