Emergency Support Function #13 - Public Safety and Security

Primary Agency
Radford University Police
Radford City Police

Secondary/Support Agencies
Office of Emergency Preparedness
Facilities Management
Parking Services
Fire Department
Virginia State Police
Virginia Department of Transportation

Introduction

Purpose:
Emergency Support Function (ESF) #13 – Public Safety and Security is to maintain law and order, to provide public warning, to provide for the security of critical facilities and supplies, to provide a "safe scene" for the duration of a traffic disruptive incident, to effect the evacuation of threatened areas, to provide access control to evacuated areas or critical facilities, to assist with search and rescue operations, and to assist with identification of the dead.

Scope:
ESF #13 is designed to respond during a time of emergency using existing procedures. These procedures are in the form of department directives that cover all types of natural disasters, technological hazards, and acts of terrorism; incidents include flooding, hazardous materials spills, transportation accidents, search and rescue operations, traffic control, and evacuations.

In the event of a state or federally declared disaster, the Governor can provide National Guard personnel and equipment to support local law enforcement operations.

Policies:
- Radford University Police will retain operational control;
- The Incident Commander will determine the need for security at the scene;
- University Police in coordination with the Coordinator of Emergency Preparedness will identify areas of potential evacuation;
- The concentration of large numbers of people in shelters during an evacuation may necessitate law enforcement presence to maintain orderly conduct; and
• Law enforcement will be needed in evacuated areas to prevent looting and protect property;

**Concept of Operations**

**General:**

Existing procedures in the form of department directives provide the basis for a law enforcement response in time of emergency. The mission of the Public Safety and Security function is to maintain law and order, protect life and property, provide traffic control and law enforcement support, guard essential facilities/supplies and coordinate mutual aid.

The Communications Center is the point of contact for the receipt of all warnings and notification of actual or impending emergencies or disasters.

If the National Guard is called in for a state or federally declared disaster they may only be used for low-risk duties such as security and traffic control. A hazard or potential hazard situation could justify the need for evacuation for a short period of a few hours to several days or weeks, depending on the hazard and its severity. In order to limit access to the hazard area, various personnel and devices will be required, such as the following:

- Personnel to direct traffic and staff control points;
- Signs to control or restrict traffic;
- Two-way radios to communicate to personnel within and outside the secured area;
- Control point(s);
- Adjacent highway markers indicating closure of area;
- Markers on surface roads leading into the secured areas;
- Patrols within and outside the secured areas; and
- Established pass system for entry and exit of secured areas.

The Virginia Department of Transportation Residency Shop and Private Contractors have general responsibility for signing and marking.

**Organization**

Radford University Police will utilize their normal communications networks during disasters. The Emergency Coordinator, in coordination with local law enforcement and the fire departments, should delineate areas that may need to be evacuated. Law Enforcement will set up control points and roadblocks to expedite traffic to reception centers or shelters and prevent reentry of evacuated areas. They will also provide traffic control and security at damaged public property, shelter facilities and donations/distribution centers. Should an evacuation become necessary, warning and evacuation instructions will be put out via radio and television. Also local law enforcement and fire departments will use mobile loudspeakers to ensure that all residents in the threatened areas have received the evacuation warning.
Actions

- Identify essential facilities and develop procedures to provide for their security and continued operation in the time of an emergency;
- Maintain police intelligence capability to alert government agencies and the university to potential threats;
- Maintain a Special Weapons and Tactics Team. (SWAT)
- Develop procedures and provide training for the search and rescue of missing persons;
- Develop strategies to effectively address special emergency situations that may require distinct law enforcement procedures, such as civil disorders, hostage taking, weapons of mass destruction, terrorist situations, and bomb threats/detonations;
- Test primary communications systems and arrange for alternate systems, if necessary;
- Assist with the implementation of the evacuation procedures for the threatened areas, if necessary;
- Provide traffic and crowd control as required;
- Implement existing mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions, if necessary; and
- Document expenses.

Responsibilities

- Law enforcement;
- Crowd control;
- Conducts evaluation of operational readiness;
- Resolves conflicting demands for public safety and security resources;
- Coordinates backup support from other areas;
- Initial warning and alerting;
- Security of emergency site, evacuated areas, shelter areas, vital facilities and supplies;
- Traffic control;
- Evacuation and access control of threatened areas; and
- Assist the Medical Examiner with identification of the dead.
ENTRY PERMIT TO ENTER RESTRICTED AREAS

1. Reason for entry (if scientific research, specify objectives, location, length of time needed for study, methodology, qualifications, sponsoring party, NSF grant number and date on separate page). If contractor/agent--include name of contractual resident party, attach evidence of right of interest in destination. Resident: Purpose.

2. Name, address, and telephone of applicant, organization, university, sponsor, or media group. Also contact person if questions should arise.

3. Travel (fill out applicable sections; if variable call information to dispatcher for each entry)
   - Method of Travel (vehicle, aircraft)
   - Description of Vehicle/Aircraft Registration
   - Route of Travel if by Vehicle
   - Destination by legal location or landmark/E911 address
   - Alternate escape route if different from above

4. Type of 2-way radio system to be used and your base station telephone number we can contact in emergency (a CB radio or radio telephone will not be accepted). Resident: cellular or home number.

   Entry granted into hazard area.

   Authorizing Signature _____________ Date _____________

   The conditions for entry are attached to and made a part of this permit. Any violation of the attached conditions for entry can result in revocation of this permit.

   The Waiver of Liability is made a part of and attached to this permit. All persons entering the closed area under this permit must sign the Waiver of Liability before entry.
WAIVER OF LIABILITY
(TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH APPLICATION FORM)

I, the undersigned, hereby understand and agree to the requirements stated in the application form and in the safety regulations and do further understand that I am entering a (high) hazard area with full knowledge that I do so at my own risk and I do hereby release and discharge the federal government, the Commonwealth of Virginia and all its political subdivisions, their officers, agents and employees from all liability for any damages or losses incurred while within the Closed Area.

I understand that the entry permit is conditioned upon this waiver. I understand that no public agency shall have any duty to attempt any search and rescue efforts on my behalf while I am in the Closed or Restricted Area.

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