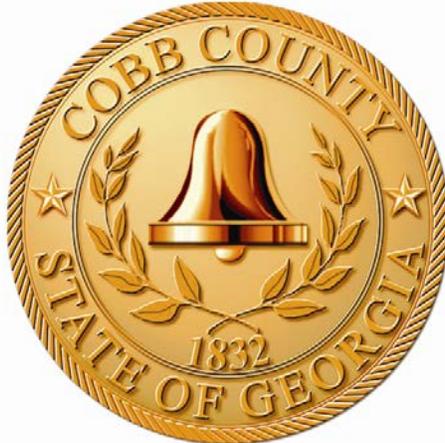


COBB COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN



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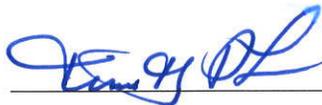
WHEREAS, each county in the State of Georgia is required to develop a Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) to describe the structure and processes comprising a county approach to incident management, integrating the efforts of municipal governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations; and

WHEREAS, Cobb County, through the Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), formulated the Cobb County LEOP through a collaborative effort involving the County as well as other municipal entities, organizations, and persons; and

WHEREAS, CEMA has requested formal adoption of the Cobb County LEOP by the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, which deems the adoption of the Plan to be appropriate and in the best interests of Cobb County, Georgia;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Cobb County Board of Commissioners hereby adopts the Cobb County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP), a copy of which has been provided.

This is the 13th day of August, 2013.



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PREFACE

This Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) describes the management and coordination of resources and personnel during periods of major emergency. This comprehensive local emergency operations plan is developed to ensure mitigation and preparedness, appropriate response and timely recovery from natural and man made hazards which may affect residents of Cobb County.

This plan supersedes the Emergency Operations Plan dated from old eLEOP. It incorporates guidance from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) as well as lessons learned from disasters and emergencies that have threatened Cobb County. The Plan will be updated at the latest, every four years. The plan:

- Defines emergency response in compliance with the State-mandated Emergency Operations Plan process.
- Establishes emergency response policies that provide departments and agencies with guidance for the coordination and direction of municipal plans and procedures.
- Provides a basis for unified training and response exercises.

The plan consists of the following components:

- The Basic Plan describes the structure and processes comprising a county approach to incident management designed to integrate the efforts of municipal governments, the private sector, and non-governmental organizations. The Basic Plan includes the: purpose, situation, assumptions, concept of operations, organization, assignment of responsibilities, administration, logistics, planning and operational activities.
- Appendices provide other relevant supporting information, including terms, definitions, and authorities.
- Emergency Support Function Annexes detail the missions, policies, structures, and responsibilities of County agencies for coordinating resource and programmatic support to municipalities during Incidents of Critical Significance.
- Support Annexes prescribe guidance and describe functional processes and administrative requirements necessary to ensure efficient and effective implementation of incident management objectives.
- Incident Annexes address contingency or hazard situations requiring specialized application of the EOP. The Incident Annexes describe the missions, policies, responsibilities, and coordination processes that govern the interaction of public and private entities engaged in incident management and emergency response operations across a spectrum of potential hazards. Due to security precautions and changing nature of their operational procedures, these Annexes, their supporting plans, and operational supplements are published separately.

The following is a summary of the 15 Emergency Support Functions:

1. ***Transportation***: Supports governmental entities, the private sector, and voluntary organizations requiring transportation services during actual or potential Incidents of Critical Significance.
2. ***Communications***: Ensures the provision of communications support to municipal, County, and private-sector response efforts during Incidents of Critical Significance.
3. ***Public Works and Engineering***: Coordinates and organizes public works and engineering related activities; provides related technical assistance and engineering / construction management expertise; and provides related support services to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and / or recover from Incidents of Critical Significance.
4. ***Firefighting***: Supports the detection and suppression of wild-land, rural, and urban fires resulting from, or occurring coincidentally with Incidents of Critical Significance.
5. ***Emergency Management Services***: Provides support for the overall activities of County Government and emergency management system during incident management.
6. ***Mass Care, Housing and Human Services***: Supports governmental and non-governmental organization efforts to address mass care, housing, and human services needs of individuals and / or families impacted by Incidents of Critical Significance.
7. ***Resource Support***: Supports volunteer services; provides resource support (personnel, equipment, etc.) support to response efforts; requests, provides or tracks resources before, during and / or after Incidents of Critical Significance.
8. ***Public Health and Medical Services***: Provides public health and medical expertise and resources to address existing or emerging public health and medical care issues during Incidents of Critical Significance.
9. ***Search and Rescue***: Provides specialized, life saving search and rescue related activities during Incidents of Critical Significance.
10. ***Hazardous Materials***: Provides support and expertise in response to an actual or potential discharge and / or uncontrolled release of oil or hazardous materials during Incidents of Critical Significance.
11. ***Agriculture and Natural Resources***: Provides support for animal related issues during Incidents of Critical Significance; provides nutrition assistance; implements measures to control and eradicate an outbreak of a highly contagious or economically devastating animal / zoonotic disease; provides assurance of food safety and food security; and protects natural and cultural resources and historic properties.
12. ***Energy***: Restore damaged energy systems and components during a potential or actual Incidents of Critical Significance.

- 13. *Public Safety and Security Services:*** Integrates 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.
- 14. *Longterm Recovery and Mitigation:*** Provides a framework for governmental entities, non-governmental organizations and the private sector to recover from the long-term consequences of Incidents of Critical Significance and to engage in mitigation activities.
- 15. *External Affairs:*** Ensures that accurate, coordinated and timely information is disseminated during Incidents of Critical Significance, such as to governments, media, the private sector and the general public.

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BASIC PLAN

I. INTRODUCTION

Summary

This plan establishes a framework for emergency management planning and response to: prevent emergency situations; reduce vulnerability during disasters; establish capabilities to protect residents from effects of crisis; respond effectively and efficiently to actual emergencies; and provide for rapid recovery from any emergency or disaster affecting local jurisdictions and Cobb County.

This Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is predicated on the National Incident Management System (NIMS) which integrates the capabilities and resources of various municipal jurisdictions, incident management and emergency response disciplines, nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and the private sector into a cohesive, coordinated, and seamless framework for incident management.

The EOP, using the NIMS, is an all-hazards plan that provides the structure and mechanisms for policy and operational coordination for incident management. Consistent with the model provided in the NIMS, the EOP can be partially or fully implemented in the context of a threat, anticipation of a significant event, or the response to a significant event. Selective implementation through the activation of one or more of the systems components allows maximum flexibility in meeting the unique operational and information-sharing requirements of the situation at hand and enabling effective interaction between various entities.

The EOP, as the core operational plan for incident management, establishes county-level coordinating structures, processes, and protocols that will be incorporated into certain existing interagency incident or hazard-specific plans designed to implement specific statutory authorities and responsibilities of various departments and agencies.

Purpose

The purpose of the EOP is to establish a comprehensive, countywide, all-hazards approach to incident management across a spectrum of activities including prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery. The EOP incorporates best practices and procedures from various incident management disciplines - homeland security, emergency management, law enforcement, firefighting, hazardous materials response, public works, public health, emergency medical services, and responder and recovery worker health and safety - and integrates them into a unified coordinating structure. The EOP provides the framework for interaction with municipal governments; the private sector; and NGOs in the context of incident prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. It describes capabilities and resources and establishes responsibilities, operational processes, and protocols to help protect from natural and manmade hazards; save lives; protect public health, safety, property, and the environment; and reduce adverse psychological consequences and disruptions. Finally, the EOP serves as the foundation for the development of detailed supplemental plans and procedures to effectively and efficiently

implement incident management activities and assistance in the context of specific types of incidents.

The EOP, using the National Incident Management System, establishes mechanisms to:

- Maximize the integration of incident-related prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities;
- Improve coordination and integration of County, municipal, private-sector, and nongovernmental organization partners;
- Maximize efficient utilization of resources needed for effective incident management and Critical Infrastructure / Key Resources protection and restoration;
- Improve incident management communications and increase situational awareness across jurisdictions and between the public and private sectors;
- Facilitate emergency mutual aid and emergency support to municipal governments;
- Provide a proactive and integrated response to catastrophic events; and
- Address linkages to other incident management and emergency response plans developed for specific types of incidents or hazards.

A number of plans are linked to the EOP in the context of disasters or emergencies, but remain as stand-alone documents in that they also provide detailed protocols for responding to routine incidents that normally are managed by local agencies without the need for supplemental coordination. The EOP also incorporates other existing emergency response and incident management plans (with appropriate modifications and revisions) as integrated components, operational supplements, or supporting tactical plans.

This plan consists of the following components:

Scope and Applicability

The EOP covers the full range of complex and constantly changing requirements in anticipation of or in response to threats or acts of terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. The EOP also provides the basis to initiate long-term community recovery and mitigation activities.

The EOP establishes interagency and multi-jurisdictional mechanisms for involvement in and coordination of, incident management operations.

This plan distinguishes between incidents that require County coordination, termed disasters or emergencies, and the majority of incidents that are handled by responsible jurisdictions or agencies through other established authorities and existing plans.

In addition, the EOP:

- Recognizes and incorporates the various jurisdictional and functional authorities of departments and agencies; municipal governments; and private-sector organizations in incident management.
- Details the specific incident management roles and responsibilities of the departments and agencies involved in incident management as defined in relevant statutes and directives.
- Establishes the multi-agency organizational structures and processes required to implement the authorities, roles, and responsibilities for incident management.

This plan is applicable to all departments and agencies that may be requested to provide assistance or conduct operations in the context of actual or potential disasters or emergencies.

Disasters or emergencies are high-impact events that require a coordinated and effective response by an appropriate combination of County, municipal, private-sector, and nongovernmental entities in order to save lives, minimize damage, and provide the basis for long-term community recovery and mitigation activities.

Key Concepts

This section summarizes key concepts that are reflected throughout the EOP.

Systematic and coordinated incident management, including protocols for:

- Coordinated action;
 - Alert and notification;
 - Mobilization of County resources to augment existing municipal capabilities;
 - Operating under differing threats or threat levels; and
 - Integration of crisis and consequence management functions.
- Proactive notification and deployment of resources in anticipation of or in response to catastrophic events in coordination and collaboration with municipal governments and private entities when possible.
 - Organizing interagency efforts to minimize damage, restore impacted areas to pre-incident conditions if feasible, and/or implement programs to mitigate vulnerability to future events.
 - Coordinating worker safety and health, private-sector involvement, and other activities that are common to the majority of incidents (see Support Annexes).

- Organizing Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) to facilitate the delivery of critical resources, assets, and assistance. Departments and agencies are assigned to lead or support ESFs based on authorities, resources, and capabilities.
- Providing mechanisms for vertical and horizontal coordination, communications, and information sharing in response to threats or incidents. These mechanisms facilitate coordination among municipal entities and the County Government, as well as between the public and private sectors.
- Facilitating support to County departments and agencies acting under the requesting department or agency's own authorities.
- Developing detailed supplemental operations, tactical, and hazard-specific contingency plans and procedures.
- Providing the basis for coordination of interdepartmental and municipal planning, training, exercising, assessment, coordination, and information exchange.

II. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

The EOP is based on the planning assumptions and considerations presented in this section.

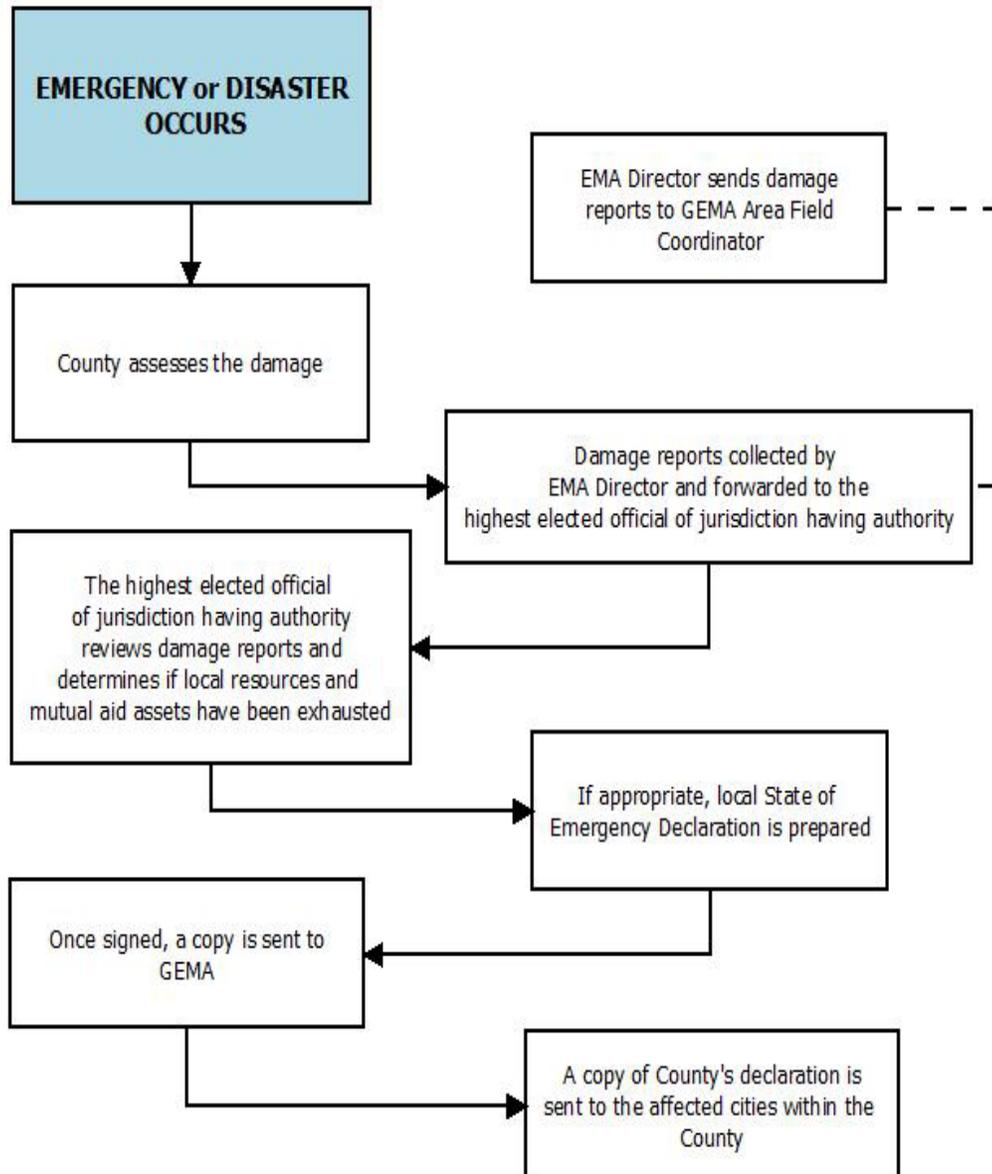
- Incidents are typically managed at the lowest possible organizational and jurisdictional level.
- Incident management activities will be initiated and conducted using the principles contained in the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).
- The combined expertise and capabilities of government at all levels, the private sector, and nongovernmental organizations will be required to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies.
- Disasters and emergencies require the Cobb County Emergency Management Agency to coordinate operations and/or resources, and may:
 - Occur at any time with little or no warning in the context of a general or specific threat or hazard;
 - Require significant information-sharing at the unclassified and classified levels across multiple jurisdictions and between the public and private sectors;
 - Involve single or multiple jurisdictions;
 - Have significant regional impact and/or require significant regional information sharing, resource coordination, and/or assistance;
 - Span the spectrum of incident management to include prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery;
 - Involve multiple, highly varied hazards or threats on a regional scale;
 - Result in numerous casualties; fatalities; displaced people; property loss; disruption of normal life support systems, essential public services, and basic infrastructure; and significant damage to the environment;
 - Impact critical infrastructures across sectors;
 - Overwhelm capabilities of municipal governments, and private-sector infrastructure owners and operators;
 - Attract a sizeable influx of independent, spontaneous volunteers and supplies;
 - Require extremely short-notice asset coordination and response timelines; and

