

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION (ESF) 14 LONG TERM RECOVERY AND MITIGATION

Primary Agency: Chatham Emergency Management Agency
Support Agencies: American Red Cross
Chatham County Building Safety & Regulatory Services
Department of Family and Children's Services
Chatham County Board Of Education
Chatham County Emergency Medical Service Providers
Chatham County Health Department
Gateway Mental Health
Municipal Managers & Elected Officials
Salvation Army

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

I. Introduction

- A. Purpose: This ESF implements Annex 14 to the Emergency Operations Plan. This ESF provides operational guidance to those who are assigned to work in this ESF. The mission of this ESF is to provide a framework for County Government support to municipal governments, nongovernmental organizations, and the private sector designed to enable community recovery from the long-term consequences of an Incident of Critical Significance.
1. ESF #14 recognizes the primacy of affected governments and the private sector in defining and addressing risk reduction and long-term community recovery priorities.
 2. Agencies continue to provide recovery assistance under independent authorities to municipal governments; the private sector; and individuals, while coordinating activities and assessments of need for additional assistance through the ESF #14 coordinator.
 3. Support is tailored based on the type, extent, and duration of the event and long-term recovery period, and on the availability of State and Federal resources.
 4. Long-term community recovery and mitigation efforts are forward-looking and market-based, focusing on permanent restoration of infrastructure, housing, and the economy, with attention to mitigation of future impacts of a similar nature, when feasible.
 5. The Federal Government uses the post-incident environment as an opportunity to measure the effectiveness of previous community recovery and mitigation efforts.

6. ESF #14 facilitates the application of loss reduction building science expertise to the rebuilding of critical infrastructure (e.g., in repairing hospitals or emergency operation centers to mitigate for future tornado risk).
- B. Scope: Structure: This ESF will provide coordination during large-scale or catastrophic incidents that require assistance to address significant long-term impacts in the affected area (e.g., impacts on housing, businesses and employment, community infrastructure, and social services. Activities within the scope of this function include:
1. Preparedness
 - a. Develop systems to use predictive modeling to determine vulnerable critical facilities as a basis for identifying recovery activities.
 - b. Analyze evaluate long-term damage assessment data.
 - c. Ensure all ESF #14 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning. As a minimum, primary action officers for all ESF #14 agencies will complete ICS 200, 300, and 700 courses.
 2. Response: Use predictive modeling to determine vulnerable critical facilities as a basis for identifying recovery activities.
 3. Recovery
 - a. Analyze evaluate long-term damage assessment data.
 - b. In coordination with the State government, assign staff to identify and document economic impact and losses avoided due to previous mitigation and new priorities for mitigation in affected areas.
 - c. Review the County Mitigation Plan for affected areas to identify potential mitigation projects.
 4. Mitigation
 - a. Support requests and directives resulting from the Governor and/or GEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
 - b. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency or state/federal briefings, situation reports and action plans.

II. Concept of Operations

- A. This ESF will assess the social and economic consequences in the impacted area and coordinate efforts to address long-term community recovery issues resulting from an Incident of Critical Significance.

- B. Advise on the long-term recovery implications of response activities and coordinate the transition from response to recovery in field operations.
- C. Work with municipal governments; non-governmental organizations; and private-sector organizations to conduct comprehensive market disruption and loss analysis and develop a comprehensive long-term recovery plan for the community.
- D. Identify appropriate State and Federal programs and agencies to support implementation of the long-term community recovery plan, ensure coordination, and identify gaps in resources available.
- E. Determine/identify responsibilities for recovery activities, and provide a vehicle to maintain continuity in program delivery among departments and agencies, and with municipal governments and other involved parties, to ensure follow-through of recovery and hazard mitigation efforts.
- F. Develops coordination mechanisms and requirements for post-incident assessments, plans, and activities that can be scaled to incidents of varying types and magnitudes.
- G. Establishes procedures for integration of pre-incident planning and risk assessment with post-incident recovery and mitigation efforts.
- H. Facilitates recovery decision making across ESFs. Also facilitates awareness of post incident digital mapping and pre-incident County and municipal hazard mitigation and recovery planning across ESFs

III. Responsibilities

- A. ESF Primary and Support Agencies shall:
 - 1. Attend at least quarterly meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.
 - 2. Assess the need for and prioritize the deployment of services based on available resources and critical needs as they related to your responsibility. Also to develop procedures to obtain private sector support as required.
 - 3. Request volunteer agencies and private resources with assets to contribute those assets to the response effort.
 - 4. Evaluate the availability, operational condition and duration of need as well as logistical requirements necessary to obtain critically needed equipment.
 - 5. Participate in drills and exercises to evaluate local communications capability.

6. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery in accordance with ESF #7 policies and procedures and report these records to the Primary Agency.

B. Chatham Emergency Management Agency shall:

1. Coordinate with each Support Agency through at least quarterly meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.
2. Oversee the coordination management of resources, facilities and equipment.
3. Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during response and recovery efforts.