- Require prolonged, sustained incident management operations and support activities.
- Top priorities for incident management are to:
 - Save lives and protect the health and safety of the public, responders, and recovery workers;
 - Ensure security of the county;
 - Prevent an imminent incident, including acts of terrorism, from occurring;
 - Protect and restore critical infrastructure and key resources;
 - Conduct law enforcement investigations to resolve the incident, apprehend the perpetrators, and collect and preserve evidence for prosecution and/or attribution;
 - Protect property and mitigate the damage and impact to individuals, communities, and the environment; and
 - Facilitate recovery of individuals, families, businesses, governments, and the environment.
- Deployment of resources and incident management actions during an actual or potential terrorist incident are conducted in coordination with the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI).
- Departments and agencies at all levels of government and certain NGOs, such as the American Red Cross, may be required to deploy to disaster areas or emergency events on short notice to provide timely and effective mutual aid and/or intergovernmental assistance.
- The degree of County involvement in incident operations depends largely upon the specific authority or jurisdiction. Other factors that may be considered include:
 - The municipal needs and/or requests for external support, or ability to manage the incident;
 - The economic ability of the affected entity to recover from the incident;
 - The type or location of the incident;
 - The severity and magnitude of the incident; and
 - The need to protect the public health or welfare or the environment.

- Departments and agencies support these mission in accordance with authorities and guidance and are expected to provide:
 - Initial and/or ongoing response, when warranted, under their own authorities and funding;
 - Alert, notification, pre-positioning, and timely delivery of resources to enable the management of potential and actual disasters or emergencies; and
 - Proactive support for catastrophic or potentially catastrophic incidents using protocols for expedited delivery of resources.
- For disasters or emergencies that are Presidentially declared, state and/or Federal support is delivered in accordance with relevant provisions of the Stafford Act. (Note that while all Presidentially declared disasters and emergencies under the Stafford Act are considered incidents of critical significance, not all incidents necessarily result in disaster or emergency declarations under the Stafford Act.) The elements of the Emergency Declaration process are shown within **FIGURE 1**.

FIGURE 1

Emergency Declaration Process



It is anticipated and expected that if the emergency or disaster is obviously widespread and all local resources mutual aid assets have already been exhausted, the highest elected official of jurisdiction having authority can make a declaration without waiting for a report regarding damages.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Local Government Responsibilities

Police, fire, public health and medical, emergency management, public works, environmental response, and other personnel are often the first to arrive and the last to leave an incident site. In some instances, a County agency in the area may act as a first responder, and the assets of County agencies may be used to advise or assist municipal officials in accordance with agency authorities and procedures. Mutual aid agreements provide mechanisms to mobilize and employ resources from neighboring jurisdictions to support the incident command. When resources and capabilities are overwhelmed, the County may request State assistance under a Governor's disaster or emergency declaration. Summarized below are the responsibilities of the Chief Executive Officer.

A municipal mayor or city or County Chairman or their designee, as a jurisdiction's chief executive, is responsible for the public safety and welfare of the people of that jurisdiction. The Chief Executive Officer:

- Is responsible for coordinating resources to address the full spectrum of actions to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from incidents involving all hazards including terrorism, natural disasters, accidents, and other contingencies;
- Dependent upon law, has extraordinary powers to suspend laws and ordinances, such as to establish a curfew, direct evacuations, and, in coordination with the health authority, to order a quarantine;
- Provides leadership and plays a key role in communicating to the public, and in helping people, businesses, and organizations cope with the consequences of any type of incident within the jurisdiction;
- Negotiates and enters into mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions to facilitate resource-sharing; and
- Requests State and, if necessary, Federal assistance through the Governor of the State when the jurisdiction's capabilities have been exceeded or exhausted.

Emergency Support Functions

The EOP applies a functional approach that groups the capabilities of municipal and county departments and some volunteer and non-government organizations into ESFs to provide the planning, support, resources, program implementation, and emergency services that are most likely to be needed during disaster or emergency incidents. The County response to actual or potential disasters or emergencies is typically provided through the full or partial activation of the ESF structure as necessary. The ESFs serve as the coordination mechanism to provide assistance to municipal governments or to County departments and agencies conducting missions of primary County responsibility.

Each ESF is comprised of primary and support agencies. The EOP identifies primary agencies on the basis of authorities, resources, and capabilities. Support agencies are assigned based on resources and capabilities in a given functional area. The resources provided by the ESFs reflect categories identified in the NIMS. ESFs are expected to support one another in carrying out their respective roles and responsibilities. Additional discussion on roles and responsibilities of ESF primary agencies, and support agencies can be found in the introduction to the ESF Annexes.

Note that not all disaster or emergency incidents result in the activation of all ESFs. It is possible that an incident can be adequately addressed by agencies through activation of certain EOP elements without the activation of ESFs. Similarly, operational security considerations may dictate that activation of EOP elements be kept to a minimum, particularly in the context of certain terrorism prevention activities.

Emergency Operations Center Activation Levels

The Cobb Emergency Operations Center follows the activation levels that are utilized by the State Operations Center, which are as follows:

Level 1 - Full Scale Activation of Cobb Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - In a full scale activation, all primary and support agencies under the Cobb Emergency Operations Plan are notified. The EOC will be staffed by CEMA personnel and all Emergency Support Functions.

Level 2 - Partial Activation of Cobb EOC- This is a limited agency activation. All primary, or lead, Emergency Support Functions are notified. The EOC will be staffed by CEMA personnel and necessary Emergency Support Functions.

Level 3 - Monitoring - Level 3 is a typically a "monitoring" phase. Emergency Management is continually monitoring as part of its everyday responsibilities. Notification will be made to those agencies and Emergency Support Functions who would need to take action as part of their everyday responsibilities.

Nongovernmental and Volunteer Organizations

Nongovernmental and volunteer organizations collaborate with first responders, governments at all levels, and other agencies and organizations providing relief services to sustain life, reduce physical and emotional distress, and promote recovery of disaster victims when assistance is not available from other sources. For example, the American Red Cross is an NGO that provides relief at the local level and also supports the Mass Care element of ESF 6. Community-based organizations receive government funding to provide essential public health services.

The Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD) is a consortium of approximately 30 recognized organizations of volunteers active in disaster relief. Such entities provide significant capabilities to incident management and response efforts at all levels. For example, the wildlife rescue and rehabilitation activities conducted during a pollution emergency are often carried out by private, nonprofit organizations working with natural resource trustee agencies.

Private Sector Roles

EOP primary and support agencies coordinate with the private sector to effectively share information, form courses of action, and incorporate available resources to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies.

The roles, responsibilities, and participation of the private sector during a disaster or emergency incident vary based on the nature of the organization and the type and impact of the incident. The roles of private-sector organizations are summarized below.

Impacted Organization or Infrastructure

Private-sector organizations may be affected by direct or indirect consequences of the incident, including privately owned critical infrastructure, key resources, and those main private-sector organizations that are significant to regional economic recovery from the incident. Examples of privately owned infrastructure include transportation, telecommunications, private utilities, financial institutions, and hospitals.

Response Resources

Private-sector organizations provide response resources (donated or compensated) during an incident - including specialized teams, equipment, and advanced technologies - through public-private emergency plans, mutual aid agreements, or incident specific requests from government and private-sector-volunteer initiatives.

Regulated and/or Responsible Party

Owners/operators of certain regulated facilities or hazardous operations may bear responsibilities under the law for preparing for and preventing incidents from occurring, and responding to an incident once it occurs. For example, some activities are required by law or regulation to maintain emergency (incident) preparedness plans, procedures, and

facilities and to perform assessments, prompt notifications, and training for a response to an incident.

State / Emergency Organization Member

Private-sector organizations may serve as active partners in emergency preparedness and response organizations and activities.

Private Sector Responsibilities

Private-sector organizations support the EOP (voluntarily or to comply with applicable laws and regulations) by sharing information with the government, identifying risks, performing vulnerability assessments, developing emergency response and business continuity plans, enhancing their overall readiness, implementing appropriate prevention and protection programs, and donating or otherwise providing goods and services through contractual arrangement or government purchases to assist in response to and recovery from an incident.

Certain organizations are required by existing law and regulation to bear the cost of planning and response to incidents, regardless of cause. In the case of an Incident of Critical Significance, these private-sector organizations are expected to mobilize and employ the resources necessary and available in accordance with their plans to address the consequences of incidents at their own facilities or incidents for which they are otherwise responsible.

Private Sector Response Resources and Coordination

Unless the response role is inherently governmental (e.g., law enforcement, etc.), private-sector organizations are encouraged to develop and maintain capabilities to respond to and manage a complete spectrum of incidents and emergencies. The County Government maintains ongoing interaction with the critical infrastructure and key resource industries to provide coordination for prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. When practical, or when required under law, private-sector representatives should be included in planning and exercises. In some cases, the government may direct private-sector response resources when they have contractual relationships, using government funds.

The primary agency/agencies for each ESF maintain(s) working relations with its associated private-sector counterparts through partnership committees or other means (e.g., ESF 2, Communications - telecommunications industry; ESF 10, Hazardous Materials - oil and hazardous materials industries; etc.).

Citizen Involvement

Strong partnerships with citizen groups and organizations provide support for mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities at the local level. The U.S. Citizen Corps program brings these groups together and focuses efforts of individuals through education, training, and volunteer service to help make communities safer, stronger, and better prepared to address the threats of terrorism, crime, public health issues, and disasters of all kinds.

The Cobb County Citizen Corps Council implements Citizen Corps programs, which includes the Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) and the Medical Reserve Corps; provides opportunities for special skills and interests; develops targeted outreach for special-needs groups; and organizes special projects and community events.

Cobb County has a very active CERT program, which consists of several hundred active members, with an even greater number of individuals receiving the initial CERT training. These individuals play an important part in Cobb County's ability to utilize volunteers during emergency activations under the direction of Cobb EMA, as well as for training and exercise activities.

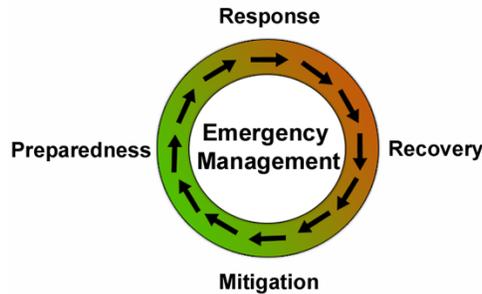
There are also Citizen Corps Affiliate Programs, which expand the resources and materials available to communities through partnerships with programs and organizations that offer resources for public education, outreach, and training; represent volunteers interested in helping to make their communities safer; or offer volunteer service opportunities to support first responders, disaster relief activities, and community safety efforts. Citizen Corps Affiliates recognized by FEMA include organizations such as the American Red Cross, The American Legion, Girls Scouts of the USA, and the Meals on Wheels Association of America.

Other programs unaffiliated with Citizen Corps also provide organized citizen involvement opportunities in support of response to major disasters and events of critical significance.

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IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Phases of Emergency Management



Mitigation

Activities designed to reduce or eliminate risks to persons or property or to lessen the actual or potential effects or consequences of an incident. Mitigation measures implemented prior to, during, or after an incident are intended to prevent the occurrence of an emergency, reduce the community's vulnerability and/or minimize the adverse impact of disasters or emergencies. A preventable measure, for instance, is the enforcement of building codes to minimize such situations.

Preparedness

Actions taken to avoid an incident or to intervene and stop an incident from occurring. Preparedness involves actions taken prior to an emergency to protect lives and property and to support and enhance disaster response. Planning, training, exercises, community awareness and education are among such activities.

Response

Activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident. These activities include immediate actions to preserve life, property, and the environment; meet basic human needs; and maintain the social, economic, and political structure of the affected community. Also included are direction and coordination, warning, evacuation, and similar operations that help reduce casualties and damage, and speed recovery.

Recovery

The development, coordination, and execution of service- and site-restoration plans and the reconstitution of government operations and services through individual, private- sector, nongovernmental, and public assistance programs. Short-term recovery includes damage assessment and the return of vital functions, such as utilities and emergency services, to minimum operating standards. When rebuilding and re-locating is due to damaged property, long-term recovery activities may continue for years.

General

- A basic premise of the EOP is that incidents are generally handled at the lowest jurisdictional level possible. Police, fire, public health, medical, emergency management, and other personnel are responsible for incident management at that level. Accordingly, in order to protect life and property from the effects of emergencies, government is responsible for all emergency management activities. When operating under such conditions, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will utilize all available resources from within the County, including voluntary and private assets, before requesting other assistance. After an emergency exceeds local capacity to respond, assistance will be requested from other jurisdictions and the state through GEMA. Upon a Presidential declaration, assistance as requested by the state may be provided through Federal ESFs and/or other resources. The elements of the response process are shown within **FIGURE 2**.
- Consistent with the commitment to comprehensive emergency management, this plan addresses major emergency situations that may develop in the county. It outlines activities that address mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The plan emphasizes the capacity of Cobb County Emergency Management Agency to respond and accomplish short-term recovery. The elements of the recovery process are shown within **FIGURE 3**.
- In coordination with the county and municipal governments, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will implement interagency coordination for emergency operations.
- In coordination with the county and municipal governments and Cobb County Emergency Management Agency, the public information designee will release all emergency information.
- If an agency requests functional support from another agency or organization, assigned personnel and resources will be coordinated by the agency responsible for the ESF.
- All agencies will inform Cobb County Emergency Management Agency of personnel assigned to work in the Emergency Operations Center.

FIGURE 2
Response Flow Chart

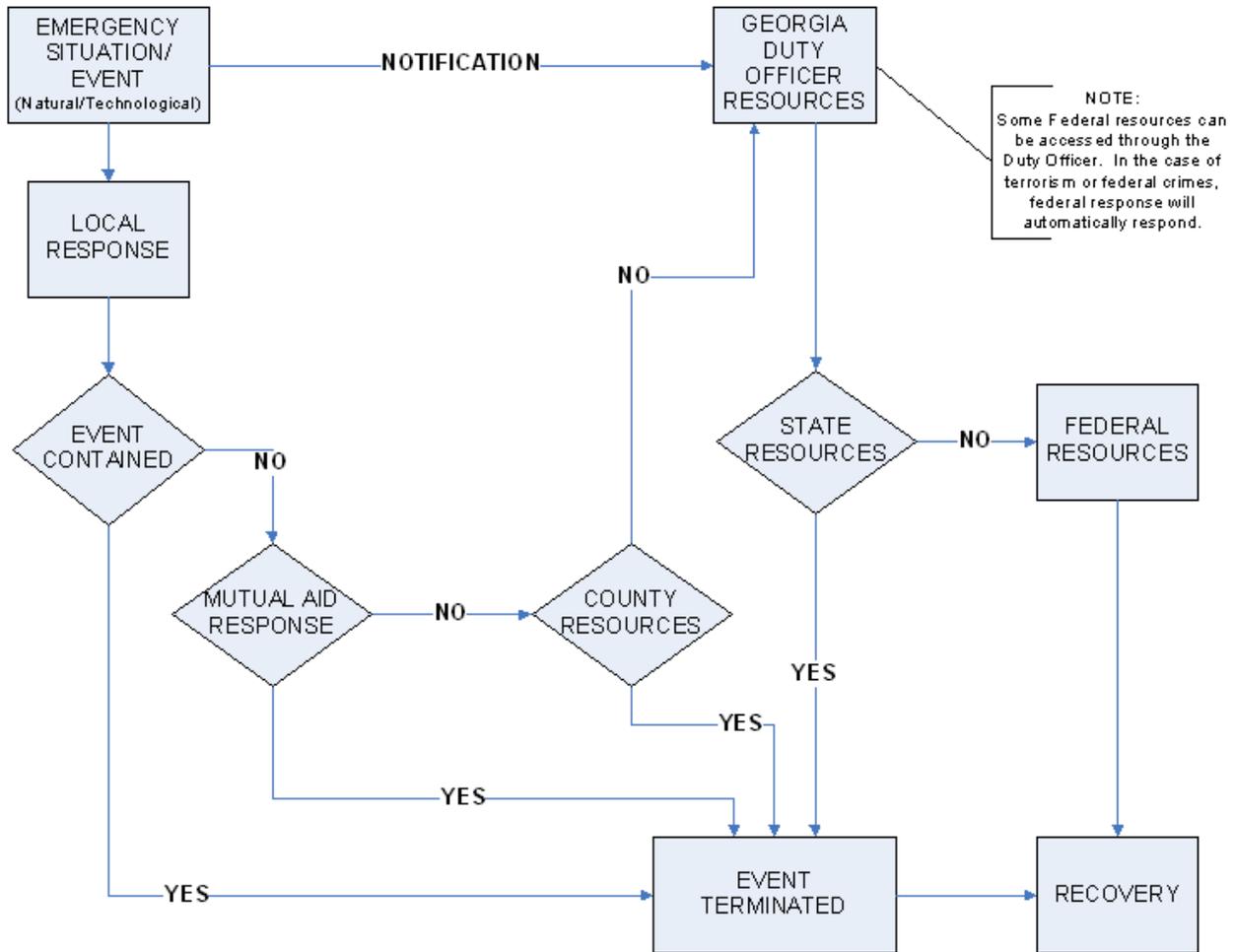
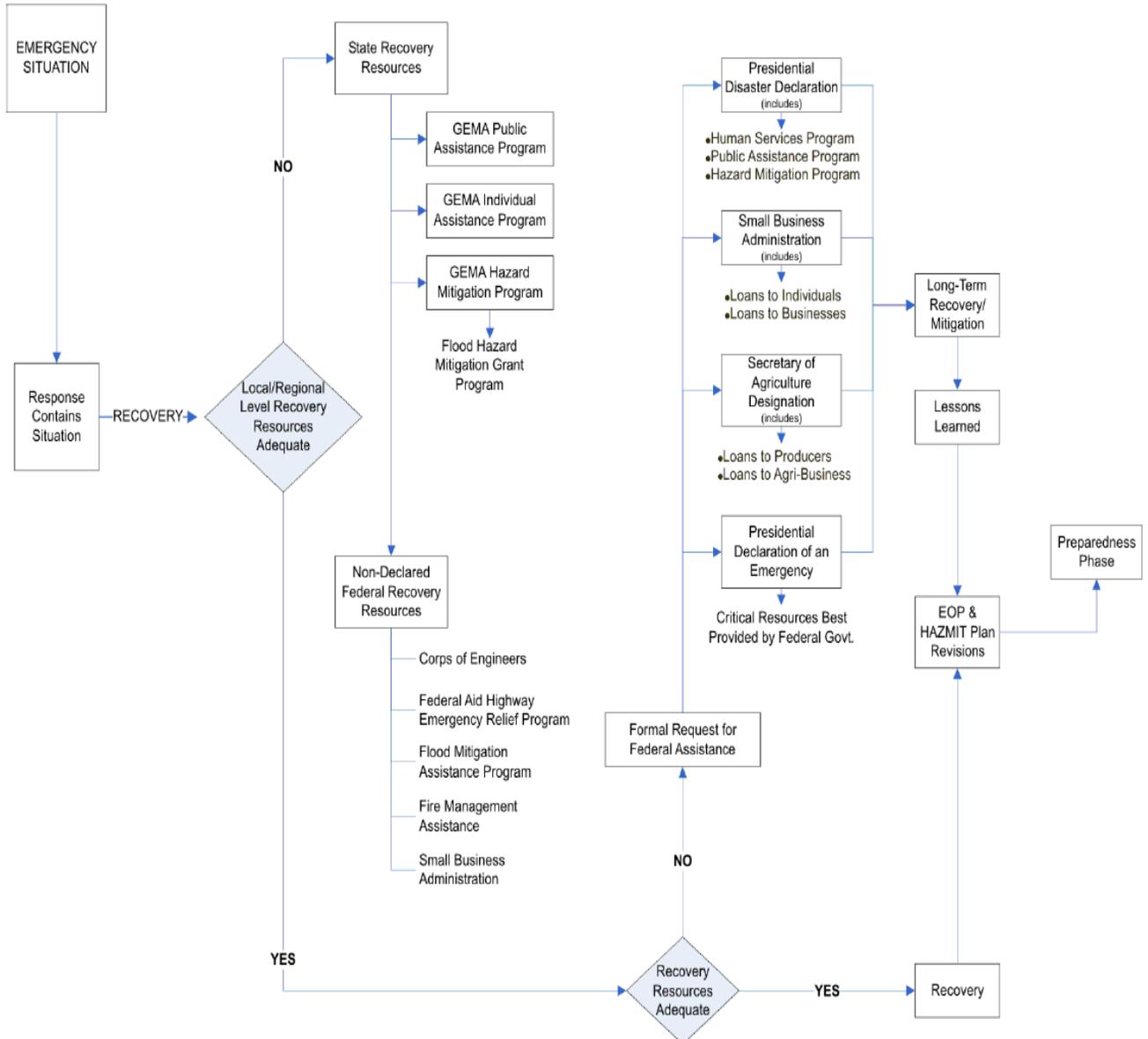


FIGURE 3
Recovery Flow Chart



V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Direction and control for the County's response to an emergency or disaster, when this plan is activated and or when a state of emergency is declared, resides with the Cobb Emergency Management Agency under the direction of its Director, as well as the Cobb Board of Commissioners. The Emergency Operations Center personnel will coordinate and collaborate with the on-scene incident commander and field personnel to provide resources, as needed, to assist the County's response efforts.

The Board of Commissioners may declare a State of Emergency to trigger the flow of resources to address the emergency and allow the county to be eligible for disaster assistance, including financial reimbursement for eligible activities.

During an emergency situation in which local resources are overwhelmed or have the potential to be overwhelmed, requests for assistance from neighboring local governments may sought. If an emergency or disaster exceeds the capabilities of local and regional resources to respond, Cobb EMA may request assistance from the Georgia Emergency Management Agency. Under the provisions of the Stafford Act, GEMA/HS is responsible for preparing and processing requests for emergency assistance from the federal government on behalf of local governments impacted by natural or manmade disasters in Georgia. GEMA/HS will also assist in coordinating and integrating requested resources from other states or federal agencies to assist local jurisdictions, when applicable.

If this plan is activated, all primary and support agencies responding to an emergency or disaster will be coordinated through the Cobb EOC. In addition, other assistance through NGOs and private sector organizations will be coordinated as a part of this process.

Continuity of Government / Continuity of Operations (COG/COOP)

Local governments and jurisdictions must be prepared to continue their minimum essential functions throughout the spectrum of possible threats from natural disasters or through acts of terrorism. COG/COOP planning facilitates the performance of State and local government and services during an emergency that may disrupt normal operations.

- Government continuity planning facilitates the performance government and services during an emergency that may disrupt normal operations. Contingency plans for the continuity of operations of vital government functions and jurisdictions will allow agencies to continue their minimum essential operations and maintain authority. These plans include the spectrum of possible threats from natural disasters and through acts of terrorism.
- Continuity of Government (COG) and Continuity of Operations (COOP) measures will establish lines of personnel succession, ensuring that authority is delegated to appropriate personnel prior to an emergency. Executive office personnel and agency managers will identify, notify, and train the individuals next in line. In addition, personnel will be

familiar with alert, notification and deployment procedures to provide for command and control of response and recovery operations.

- Preservation of Records addresses the protection of essential records (e.g., vital statistics, deeds, corporation papers, operational plans, resource data, personnel and payroll records, inventory lists, laws, charters, and financial documents) by the appropriate agency following an emergency or disaster. Governments will plan for preservation of succession and delegation of authority and records necessary for carrying out governments legal and financial functions and the protection of legal and financial rights of citizens.
- The EMA director, under the direction of the local government, is responsible for the following, but not limited to:
 - Determine who is responsible for direction and control at the executive level;
 - Describe the decision process for implementing COG/COOP plans and procedures, including reliable, effective, and timely notification;
 - Establish measures for the protection of vital records;
 - Identify the agencies and personnel (including lines of succession) responsible for providing water, electricity, natural gas, sewer, and sanitation services in affected areas;
 - Identify the location of and contact points for Emergency Management Assistance Compacts (EMACs), Memoranda of Understanding (MOU), and other cooperative agreements
 - Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for each local agency that provide specific authorities of designated successors to direct their agencies;

VI. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT ACTIONS

Services and Resources

An emergency or disaster may place great demands on services and resources. Priority will be based on life safety and essential needs, such as food, water, and medical assistance. Other services and resources will be acquired after establishing the need.

Commitment of Services and Resources

- Local governments will commit services and resources in order to save lives and protect property. Response agencies will first utilize services and resources available through their agency or organization. Additional needs may be met from other governments, agencies and/or organizations through mutual-aid or Memorandums of Understanding (MOU). After these sources have been exhausted, additional state resources may be requested from GEMA through the EOC.
- Cobb County Emergency Management Agency maintains an extensive service and resource directory that is maintained by ESF 7, Resource Support.
- Detailed records of expenditures are required by all agencies and organizations responding to a disaster for possible reimbursement, such as through an authorized Federal disaster declaration.

Local Involvement

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will coordinate the efforts of agencies and organizations responsible for plan development of ESFs and major revisions. It is strongly recommended that the agencies involved in an ESF conduct coordination meetings and develop an ESF plan for their response to each level of activation. The plan will be reviewed annually and major revisions completed, as necessary. An updated plan shall be submitted for approval to GEMA every four years through the eLEOP system. Minor revisions to the plan should be logged in on the designated form at the beginning of this plan and updated on the eLEOP system.

State Involvement

Coordination of emergency management planning and operations and service and resource sharing across jurisdictional boundaries is necessary. Consequently, the state may be able to assist in the planning process (e.g., radiological, hurricane planning). Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will coordinate the type and level of assistance. Agencies and organizations with ESF responsibilities will be involved in such planning. This assistance should be interpreted as supporting agencies with ESF responsibilities and enhancing emergency capabilities.

Standard Operating Procedures

Most agencies and organizations within Cobb County and its municipalities have emergency functions to perform in addition to their other duties. Each agency and/or organization with primary ESF responsibilities, in conjunction with support agencies and organizations, will develop and maintain Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). These procedures provide detailed direction and coordination of ESF responsibilities and critical emergency tasks.

Local Responsibilities

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the following:

- Assist and advise all agencies and/or organizations in the development and coordination of ESFs to ensure necessary planning;
- Brief and train EOC personnel and volunteers as well as conduct periodic exercises to evaluate support function responsibilities;
- Manage the EOC for operational readiness;
- Coordinate with other emergency management agencies, GEMA, and other emergency response organizations;
- Maintain a list of all agency contacts including telephone, fax, e-mail and pager numbers (Refer to Cobb County Emergency Management Agency EOC Telephone Directory);
- Obtain copies of SOPs for all ESFs;
- Update, maintain and distribute the plan and all major revisions to agencies and organizations contained on the distribution list;
- Advise Cobb County Emergency Management Agency officials, municipalities and agencies with ESF responsibilities on the nature, magnitude, and effects of an emergency; and
- Coordinate with public information officials to provide emergency information for the public.

Alert and Warning Systems

Cobb County has two primary mechanisms to inform the public about the impending dangers.

o Code Red Emergency Notification System

This system, administered by Cobb County 911, is used to send critical information, from evacuation notices to missing child alerts. There is also a weather alert that sends text messages for warning disseminated by the National Weather Service. Messages can also be sent to defined groups, such as Emergency Operations Center personnel, to provide them important information or to have them report to the EOC.

o Outdoor Weather Warning System

Cobb County maintains a comprehensive weather siren program, with warning sirens located strategically throughout Cobb County. These sirens can be activated by emergency management staff and Cobb County 911 to inform citizens to seek shelter. Sirens are activated when a tornado warning is issued for Cobb County or a tornado is spotted or reported by public safety officials or a certified storm spotter.

Sirens are tested at noon the first Wednesday of each month for three to five minutes, weather permitting. If weather is inclement on Wednesday, the test will occur on Thursday. If there is inclement weather on Thursday, the test will be cancelled for the month. Silent tests of the system are conducted daily by CEMA to ensure the siren system is working properly.

Agencies and organizations with ESF responsibilities will:

- Develop and maintain the ESF and SOPs, in conjunction with Cobb County Emergency Management Agency and other supporting agencies;
- Designate agency and organization personnel with emergency authority to work on planning, mitigation, preparedness and response issues and commit resources. Staff assignments should include personnel who are trained to work in the EOC;
- Maintain an internal emergency management personnel list with telephone, fax, e-mail and pager numbers;
- Provide for procurement and management of resources for emergency operations and maintain a list of such resources;
- Participate in training and exercises to evaluate and enhance ESF capabilities;
- Negotiate and prepare MOUs that impact the specific ESF, in conjunction with Cobb County Emergency Management Agency ; and
- Establish procedures for the maintenance of records, including personnel, travel, operations and maintenance expenditures and receipts.

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VII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Plan Maintenance

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency is the executive agent for EOP management and maintenance. The EOP will be updated periodically as required to incorporate new directives and changes based on lessons learned from exercises and actual events. This section establishes procedures for interim changes and full updates of the EOP.

- **Types of Changes**

Changes include additions of new or supplementary material and deletions. No proposed change should contradict or override authorities or other plans contained in statute, order, or regulation.

- **Coordination and Approval**

Any department or agency with assigned responsibilities under the EOP may propose a change to the plan. Cobb County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for coordinating all proposed modifications to the EOP with primary and support agencies and other stakeholders, as required. Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will coordinate review and approval for proposed modifications as required.

- **Notice of Change**

After coordination has been accomplished, including receipt of the necessary signed approval supporting the final change language, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will issue an official Notice of Change. The notice will specify the date, number, subject, purpose, background, and action required, and provide the change language on one or more numbered and dated insert pages that will replace the modified pages in the EOP in addition to manually logged record of changes on the form at the beginning of this plan titled: Record of Revisions. Once published, the modifications will be considered part of the EOP for operational purposes pending a formal revision and redistribution of the entire document. Interim changes can be further modified or updated using the above process and through eLEOP system tools.

- **Distribution**

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will distribute Notices of Change to all participating agencies. Notices of Change to other organizations will be provided upon request.

- **Redistribution of the EOP**

Working toward continuous improvement, Cobb County Emergency Management Agency is responsible for an annual review and updates of the EOP and a complete revision every four years, or more frequently if the County Commission or the Georgia Emergency Management Agency deems necessary. The review and update will consider lessons learned and best practices identified during exercises and responses to actual events, and incorporate new information technologies. Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will distribute revised EOP documents for the purpose of interagency review and concurrence.

EOP-Supporting Documents and Standards for Other Emergency Plans

As the core plan for domestic incident management, the EOP provides the structures and processes for coordinating incident management activities for terrorist attacks, natural disasters, and other emergencies. Following the guidance provided, the EOP incorporates existing emergency and incident management plans (with appropriate modifications and revisions) as integrated components of the EOP, as supplements, or as supporting operational plans.

Accordingly, departments and agencies must incorporate key EOP concepts and procedures for working with EOP organizational elements when developing or updating incident management and emergency response plans. When an agency develops an interagency plan that involves events within the scope of disaster and emergency incidents, these plans are coordinated with Cobb County Emergency Management Agency to ensure consistency with the EOP, and are incorporated into the EOP, either by reference or as a whole. Cobb County Emergency Management Agency will maintain a complete set of current local interagency plans. Incident management and emergency response plans must include, to the extent authorized by law:

- Principles and terminology of the NIMS;
- Reporting requirements of the EOP;
- Linkages to key EOP organizational elements such as the EOC; and
- Procedures for transitioning from localized incidents to incidents that require state or federal assistance. The broader range of EOP-supporting documents includes strategic, operational, tactical, and incident specific or hazard-specific contingency plans and procedures. Strategic plans are developed based on long-range goals, objectives, and priorities. Operational-level plans merge the on-scene tactical concerns with overall strategic objectives. Tactical plans include detailed, specific actions and descriptions of resources required to manage an actual or potential incident. Contingency plans are based on specific scenarios and planning assumptions related to a geographic area or the projected impacts of an individual hazard. The following is a brief description of EOP-related documents.

National Incident Management System

The NIMS provides a core set of doctrine, concepts, terminology, and organizational processes to enable effective, efficient, and collaborative incident management at all levels.

State and Local Emergency Operations Plans

State and local emergency operations plans are created to address a variety of hazards. Examples include:

- State emergency operations plans designed to support State emergency management functions.
- Emergency operations plans created at the municipal level to complement State emergency operations plans.

Hazard Mitigation Plans

Hazard mitigation plans are developed by States and communities to provide a framework for understanding vulnerability to and risk from hazards, and identifying the pre-disaster and post-disaster mitigation measures to reduce the risk from those hazards. Multi-hazard mitigation planning requirements were established by Congress through the Stafford Act, as amended by the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000.

Private Sector Plans

Private sector plans are developed by privately owned companies/corporations. Some planning efforts are mandated by statute (e.g., nuclear power plant operations), while others are developed to ensure business continuity.

Nongovernmental and Volunteer Organization Plans

Volunteer and nongovernmental organization plans are plans created to support State and Federal emergency preparedness, response, and recovery operations. Plans include a continuous process of assessment, evaluation, and preparation to ensure that the necessary authorities, organization, resources, coordination, and operation procedures exist to provide effective delivery of services to disaster clients as well as provide integration into planning efforts at all government levels.

Planning and Operations Procedures

Procedures provide operational guidance for use by emergency teams and other personnel involved in conducting or supporting incident management operations.

These documents fall into five basic categories:

- Overviews that provide a brief concept summary of an incident management function, team, or capability;
- Standard operating procedures (SOPs) or operations manuals that provide a complete reference document, detailing the procedures for performing a single function (i.e., SOP) or a number of interdependent functions (i.e., operations manual);
- Field operations guides or handbooks that are produced as a durable pocket or desk guide, containing essential tactical information needed to perform specific assignments or functions;
- Point of contact lists; and
- Job aids such as checklists or other tools for job performance or job training.

VIII. HISTORY AND GEOGRAPHY OF COBB COUNTY

Cobb County was founded December 3, 1832. It includes six incorporated cities: Acworth, Austell, Kennesaw, Marietta, Powder Springs and Smyrna. Marietta is the county seat and the largest city in the county. Cobb County was named in honor of Thomas Willis Cobb, a Georgia Senator and U.S. Representative credited with helping to write the Confederate Constitution. Cobb County is located in what is considered the Atlanta metropolitan area in the northwest portion of the state of Georgia. The county is bordered by Cherokee, Fulton, Douglas, Paulding and Bartow counties (Cobb County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, 2011).

The county has a total area of 344.51 square miles (892.3 km²), of which 340.15 square miles (881.0 km²) (or 98.73%) is land and 4.36 square miles (11.3 km²) (or 1.27%) is water (Wikipedia.com).

While the substantial amount of Cobb County is essentially flat with some slight changes in elevation, there are several high points in Cobb County, including:

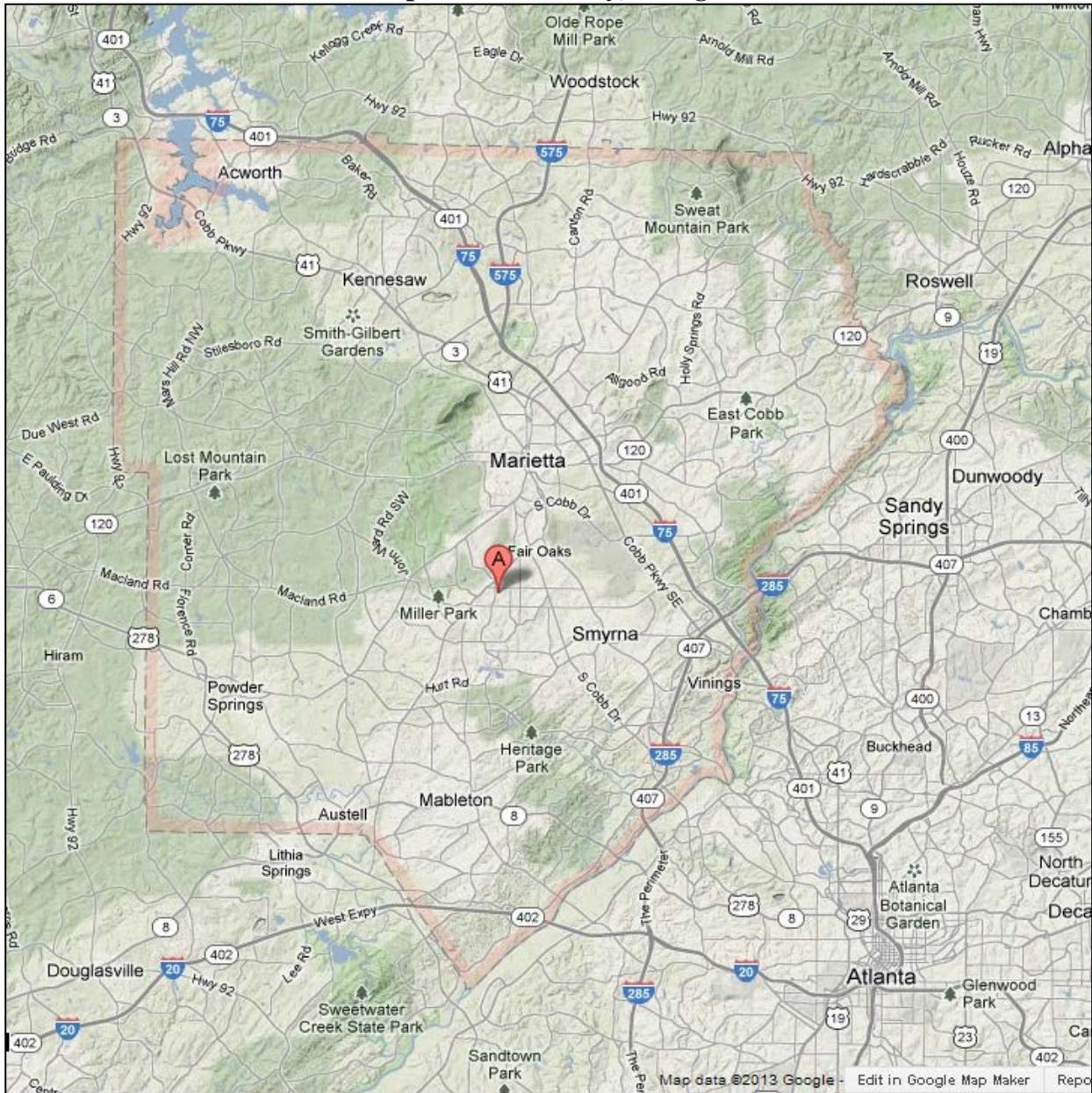
1. Sweat Mountain, in the extreme northeast portion, runs along the border with Cherokee County, and is the metro area's major antenna farm
2. Blackjack Mountain, a low ridge between central and east Cobb
3. Kennesaw Mountain: the highest point in the county and in the entire suburban area of metro Atlanta, located in the north-northwest between Kennesaw and Marietta
4. Little Kennesaw Mountain: an offshoot of Kennesaw
5. Lost Mountain, in western Cobb
6. Pine Mountain, west-northwest of Kennesaw Mountain, between Kennesaw and Due West
7. Brushy Mountain, near Kennesaw Mountain, just southeast of Barrett Parkway at Cobb Parkway
8. Vinings Mountain or Mount Wilkinson, overlooking the town of Vinings (Wikipedia.com).

Approximately 20% of Cobb County is floodplain (approximately 70 square miles or 44,800 acres). Floodplains in their natural, undisturbed and undeveloped state provide storage of floodwaters, silt retention, and allow groundwater sources to be replenished. Intense rainfall events in excess of four inches, occurring in less than two hours, and even moderate rainfalls exceeding one inch per hour over extended periods of time, may result in flooding roadways, low-lying commercial properties, and certain low lying private residences (Cobb County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, 2011).

Cobb County is divided between two major basins. Most runoff flows into the Chattahoochee River along the southeastern border, directly via Willeo Creek, Sope Creek (Sewell Creek), Rottenwood Creek (Powers Creek), and others. The large Sweetwater Creek is the other major stream, carrying the waters of Noses Creek (Ward Creek, Olley Creek, and Mud Creek),

Nickajack Creek, Powder Springs Creek (Rakestraw Creek, Mill Creek) and others into the Chattahoochee. A ridge from Lost Mountain in the west, to Kennesaw Mountain in the north-central, to Sweat Mountain in the extreme northeast, divides the far north-northwest of the county into the Etowah River basin, which includes Lake Allatoona. Noonday Creek (Little Noonday Creek) flows northward into the lake, as does Allatoona Creek, which forms a major arm of the lake. Proctor Creek forms the much older Lake Acworth, which in turn empties directly into Lake Allatoona under the Lake Acworth Drive (Georgia 92) bridge (Wikipedia.com).

FIGURE 4
Map of Cobb County, Georgia



Source: Google.com

IX. DEMOGRAPHICS & ECONOMY OF COBB COUNTY

Cobb County is considered a densely populated county in the Metro Atlanta area, with overall population of 707,442 (U.S. Census 2012 estimate), which is a population density of 2,026 people per square mile. In comparison, the average number of people per square mile in the State of Georgia is 168. The number of housing units in Cobb County is 287,462. A housing unit is a house, an apartment, a mobile home, a group of rooms, or a single room that is occupied (or if vacant, is intended for occupancy) as separate living quarters.

TABLE 1
Cobb County Census Information – Highlights

Population	Total	Percentage of Total
County population (2012)	707,442	-
Population living below poverty level	79,941	11.3%
Speak a language other than English at home	138,659	19.6%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State & County Quickfacts, 2012, www.census.gov

Cobb County’s population distribution among the age ranges identified by the U.S. Census Bureau are generally consistent with the remainder of the State of Georgia. However, with the county’s large population is a large number of people who speak a language other than English within the household. The ability to relay information to a diverse group is an important consideration during emergency activations.

TABLE 2
Population Distribution of Cobb County, Georgia, by Age

Age Range	Cobb County	Georgia
0-5	6.9%	7.0%
6-18	25.3%	25.4%
19-64	58.7 %	56.6%
65 and Over	9.1%	11.0%

Source: U.S. Census Bureau, State & County Quickfacts, 2012, www.census.gov

Additionally, there are a large number of individuals who are considered part of the vulnerable population within the county, which includes persons who may require Functional Needs Support Services (FNSS). Functional Needs Support Services are services that enable individuals with access and functional needs to maintain their independence in a general population shelter. The State of Georgia is no longer utilizing the term “special needs shelter” when assisting those individuals with physical, sensory, mental health, and cognitive and / or intellectual disabilities.

TABLE 3
Cobb County Vulnerable Populations

Jurisdiction	2012 U.S. Census Population	Estimated FNSS Population₁	Estimated Companion Animals²	Estimated Households Without Vehicles³	Estimated Incarcerated Population	Acute Care Population in Hospitals⁴
Cobb County	707,442	85,000	398,000	8,390	4,500	1,226

Additional populations that may be considered vulnerable include the large number of household animals within the county. Disasters and other threats can displace animals from their households and owners. Reuniting stray animals with their respective owners and providing temporary food and shelter for animals in need is a function of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 11.

TABLE 4
Cobb County Incarceration Facilities

Facility Name	Address	Maximum Capacity, Estimated
Cobb County Detention Facility	1772 County Services Parkway Southwest Marietta, GA 30008	4,500
Cobb County Jail	1825 County Services Parkway Southwest Marietta, GA 30008	

With regard to evacuating individuals before or after an emergency event, important planning considerations include those individuals without personal transportation. This can pose a logistical challenge for many individuals if they do not have family or friends to assist them relocate to a safer location. Additionally, the supervised evacuation and relocation of incarcerated individuals within the County’s detention facility and jail – and the vulnerable populations within hospitals – pose unique challenges for responders when conducting mass evacuation, relocation and sheltering activities. Vulnerable population data for Cobb County is shown within **TABLES 3 - 5**.

1 Figures for the FNSS population were taken from the 2011 U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder.

2 Companion animal numbers were calculated using the American Veterinary Medical Association U.S. Pet Ownership Calculator.

3 Figures for the number of households without vehicles were taken from the 2009 U.S. Census Bureau American Fact Finder.

4 Figures for the acute care population were received from the Georgia Hospital Association and include some acute psychiatric and residential psychiatric beds. Licensed beds, not operational beds, make the count a little high.

TABLE 5
Cobb County Acute Medical Care Populations

Hospital	Address	Licensed Capacity, Estimated ⁵
Emory-Adventist Hospital	3949 South Cobb Drive Smyrna, GA 30080	88
WellStar Cobb Hospital	3950 Austell Road Austell, GA 30106	382
WellStar Kennestone Hospital	677 Church Street Marietta, GA 30060	633
WellStar Windy Hill Hospital (Long Term Acute Care (LTAC), non emergency)	2540 Windy Hill Road, Marietta, GA 30067	47

Cobb County Economy

Cobb County possesses a strong economy, with more than 30,070 businesses licensed in Cobb County, including 318 international firms and four Fortune 500 companies. Cobb is home to several corporate headquarters including The Home Depot, The Weather Channel, Lockheed Martin and Georgia Northeastern Railroad and numerous others (*Factbook, Cobb County, Georgia*, Cobb County Board of County Commissioners, Office of Economic Development, Dec. 2010). Major employers with 500 or more employees are identified within **TABLE 6**. With the amount of industry within Cobb County, getting employers back to normal operations after a natural disaster or other emergency becomes increasingly important to sustaining a healthy economy. Additionally, local industry can be an asset in providing assistance to employees and communities at large that may be impacted by disasters.

⁵ Source: Facility information was obtained from the Georgia Department of Community Health Healthcare Facility Regulation Division's website at <http://dch.georgia.gov/find-facilityfile-complaint>

TABLE 6
Cobb County Major Employers

Company	Products/Services	Cobb Employees
Cobb County Schools	Public School	19,123
WellStar	Healthcare	11,840
Home Depot, The	Home Improvement Retailer	11,784
Lockheed Martin	Aerospace/Defense Products & Services	7,568
Ryla Teleservices Inc	Teleservices Industry	6,011
Cobb County Government	County Government	5,103
Kennesaw State University	Universities	3,400
Publix Super Markets Inc	Grocery Stores	2,905
Wal-Mart	Discount, Variety Stores	2,750
Dobbins Air Force Base	Defense	2,547
Six Flags Over GA includes White Water & American Adventure	Global Theme Park	2,226
Genuine Parts	Auto Parts Wholesale	1,998
The Kroger Company	Grocery Stores	1,974
Marietta City Schools	City School	1,157
YKK USA, Inc	Sewn Products	815
City of Marietta	Municipal Government	755
Quintiles Labs	Bio Pharmaceutical	732
Travelport GDS/Worldspan	Travel Distribution, Technologies	671
Heidelberg USA	Print Media Technology	646
Southern Polytechnic University	Universities	596
Cobb EMC	Electric Energy	548
BlueLinx	Building Materials Wholesale	541
Emory Adventist Hospital	Healthcare	512
Caraustar Industries, Inc.	Recycled Paperboard and Packaging Solutions	511
Ed Voyles Automotive Group	Auto Dealerships	500
Tip Top Poultry, Inc	Poultry Slaughtering and Processing	500

Source: Factbook, Cobb County, Georgia, Cobb County Board of County Commissioners. Office of Economic Development. This information was compiled with assistance from the Cobb Chamber of Commerce. The list reflects full-time, part-time, and temporary employees working in Cobb County as of December 2010.

X. HAZARD ANALYSIS SUMMARY

The Cobb County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan (PDMP) is the plan maintained by the Cobb Emergency Management Agency which describes in detail the various hazards that have and could impact Cobb County. Very detailed information on the hazards impacting the county can be found within that plan, however, a summary of the hazards identified within the PDMP are within **TABLE 7**.

TABLE 7
Cobb County Hazards

Drought
Earthquake
Flood
Severe Weather (Thunderstorms (high wind, hail); lightning; winter storms)
Technological Hazards (Dam Failure; Hazardous Materials Spills)
Terrorism
Tornadoes

Source: Cobb County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, 2011

Additional Hazards & Scenarios

In addition to the hazards identified within the Cobb County Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, there are also other hazards that could impact the county. These hazards were not mentioned within the Pre-Disaster Mitigation Plan, however, could impact Cobb County.

- **Aircraft Incidents**, impacting a large area of the community and/or involving mass fatalities.
- **Pandemic Outbreak**, impacting large numbers of people within the community, either due to illness or death. Lessons were learned from the H1N1 outbreak and Cobb/Douglas Public Health will monitor future pandemics. Mass immunization activities would be coordinated through Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8, Public Health and Medical Services.
- **Prolonged Power Grid / Mass Communications Failure**, requiring a response to address the effects of long term utility or communications outages. Critical facilities such as hospitals could be impacted by utility outages and mass communications failures could impact key infrastructure, such as Cobb County's Emergency 911 Call Center, as well as other critical functions.
- **Critical Infrastructure Failure**, such as a bridge collapse on a major arterial, water system failure, or similar events within the county, requiring a response of the emergency operations center at some level.

- **Host County for Impacted Individuals**, either from within Georgia or other states / countries. Due to Dobbins Air Force Reserve Base being located within Cobb County, individuals have been transported to Cobb County by airplane in the past from large scale natural disaster zones, such as the Haiti earthquake and hurricane events. Cobb County is aware that future missions may involve Dobbins AFRB receiving patients due to activation of the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS).

Flood Insurance and FEMA Community Rating System

Flooding, in particular, is a hazard that has impacted Cobb County substantially in recent years. Cobb County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program and the Community Rating System, which allows communities to have an impact on the rates paid by their citizens for flood insurance. Communities are classified as Class 1 (most premium reduction allowed) through Class 10 (no reduction allowed).

TABLE 8
Flood Insurance Policies in Cobb County and Municipal Jurisdictions

City	Policies In Force	Insurance In Force Whole \$	Written Premium In Force
Acworth	39	9,239,000	12,491
Austell	170	44,895,800	77,862
Cobb County	3,212	788,097,700	1,846,727
Kennesaw	138	32,931,500	83,017
Marietta	236	60,328,500	189,525
Powder Springs	99	18,238,100	42,909
Smyrna	302	68,828,900	149,171

Source: FEMA

Communities not participating are classified as Class 10. Cobb County has currently been assigned a CRS “Level 8”, which affords premium holders a 10% reduction in their flood insurance rates (Cobb County Stormwater Management). **TABLE 8** shows the number of flood insurance policies within Cobb County, including the municipal jurisdictions and **TABLE 9** shows the Community Rating System information for Unincorporated Cobb County.

TABLE 9
Community Rating System (CRS) Program for Unincorporated Cobb County

Community Name	Number of Policies	Date Joined Regular Program	Date Most Recent Rate Map	Community Rating System Rank
Unincorporated Cobb	3,212	01/03/79	03/04/13	8

Source: FEMA

XI. EOC ACTIVATIONS

- Cobb County activated its Emergency Operations Center due to widespread flooding in Cobb County in September, 2009. The impact areas were widespread, with the most substantial impact area in the Austell, Georgia in the sound end of Cobb County.

On the weekend of September 20, 2009 the metro-Atlanta area experienced intense rainfall resulting from a rare collision of several weather systems, including the remnants of Tropical Storm Marty and Hurricane Fred; an event that the National Weather Service was unable to predict. The month of August 2009 had seen significantly above average rainfall, and combined with heavy rains on September 20 and 21, 2009, resulted in widespread flooding throughout Cobb County beginning early on the morning of September 21.

USGS stream gauges (sic) measured record setting crests for Allatoona Creek, Butler Creek, Noonday Creek, Powder Springs Creek, and Sweetwater Creek, as well as the Chattahoochee River. All five creeks gauged above the 500 year flood level, and the Chattahoochee River gauged in excess of the 100 year flood level. The flooding was so extreme that it caused twenty USGS stream gauges (sic) to fail during this time period. Sweetwater Creek crested at 30.80 feet on September 22, topping the creek's previous record of 21.81 feet in July 2005. According to Cole Shaffer (2010), "The western suburbs of Atlanta, Douglas and Cobb Counties received upwards of 20 inches of rain in a 24 hour period." When it was over, the probability of an event of this magnitude was determined to be well beyond the 0.2% probability of a 500 year flood, and the media called it a 10,000 year storm.

In the 24 hour period of September 21, Cobb 911 received a total of 5,667 calls for service, a 275% increase over normal daily average, with a 380% increase in actual 911 emergency calls. Public safety personnel conducted more than 300 water rescues during the flooding, including 70 animal rescues. Police assisted Cobb DOT with 286 road closures throughout the county. Several schools had to be evacuated, including Clarkdale Elementary School, which began flooding while children were still inside and eventually flooded to the roof. Cobb County Animal Control took in 114 displaced animals, and maintained care of these animals until the last animal was returned to its owner on April 3, 2010.

More than 1,300 residences and businesses suffered major damage or were completely destroyed throughout Cobb County, including 25% of the homes in the City of Austell and 15% of the homes in Powder Springs. The American Red Cross opened a 290 bed shelter at the Cobb County Civic Center, which remained open from September 21 until October 8 to provide housing to displaced residents, and many other victims sought refuge with family members not affected by the flood. Cobb Emergency Management opened a Disaster Recovery Center on September 25, which remained open for one month. Long term recovery efforts were initiated by Cobb Emergency Management, and subsequently turned over to Cobb Disaster Recovery, a private, not for profit organization.

The flood caused \$10 million in damage to public property in unincorporated Cobb County, and an additional \$1 million in public property damage in the City of Austell. Cobb County Schools incurred \$10 million in damages, including the total loss of Clarkdale Elementary School, and the Cobb County Water System suffered \$7 million in infrastructure damages. Statewide losses due to the flood were estimated at \$500 million (*Cobb County September, 2009 Flood After Action Report*, Nov. 2010).

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 1
TRANSPORTATION**

Primary Agency

Cobb County Department of Transportation – Transit Division

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Cobb Board of Education - Transit Division	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Public Services - Parks and Recreation	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Marietta Board of Education	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Marietta Parks and Recreation	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities

I. INTRODUCTION

Transportation, for the purpose of this document, is considered the mass transportation of residents and those affected within Cobb County during an emergency/evacuation and the transportation of emergency personnel, equipment, and supplies as dictated by emergency operations. The primary and support agencies that make up the evacuation group are representatives from various departments and organizations that support the overall mission of moving residents from harms way, including Cobb County Transit (CCT), the school systems, and other county and municipal departments as well as volunteer personnel and resources.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 1 (Transportation). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

The Department of Transportation, Cobb Community Transit (CCT), is responsible for the coordination of county transportation resources, assisting with evacuation, and mobilizing transport of personnel, supplies and equipment. Transportation primary and support agencies will also educate residents and employees on the importance of building their own transportation plans with the use of public transportation as a last resort.

This plan should not be considered as part of the *Special Needs, Hospital, or Nursing Home* evacuation plans. The assets and personnel committed to carry out this plan are for the evacuation of the general population and not for any one specific agency or group.

B. Scope

To provide coordination and perform operational functions for transportation services, including evacuation and transport of supplies using county resources intended for countywide application to support a large-scale event or crisis within Cobb County.

Both natural and manmade disasters can result in evacuation of the entire county or evacuation of only a section or portion of the county in order to protect the residents living in the affected areas. Therefore, this plan shall be implemented to the degree necessary to successfully transport the residents, others who are affected, and needed resources in support of Cobb County.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide transportation, or support transportation service will coordinate operations with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential transportation operations. Mutual aid agreements do not presently exist and need to be created between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries.

Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the general population requiring transportation out of harms way. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. The Incident Command System (ICS) is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. Time permitting, CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/GEMA prior to the onset of transportation support including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by transportation agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources.

CCT shall be the agency with primary responsibility for transportation and evacuation if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying transportation equipment and/or personnel shall support CCT upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the

jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCT and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all transportation partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from transportation services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements (MOA).

2. State Response

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) provides the state government's lead role in transportation. The GDOT provides direction and assistance as necessary or requested.

3. Federal Response

The U.S. Department of Transportation (U.S. DOT) provides the federal government's lead role in coordinating emergency or disaster response when authorized by a Presidential Declaration. Under these circumstances, the U.S. DOT will provide financial assistance for transportation services, issue necessary rules and regulations, and also provide assistance with personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA). This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as the liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The transportation EOC representative will coordinate all transportation services equipment and

personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/MOA agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through Cobb EMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of Federal agencies will be provided for in the National Response Framework (NRF). All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include Cobb County, municipal, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agency will take the lead in developing, implementing and administering all transportation service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
3. The primary agency will coordinate with the Public Works and Engineering Support Function (ESF 3) to ensure the transportation infrastructure is adequate to meet transport needs.
4. The primary agency will encourage continuous communication between transportation supervisors, the EOC, and the ICS operations chief, or his or her designee, regarding resource support.
5. All designated agencies and organizations will provide personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance at the request of the transportation emergency operations coordinator.

B. Actions

The primary and support agencies will:

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

- a) Identify available transportation resources, including wheelchair accessible special needs equipment vehicles;
- b) Keep personnel, apparatus, and equipment in a state of readiness;
- c) Establish a system to respond to transportation assistance requests;
- d) Create a system to determine criteria for drivers not employed by respective agencies to operate transportation assets;
- e) Develop and maintain mutual aid agreements for the transportation function;
- f) Implement a coordinated approach among and between designated local agencies and organizations; and
- g) Participate in and/or conduct training exercises and tests.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Respond to assistance requests from local governments, state agencies, and organizations requiring transportation support, utilizing available buses for crisis transportation as normal routes are completed or discontinued;
- b) Assist in determining the most viable available transportation networks to, from, and within the emergency or disaster area;
- c) Coordinate the movement and flow of land traffic in and to the disaster area for effective transport of relief supplies, personnel, and equipment;
- d) Obtain volunteer transportation services to meet additional transportation needs;
- e) Implement mutual aid requests as needed;
- f) Transport residents and those affected to a secure site;
- g) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized, and report expenditures to CEMA upon request;
- h) Provide damage assessment to vehicles and resume day-to-day operations;
- i) Provide all requested documents to EOC representative; and
- j) Provide post incident debriefing documents.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Department of Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual.
- B. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- C. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- D. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- E. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- F. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 2 COMMUNICATIONS

Primary Agencies

Cobb County E911

Cobb Emergency Management Agency

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Austell E911	Equipment, Personnel
Cobb Amateur Radio Emergency Services	Equipment
Cobb Board of Education— Communications	Equipment, Personnel
Cobb County Communications Department	Equipment, Personnel
Kennesaw Acworth 911	Equipment, Personnel
Smyrna 911	Equipment, Personnel
Smyrna Emergency Management Agency	Equipment, Personnel

I. INTRODUCTION

Communication, for the purpose of this document, is to provide guidance and direction for the coordination of processing and disseminating information involving operations and follow-through during a high profile emergency or disaster.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports National Response Framework (NRF) and Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 2 (Communications). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

The purpose of this annex is to establish procedures to provide information and guidance concerning acquisition and deployment of communication equipment, personnel, and resources to support disaster recovery operations, notifications, and public information considerations within Cobb County.

B. Scope

To perform operational functions relating to county resources for dissemination of emergency communication during an emergency or disaster.

Communications is information transfer and involves the technology associated with the representation, transfer, interpretation, and processing of data among persons, places, and machines. It includes transmission, emission, or reception of signs, signals, writing, images, and sounds or intelligence of any nature by wire, radio, optical, or other electromagnetic systems.

ESF 2 plans, coordinates and assists with the provision of communications support to county disaster response elements. This ESF will coordinate emergency warnings and communications equipment and services from local and county agencies, voluntary groups, the telecommunications industry and the local military.

ESF 2 will serve as the focal point of contingency response communications activity in Cobb County before, during and after activation of the emergency operations center (EOC).

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide emergency communication will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential operations. Approved mutual aid agreements presently exist between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those closest to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries.

Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property, and the environment. Standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be implemented, modified, or suspended during disasters or incidents of significance, based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by Cobb County will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources

Cobb County 911 and CEMA shall be the agency with primary responsibility for communications if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying transportation equipment and/or personnel shall support Cobb County 911 and CEMA upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, Cobb County 911 CEMA, and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

2. State Response

The local EMA director will consult with GEMA concerning state assistance requests and/or a state declaration. GEMA will provide direction and assistance as necessary.

3. Federal Response

All requests for federal assistance to other jurisdictions will be coordinated by GEMA. GEMA personnel will request support from FEMA, including but not limited to a presidential declaration. The primary agencies will notify support agencies as needed. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15). All notifications of federal agencies will be addressed in the NRF.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential large-scale crisis. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

The local EMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster. The primary agency's EOC representative will coordinate all communication equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All notifications to/from the state shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. Notifications from GEMA should be routed through the local EMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the State EOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be addressed in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agencies will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agencies will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include municipal, county, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agencies will provide instructions and information for the public to support local agencies and state agencies from a designated location by a public information officer (PIO) to ensure accuracy and to control rumors.
3. The primary agencies will coordinate with the local EMA and other agencies within the county when an emergency escalates to a potential or actual local declaration of emergency.
 - a) EMA will activate the outdoor weather warning sirens according to adopted local procedures.
 - b) EMA managers will coordinate and approve situation reports prior to disseminating information to officials, executives, and/or the public.
 - c) EMA will coordinate communication among all agencies and policy makers in the event of EOC activation.
 - d) EMA will supply telephone pool operators, if necessary.
4. All support agencies will train and equip personnel to operate in emergency conditions on a 24-hour/7-day-a-week basis. Procedures are in place to augment on-duty personnel and equipment in the event of escalating/sustained emergencies.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Establish methods of communication and warning for probable situations including type of emergency, projected time, area to be affected, anticipated severity, forthcoming warnings, and actions necessary.
- b) Ensure that primary and alternate communication systems are operational;
- c) Recruit, train, and designate communication operators for all communication resources, including representatives for the EOC;
- d) Develop maintenance and protection arrangements for disabled communication equipment;
- e) Participate in educational events to inform and train residents on disaster preparedness; and
- f) Develop and participate in drills and exercises to evaluate local communication response capabilities.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Verify information with proper officials;
- b) Establish communication capability, between and among EOC, agencies and organizations with ESF responsibilities, and other jurisdictions;
- c) Provide communication capabilities for residents and businesses, including people with special needs, such as hearing impairments, and non-English speaking;
- d) Coordinate communication with response operations, shelters, lodging, transport, and food facilities;
- e) Activate alerts, including those with critical facilities;
- f) Continue coordinated communication to achieve rapid recovery;
- g) Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. "A National Strategy for Integrated Public Warning Policy and Capability,
- B. "National Strategy for Homeland Security," Office of Homeland Security, July 2002.
- C. Cobb County Department of Public Safety Policy and Procedures Manual.
- D. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- E. Executive Order 3/13/03
- F. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.

- G. Local Resolution for Emergency Management
- H. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- I. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- J. Partnership for Public Warning, February 2003.
- K. Radiological Plan
- L. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 3
PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Department of Transportation
Cobb County Water System

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Public Works	Personnel & Equipment
Austell Public Works	Personnel & Equipment
Cobb County Community Development — Inspection Division	Personnel & Equipment
Cobb County Property Management	Personnel & Equipment
Cobb County Public Services	Personnel & Equipment
Cobb County – Marietta Water Authority	Potable Water, Personnel & Equipment
Kennesaw Public Works	Personnel & Equipment
Marietta Board of Light and Water	Personnel & Equipment
Marietta Public Works	Personnel & Equipment
Powder Springs Public Works	Personnel & Equipment
Smyrna Public Works	Personnel & Equipment

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Emergency Support Function (ESF) 3 is to provide for countywide coordination of engineering, public works activities, roads, and infrastructure. This includes emergency construction, demolition, repair, operation and management of water, sanitary sewer/storm and roadways; the inspection of facilities for structural condition and safety; and the coordination of heavy equipment resources required to support emergency operations of Cobb County government.

Additionally, the ESF provides guidelines to provide public works services; a preliminary assessment to infrastructure; debris removal; buildings and roads; restoring and maintaining essential services and providing technical assistance through specialized deployment, personnel, equipment, transportation and supplies.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 3 (Public Works and Engineering). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

B. Scope

The public works and engineering support includes technical advice and evaluations, engineering services, construction management and inspection, emergency contracting, emergency repair of facilities and roads, provision of potable water in our distribution system, and emergency power. Activities within the scope include:

1. Coordinating mitigation activities including the safe dam program and the bridge and pavement management system.
2. Coordinating preparedness education for the public
3. Mitigating the storm water management program
4. Performing emergency debris clearance for emergency responders to allow protection of life, property, and the environment.
5. Removing debris from public streets and roads.
6. Temporarily repairing or replacing emergency access routes to include damaged streets, roads, bridges, and any other facilities necessary for passage of emergency responders.
7. Emergency restoration of critical utility systems including temporary restoration of water supply, wastewater collection systems, and storm water drainage.
8. Emergency contracting to support public health and safety.
9. Assisting with preparation of preliminary damage assessment reports for public works infrastructure.
10. Recovering traffic signal and signage systems.
11. Supporting other ESFs as outlined in the *Cobb County Local Emergency Operations Plan* (LEOP).

II. POLICIES

Cobb County's policy is to provide public works response services to lands and facilities within the region, as required. Public works will respond to private property problems only when a county facility, such as a utility, causes the problem, or when life or public health is threatened.

Public Works may assist in evaluating unsafe conditions on private property by recommending repairs or restoration. The Engineering Division may provide a structural engineer to assess conditions on private property if an immediate threat to life occurs.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. Time permitting, CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) prior to the onset of public works and engineering support.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by public works and engineering agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

Cobb Department of Transportation (DOT) shall be the agency with primary responsibility for transportation and evacuation if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying transportation equipment and/or personnel shall support Cobb DOT upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, Cobb DOT and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all public works and engineering partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County emergency operations center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from public works and engineering services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements (MOA).

2. State Response

The Georgia Department of Transportation (GDOT) and the Georgia Department of Natural Resources (DNR) provide the state government's lead role in public works and engineering.

3. Federal Response

Federal disaster assistance programs available with, or without, a Presidential declaration have been identified in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Manual 8600.2, *Digest of Federal Assistance Program*. Requests for assistance will be made through GEMA. Federal assistance requests for highway disasters will be submitted directly to the United States Department of Transportation.

Federal assistance for debris clearance is made available under The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended. Section 403 of this law provides authorization by the President through federal agencies to clear debris and wreckage from a major disaster on publicly and privately owned land and water. Grants may be provided to state and local governments for this purpose.

Under a Presidential declaration, FEMA may provide emergency debris clearance to protect health and safety, save lives, and protect property. This may include debris clearance from roads and facilities necessary to perform emergency tasks and for restoration of essential services.

Through such a Presidential declaration, a federal agency may perform work or request reimbursement for local/state governments and non-profit organizations as stated in Section 402 (b) of Public Law 93-288, Removal of Debris or Wreckage. The affected local or state government must first arrange an unconditional authorization for removal of such debris or wreckage from public and private property and agree to indemnify the federal government against any claim arising from such removal. All emergency debris and wreckage clearance shall be performed without delay and completed as rapidly as possible.

Federal reimbursement for the cost of debris removal will be made only to local and state governments and nonprofit organizations as stated in The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended. Salvage value of debris, or wreckage cleared, shall be deducted from federal reimbursement for such expenses.

B. Notifications

1. Local

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

The public works and engineering EOC representative will coordinate all public works and engineering services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agencies will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agencies will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOP).
2. The primary agencies will develop priorities to support immediate lifesaving emergency response.
3. The primary agency will take the lead in developing, implementing, and administering all transportation service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
4. The primary agency will maintain liaison with public works and engineering partners, the EOC, and the Operations Chief, or his or her designee, regarding resource support.
5. The primary agencies will provide overall guidance concerning water supply matters, sewage treatment, and disposal. Protection of health will be an overriding consideration in water conservation and treatment/disposal of sewage.
6. The primary agencies will monitor and determine water needs, along with measures for conservation, distribution, and use of water. Agencies will maintain regulatory standards for the treatment and disposal of waste.
7. All designated agencies will provide personnel, supplies, equipment and facilities as needed.
8. All designated agencies will provide for, and participate in emergency management training, drills, and exercises in coordination with the county emergency management agency.

B. Actions of the primary and support agencies responsible for Engineering, Planning, Operations and Airport.

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

- a) Mitigate adverse conditions to county and municipal transportation systems to increase their integrity and decrease damage potential.
- b) Implement hazard mitigation in the development of policy, issuing of permits, and the design and construction of countywide facilities in accordance with development standards. This mitigation program will include the designation of methods to support emergency functions countywide.
- c) Identify opportunities to lessen the effects of future emergencies or disasters and make them known to all agencies that could be impacted.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Provide and organize trained personnel to conduct safety evaluation of buildings, bridges, and structures.
- b) Coordinate flood-fighting operations.
- c) Coordinate with support agencies to supply requested services and resources.
- d) Perform or contract major recovery work to restore damaged public facilities.
- e) Provide for identification and preservation of essential records.
- f) Provide operational control of traffic signals and flashers.
- g) Organize trained personnel to perform preliminary damage assessment of county roads, bridges, utility systems, county vehicles, and equipment.
- h) Provide debris clearance (except on private property), emergency protective measures, emergency and temporary repairs and/or construction on county roads, dikes, drainage, storm/sanitary sewer and water systems, and facilities.
- i) Coordinate and provide for placement of traffic control signs and barricades for road closures, detours, and potential road hazards.
- j) Provide operational control of traffic signals and flashers under county jurisdiction.
- k) Coordinate bus transportation as needed from ESF 01, Transportation, for evacuation.
- l) Request assistance from support agencies as it relates to the area of service.

C. Actions of the primary and support agencies responsible for Public Works Operations and Engineering

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

- a) Evaluate water supplies and infrastructure for firefighting and provide prioritization to those areas most critical.
- b) Develop policies for conservation, distribution, and use of water.

- c) Identify, locate, and maintain a list of chemicals and/or stockpile chemicals for wastewater treatment.
- d) Establish and enforce wastewater treatment and disposal standards.
- e) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.
- f) Evaluate whether Cobb County Water System Operations and Engineering personnel and equipment may be overwhelmed require resource assistance from outside the jurisdiction of the county.
- g) Coordinate emergency supplies of potable drinking water at pre-designated locations.
- h) Inspect and re-evaluate county utility systems should aftershocks, like that of an earthquake, occur.
- i) Mitigate adverse conditions to county and municipal utility systems to increase their integrity and decrease damage potential.
- j) Implement hazard mitigation in the development of policy, issuing of permits, and design and construction of countywide facilities, including water and wastewater facilities and structures in accordance with development standards. This mitigation program will include the designation of methods to support emergency functions countywide; and
- k) Identify opportunities to lessen the effects of future emergencies or disasters and make them known to all agencies that could be impacted.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Provide maintenance personnel and equipment to support response and recovery activities.
- b) Provide communication resources and support as needed.
- c) Provide light and heavy construction equipment, supplies, and personnel.
- d) Provide and assist with emergency restoration of water, wastewater, and stormwater conveyance systems.
- e) Monitor county water supply for possible contamination.
- f) Coordinate with support agencies to supply requested services and resources.
- g) Request public works resources from neighboring jurisdictions or districts through pre-existing mutual aid agreements.
- h) Register, train, and coordinate volunteer workers.
- i) Establish priorities to repair damaged water and wastewater systems and coordinate provision of temporary, alternate, or interim sources of water and wastewater treatment.
- j) Identify supporting products and services such as casing, pipes, pumps, valves, generators, cables, staff, and transportation to facilitate industry response.
- k) Implement requirements for water priorities and allocations.
- l) Assist water suppliers with obtaining specialized personnel, equipment and transportation to repair or restore water systems.
- m) Provide technical assistance on water and wastewater systems.
- n) Monitor repair and restoration of water and wastewater systems.

- o) Maintain coordination with support agencies and organizations for emergency priorities, repair, and restoration.
- p) Monitor restoration operations until services are restored.
- q) Coordinate public information and provide updates for the county emergency management agency.
- r) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized and report expenditures to GEMA upon request; and
- s) Resume day-to-day operations.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- B. Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act, O.C.G.A. § 12-8-20 *et seq.*
- C. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- D. Georgia Water Quality Control Act, Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 12-5-20 *et seq.*
- E. Local Enabling Legislation and Ordinances
- F. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- G. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- H. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 4
FIREFIGHTING**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Austell Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Dobbins AFRB-Fire & Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Marietta Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Smyrna Fire Department	Personnel, Equipment

I. INTRODUCTION

Fire Services, for the purpose of this document, are considered fire suppression and control, emergency medical care, and immediate life safety services as delivered by Fire/EMS agencies. Various agencies, including Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES), municipal fire departments, federal agencies, and private/corporate agencies, provide Fire/EMS service in Cobb County. CCFES has Fire/EMS resources that respond to aircraft incidents at McCollum Airport in Kennesaw, Georgia.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports National Response Framework (NRF) and Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 4 (Firefighting). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

County program assistance for firefighting shall include actions taken through the application of equipment, staffing, and technical expertise to suppress fires. The above listed agencies are responsible for administering programs within this function and suppression of all fires.

B. Scope

To perform operational functions relating to county resources for fire control and suppression during an emergency or disaster that is beyond the capabilities of local government within the affected areas. This may include firefighting operations in structures and/or on wildland areas.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide fire service, or support fire service, will coordinate with other federal, state, and local organizations to support essential fire service operations. Standing and approved mutual aid agreements presently exist between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property, and the environment. During disasters or incidents of significance, certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

Implementing and utilizing ICS by fire service agencies will standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources during emergencies.

CCFES shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying fire apparatus and/or personnel shall support CCFES upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within the jurisdiction of a municipality, or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCFES, and other agencies, shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County emergency operations center (EOC) when requested.

B. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from fire service agencies outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements and/or by the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG).

C. State Response

The Georgia Forestry Commission provides the lead state role in firefighting activities. The Forestry Commissioner provides direction and assistance as necessary and/or as requested.

D. Federal Response

The Department of Agriculture, Forest Service, provides the lead federal role in firefighting activities. The Director for Operations, Fire and Aviation Management, Forest Service, provides direction. The Forest Service and the Department of Interior Fire Directors at the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC) will provide assistance as necessary.

E. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. This will ensure that resources expended are properly documented and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

The local EMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster. The fire services EOC representative will coordinate all fire services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOUs/mutual aid agreements and/or by the GMAG. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All notifications to/from the state shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements and/or by the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG). Notifications from GEMA should be routed through the local EMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be addressed in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Firefighting

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include municipal, county, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The on-duty personnel are trained and equipped to operate in emergency conditions on a 24-hour/7-day-a-week basis. Procedures are in place to augment on-duty personnel and equipment in the event of escalating/sustained emergencies.
3. Fire services will be initiated at the lowest operational level possible for the particular incident. Field operations will coordinate appropriate action for any escalating emergencies. Coordination with the local EMA and other agencies within the county will begin when a fire escalates to a potential or actual local declaration of emergency. The emergency coordinator of the primary agency for this function, through incident command, will coordinate fires approaching local declarations of emergency, states of emergency, or Presidential declarations.
4. Fire situation reports for the affected area(s) will be directed to the primary agency. The emergency coordinator will:
 - a) Inform the primary agency chief of imminent fire emergency/disaster situations;
 - b) Implement mutual aid agreements as the situation dictates;
 - c) Monitor fire suppression activities in the affected area(s);
 - d) Provide fire and weather forecasts;
 - e) Coordinate deployment of necessary and available fire control resources;
5. Local governments are responsible for fire prevention and control within their designated jurisdictions and for the development of mutual aid agreements. Local governments are responsible for requesting county support when a fire exceeds local capabilities.
6. The primary agency is responsible for developing, implementing, and administering all fire service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Keep fully informed on weather and fire danger;
- b) Keep personnel, apparatus, and equipment in a state of readiness;
- c) Perform fire prevention activities, including fire inspection activities;
and
- d) Participate in, sponsor, coordinate, and/or conduct exercises and tests.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Conduct fire suppression activities with available resources;
- b) Coordinate fire services with appropriate agencies and organizations;
- c) Monitor and mop up all fires until completely suppressed;
- d) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- e) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized, and report expenditures to CEMA upon request;
- f) Provide damage assessment in burned area(s) and resume day-to-day operations;
- g) Provide EOC representative(s); and
- h) Provide post-incident debriefing.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Department of Public Safety Policy and Procedures Manual.
- B. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Policy and Procedures Manual.
- C. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- D. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- E. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- F. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- G. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 5
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES**

Primary Agency

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Austell Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Attorney's Office	Personnel, Services
Cobb County Community Development — Inspection Division	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Finance Department	Personnel, Funding
Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services — Facilities	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Human Resources	Personnel
Cobb County Information Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Information Services — GIS	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Internal Audit	Personnel
Cobb County Property Management	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Public Services — Parks and Recreation	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Sheriff's Office — Court Complex PS Building	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Sheriff's Office — Detention Facilities	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Sheriff's Office — Station A/NCGLEA	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Water System, Stormwater Management	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Kennesaw Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Kennesaw State University Strategic Security	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Marietta Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Powder Springs Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Smyrna Emergency Management Agency	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities

I. INTRODUCTION

Emergency support function (ESF) 5, emergency management services, involves direction and coordination of all phases of emergency management related to follow-through during an emergency or disaster. The primary and support agencies that make up the emergency management services group and each ESF within this document are representatives from various departments and organizations that support the overall mission of comprehensive emergency management, including other county and municipal departments, as well as volunteer personnel and resources.

A. Purpose

This ESF supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 5 (Emergency Management). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

B. Scope

This ESF provides operational guidance to those who are assigned to work in this ESF. The mission of this ESF is to collect, process, and disseminate information about an actual or potential disaster situation, and facilitate the overall activities of response and recovery. It also is used to make appropriate notifications and interface with other local and state entities.

This ESF is structured to coordinate overall information and planning activities from the emergency operations center (EOC) in support of response and recovery operations. The ESF assimilates incident information when the EOC is activated from municipal representatives and activated ESFs. Activities within the scope of this function include:

1. Supporting ESFs across the spectrum of incident management from prevention to response and recovery.
2. Facilitating information flow in the preparedness phase in order to place assets on alert or to preposition assets for quick response.
3. Coordinating those functions that are critical to support and facilitate multi-agency planning and coordination for operations involving potential and actual disasters and emergencies.
4. Utilizing alert and notification measures to assist in incident action planning, coordination of operations, logistics and material, direction and control, information management, facilitation of requests for state assistance, resource acquisition and management (to include allocation and tracking), worker

- safety and health, facilities management, financial management, and other support as required.
5. Directing and coordinating damage assessments of government and the private sector.
 6. Oversight of citizen corps programs to train volunteers to render support during an emergency.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide emergency management service, or support emergency management service, will coordinate operations with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential emergency management operations. Mutual aid agreements should exist and between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County.

Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to activating the emergency operations center.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by emergency management agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources.

CEMA shall be the agency with primary responsibility for coordinating all Cobb County resources, managing the emergency operations center, obtaining damage assessments, and tracking expenditures if an incident occurs within Cobb County, unless otherwise specified. In such instances, agencies supplying emergency management services shall support CEMA upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and coordinating the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality, or the federal government, unless otherwise specified. In such instances, CEMA and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide direction and coordination in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA.

All requests to/from emergency management services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The GEMA provides the state government's lead role in emergency management. GEMA provides direction and assistance as necessary or requested.

3. Federal Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) provides the federal government's lead role in coordinating emergency or disaster response when authorized by a Presidential declaration. FEMA may provide representatives to accompany state damage assessment teams, provide financial assistance to state or local agencies for services or training of disaster workers, and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate this delegation.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. This will ensure that expended resources are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include municipal, county, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agency will take the lead in developing, implementing, and administering all emergency management programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
3. The primary agency will collect, process, and disseminate essential information to all primary agency contacts for any applicable ESF function.
4. The primary agency will coordinate continuous communication between all ESF agencies and elected/appointed officials.
5. The primary agency will develop and maintain tools for resource support.
6. All designated agencies and organizations will provide personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance as needed.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Monitor potential or developing incidents and support the efforts of operations.
- b) Support the implementation of mutual aid agreements.
- c) Maintain schedule for staffing and operating the EOC from activation to stand down.
- d) Coordinate with agencies to establish evacuation procedures, to include personnel and resources needed.
- e) Coordinate damage assessment teams; collect, record, and report information to the SOC.
- f) Plan for, and coordinate, the basic needs of emergency medical and social services required during and after evacuation.
- g) Identify a staging area for personnel and equipment in conjunction with ESF 6 and ESF 8.
- h) Establish, organize, train, equip, and provide for deployment of damage assessment teams into affected area.

- i) Establish procedures for agencies, organizations, and local governments to maintain expenditures.
- j) Plan and/or attend meetings to ensure planning functions are carried out to support this ESF.
- k) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests to evaluate local capability.
- l) Identify points of distribution (POD) locations in the county to serve the public; coordinate designation of these areas with GEMA.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Alert support agencies and other jurisdictions regarding potential emergency or disaster.
- b) Activate and staff EOC according to event magnitude.
- c) Coordinate operations and situational reporting to the SOC.
- d) Request logistical assistance from supporting agencies and MOU partners, as necessary.
- e) Anticipate and plan for support of staging areas, distribution sites, opening shelters (to include neighboring jurisdictions), in conjunction with ESF 6 and ESF 8.
- f) Work with ESF 6 and ESF 8 to provide support for moving people, including individuals with special needs, through coordination with appropriate agencies/organizations.
- g) Assign damage assessment teams to survey impact to county.
- h) Compile initial damage assessment reports and forward to the SOC.
- i) Assist in coordination of state damage assessment activities.
- j) Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery.
- k) Collect and process information regarding recovery activities to include anticipating types of recovery information the EOC and other state agencies will require.
- l) Coordinate and/or participate in briefings, conference calls, etc. to maintain and provide situational awareness.
- m) Provide updated information to ESF 15 for public and media distribution.
- n) Resume day-to-day operations.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- B. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- C. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- D. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- E. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 6
MASS CARE, HOUSING, AND HUMAN SERVICES**

Primary Agency

Cobb County Department of Family and Children’s Services

Principal Voluntary Agency

American Red Cross

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Center for Family Resources	Donated Goods
Cobb Board of Education—Department of Public Safety; Food Nutrition Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Public Services—Parks and Recreation	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Public Services—Senior Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb Disaster Recovery	Donated Goods, Food
Cobb/Douglas Public Health	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Marietta Board of Education	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Marietta Parks and Recreation	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities

I. INTRODUCTION

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports State/Federal Response Plan ESF 6 (Mass Care Housing and Human Services). This ESF encompasses: sheltering, feeding, first aid at mass care facilities and designated sites, and disaster welfare inquiry (DWI) to reunite families, or inform family members outside the disaster area. The Department of Family and Children’s Services (DFCS) has primary responsibility for this function. The American Red Cross (ARC) is the principal voluntary organization to support this plan.

A. Purpose

This ESF provides operational guidance to those assigned to work in this ESF. The mission of this ESF is to coordinate activities involved with the emergency provision of temporary non-medical shelters, housing, and human services to include emergency mass feeding, and disaster welfare information of individuals and/or families impacted by a disaster or emergency. Coordination includes:

1. Tasking all shelter activities during a disaster.
2. Establishing and operating mass feeding facilities in areas affected by disasters in conjunction with ESF 8.

3. Providing relief efforts by volunteer organizations performing mass care functions.
4. Establishing a system to provide shelter registration data to appropriate authorities.
5. Providing emergency first aid in shelters and fixed feeding sites in conjunction with ESF 8.
6. Providing medical support exceeding that required for standard first aid, for the prevention of communicable diseases, to include epidemiological and environmental health activities, as related to sheltering and feeding disaster victims.
7. Ensuring that each shelter has power generating capabilities in conjunction with ESF 12.

B. Scope

The scope of this ESF is to provide a coordinated approach for collection, analysis, and dissemination of information in order to facilitate the overall provision of services and resources during an emergency or disaster. This includes a coordinated effort to provide mass care services such as shelter, food, and first aid.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide mass care, or support mass care service, will coordinate operations with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential mass care operations. A shelter plan has been created to support operations.

Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the general population requiring mass care. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters, based on circumstances. The Incident Command System (ICS) is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of mass care services support, including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by mass care agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

DFCS and ARC shall be the agencies with primary responsibility for mass care if an incident occurs within Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying mass care services shall support these agencies upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all mass care partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from mass care services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) and the ARC provides the state government's lead role in mass care. The Georgia DHR and ARC provide direction and assistance as necessary or requested.

3. Federal Response

- a) In a Presidential declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will provide information and planning support to the state.
- b) FEMA will collect, analyze and disseminate information from respective federal agencies with ESF responsibilities.
- c) The General Services Administration (GSA) will provide federal government support for procurement activities. Procurement will be made in accordance with federal laws and regulations.
- d) Federal laws and regulations authorize emergency purchasing under any situation of unusual and compelling urgency. All procurement actions made at the request of federal agencies, in support of the plan, will be in accordance with GSA statutory and administrative requirements and accomplished using appropriate Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) fund citation/reimbursement procedures.

- e) Federal assistance for evacuation is available from the United States Department of Energy (DOE), Department of Defense (DOD), United States Coast Guard, Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) - United States Public Health Service (USPHS) and Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) through coordination with FEMA.
- f) FEMA's Public and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for initiating actions required to implement federal activities in response operations.
- g) FEMA may provide representatives to accompany state damage assessment teams.
- h) The American Red Cross (ARC) Vice President of Operations, National Headquarters, will direct the activities of the National Mass Care (ESF 6) and represent ARC on the Catastrophic Disaster Response Group (CDRG) at FEMA.
- i) The governor may request federal individual and households program funding to assist individuals and families who, as a result of a major disaster, are unable to meet necessary or serious needs. GEMA/FEMA provides administrative oversight for this program, with staff from DHR. In a disaster, federal agencies are authorized through a Presidential declaration to provide state and local governments with equipment, facilities, personnel, and supplies essential for emergency assistance to disaster victims.
- j) Provide financial assistance to state or local agencies for services or training of disaster workers and issue such rules and regulations as may be necessary to effectuate this delegation.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The mass care services EOC representative will coordinate all mass care services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through Cobb EMA to GEMA. All public notifications of state agencies will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Mass Care

A. Strategy

1. Department of Human Resources (DHR) and American Red Cross (ARC) will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. DHR and ARC will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs).
2. ARC provides mass care to disaster victims, including fixed site and mobile feeding, management of congregate shelters for the general population, and bulk distribution of supplies. The ARC will not be responsible for establishing and managing shelters for special needs populations. DHR will be responsible for operating special needs shelters, whether co-located with general population shelters managed by the ARC, or established in separate locations.
3. Emergency shelter, mass shelter, or other shelters are provided during and after an emergency or disaster where individuals are housed as a result of evacuation or, on a limited scale, pending repair of owner dwellings. An emergency shelter is not intended for prolonged periods of occupancy. The provision of emergency shelter for victims includes the use of pre-disaster designated shelter sites in existing structures, creation of temporary facilities, and use of similar facilities outside the affected area.
4. The ARC designee will represent the organization in mass care and shelter administrative and operation responsibilities in conjunction with DHR Division of Family and Children Services (DFCS). ARC will maintain the National Shelter System (NSS). DFCS will maintain the statewide shelter list and coordinate and implement the disaster food stamp program.
5. The provision for feeding disaster victims and emergency workers via fixed

sites, mobile feeding units, and bulk food distribution will be accomplished in coordination with ARC; Departments of Agriculture, Corrections, Defense and Education; Georgia Building Authority; Georgia Baptist Convention; and other volunteer organizations. Operations will be based on nutritional standards and include special dietary requirements of persons with special needs. DHR will coordinate requests for issuance and distribution of the disaster food stamp programs through the United States Department of Agriculture (USDA).

6. Emergency first aid services will be provided to disaster victims and workers at all mass care facilities and designated sites within the disaster area. First aid will be available to supplement emergency health and medical services established to meet victims' needs.
7. ARC disaster welfare information services will be provided to aid in reunification of family members within the affected area who are separated at the time of emergency or disaster.
8. Requests for emergency clothing, bedding, and other items lost, damaged or destroyed as a result of an emergency or disaster will be forwarded to Cobb Disaster Recovery.
9. Mass care shelter facilities will receive priority consideration for logistical and accessibility support requirements and structural inspections to ensure health and safety of victims.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Develop memorandums of understanding with volunteer organizations
- b) Identify and survey shelters to ensure sufficient space and services for victims and essential workers;
- c) Maintain a list of shelter managers and train personnel in all phases of shelter management;
- d) Prepare shelter management kits (e.g., registration forms and logs); coordinate with Public Affairs to release public information materials to support shelter operations; and
- e) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Manage and operate general population shelters through ARC and Department of Human Resources DHR DFCS in coordination with local emergency management agencies (EMAs);
- b) Provide mobile feeding and meals at fixed feeding locations;
- c) Distribute donated goods and potable water;
- d) Provide disaster welfare information services;
- e) Secure personnel and operate shelters, feeding units, emergency first aid services, and disaster welfare information;
- f) Coordinate and obtain transportation;
- g) Establish communication between shelters, feeding units, emergency first aid services, and volunteer location(s);
- h) Administer the federal individuals and households program;
- i) Close and restore shelters to pre-emergency conditions;
- j) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- k) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized, and report to GEMA upon request; and
- l) Resume day-to-day operations.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. ARC Board of Governors' Disaster Services Policy Statement of July 1977.
- B. Cobb County Department of Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual.
- C. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- D. Cobb County Shelter Plan
- E. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- F. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- G. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- H. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

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**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 7
RESOURCE SUPPORT**

Primary Agencies

Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Austell Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Cobb County Finance Department	Funding
Cobb County Public Services Agency (Public Services consists of: Library System; Parks, Recreation, Cultural Affairs; Senior Services)	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities
Cobb County Support Services Agency (Support Services consists of: Fleet Management; Information Services; Property Management; Purchasing Department; Tax Assessor)	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Kennesaw Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Marietta Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Powder Springs Police Department	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement
Smyrna Emergency Management Agency	Personnel, Equipment, Facilities, Procurement

I. INTRODUCTION

Resource support, for the purpose of this document, is largely considered purchasing / procurement activities supporting response agencies while working in an emergency or disaster. Resource support also includes the provision of personnel, equipment or facilities support to support the emergency management system. Examples include, but are not limited to: Information Services ensuring the functionality of computer hardware and software for responders and employees to coordinate the sharing of information and resource requests. Property Management would address issues relating to the use of county facilities for response and recovery activities.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports National Response Framework (NRF) and Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 7 (Resource Support). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation,

dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

Shortages of supplies and equipment necessary for responding to an emergency or disaster may occur. This ESF addresses the necessity to evaluate, locate, procure, and provide essential materials and resources. Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) assumes primary responsibility for this function.

B. Scope

To provide for expedient approval and purchase or procurement of supplies and equipment essential to emergency or disaster operations.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide resource support will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations through the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) for efficient and cost effective support of essential emergency operations.

Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the response and recovery efforts of the general population. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of CEMA, with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC) / Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of resource support.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by resource service agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

CEMA shall be the agency with primary responsibility for resource services if an incident occurs within Cobb County, unless otherwise specified. In such instances, agencies supplying resource services shall support CEMA upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and coordinating the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise

specified. In such instances, CEMA and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee(s) shall represent all resource partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA.

All requests to/from resource services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The Georgia Department of Administrative Services (DOAS) provides the state government's lead role in resource support. The DOAS provides direction and assistance as necessary or requested.

3. Federal Response

- a) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will collect, analyze, and disseminate information from respective federal agencies with ESF responsibilities.
- b) The General Services Administration (GSA) will provide federal government support for procurement activities. Procurement will be made in accordance with federal laws and regulations.
- c) Federal laws and regulations authorize emergency purchasing under any situation of unusual and compelling urgency. All procurement actions made at the request of federal agencies in support of the plan will be in accordance with GSA statutory and administrative requirements and accomplished using appropriate FEMA fund citation/reimbursement procedures.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. This will ensure that expended resources are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Resource Support Services

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs).
2. Local assistance will consist of a cooperative effort between the primary agency and each local agency with primary and support ESF responsibilities in order to facilitate borrowing, renting, leasing, and purchasing emergency items.
3. The primary agency is responsible for implementing and administering procurement activities necessary to support emergency operations of local agencies.
4. All other local agencies will be responsible for requirements to maintain emergency operations and inventory.
5. The emergency coordinator for each agency will provide information on purchase request needs and will assume responsibility for reimbursement of items utilized by the agency in an emergency or disaster. The cost will be absorbed by the agency through budget approval, or reimbursement

arrangements, following mutual aid agreements or allowable through disaster declarations. All requested logistical resource support will be provided for immediate emergency operations.

6. Reasonable efforts will be made to borrow, rent, or lease equipment. Purchases will be made only with the joint approval of the appropriate emergency coordinator and primary agency.
7. Local governments are responsible for resource support within their designated municipalities prior to a local declaration of emergency. Local governments are responsible for requesting county support when an incident exceeds local capabilities.
8. Each local support agency will prepare standard operating procedures (SOPs) for implementation utilizing available personnel, equipment, and resources.
9. Each local government is responsible for the development of mutual aid agreements.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Maintain mutual aid agreements and memorandums of understanding regarding resource support;
- b) Maintain contingency contracts with vendors;
- c) Maintain a resource database; and
- d) Participate in, sponsor, coordinate, and/or conduct training and exercises.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Conduct resource support activities with available resources;
- b) Coordinate resource requests with appropriate agencies and organizations;
- c) Monitor and document all resource approvals, purchases, and contracts in response to resource requests;
- d) Provide EOC representative(s); and
- e) Provide post incident debriefing.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- B. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- C. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- D. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- E. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 8
PUBLIC HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES**

Primary Agency

Cobb / Douglas Public Health

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Cobb County Fire & Emergency Services	Emergency medical services, transportation
Metro Atlanta EMS	Emergency medical services, transportation
Puckett EMS	Emergency medical services, transportation
Wellstar Kennestone – Regional Coordinating Hospital, Region N	Medical services, pharmaceuticals
Wellstar Cobb	Medical services, pharmaceuticals
Emory Adventist Hospital	Medical services, pharmaceuticals
Public Safety	Security

I. INTRODUCTION

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 8 supports the County Offices of Homeland Security-Emergency Management Agencies for Cobb and Douglas counties ESF 8, Public Health Environmental and Medical Services. Assistance under this function consists of health and medical services and resources. The Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH) has primary responsibility for this function. This ESF involves coordination and/or service delivery in three areas:

1. Medical Care - Emergency Medical Services (EMS), specialized medical care, pharmaceutical, as well as doctors, nurses, technicians, supplies, equipment, hospitals, clinics, first aid stations, facilities, immunizations, and other medically related services;
2. Epidemiology - staffing and supplies, essential to (1) prevent communicable diseases, (2) develop and monitor health information, and (3) disease vector and epidemic control, laboratory testing, disease surveillance and outbreak investigations; and
3. Environmental Health - staffing, supplies and equipment to (1) prevent communicable diseases and contamination of food and water, (2) develop and monitor health information, inspection and control of sanitation measure, inspection of individual water supplies, (3) disease vector and epidemic control, laboratory testing, and (4) facility and shelter inspections.

A. Purpose

The purpose of ESF 8 is to coordinate and/or deliver medical, environmental health, rehabilitation, and mental health services; to facilitate and/or seek private resources; and to supplement disrupted or overburdened service delivery personnel and resources to relieve suffering and/or trauma of victims.

B. Scope

Cobb & Douglas Public Health (CDPH) will perform functions relating to emergency preparedness and response within both Cobb and Douglas counties. CDPH will address prevention of emergency situations, vulnerability reduction, capabilities to protect individuals from the effects of crisis, effective and efficient response to emergencies, and rapid recovery from emergencies or disasters specific to events of public health significance and prevention, and mitigation to minimize the adverse impact of public health vulnerabilities.

C. Responsibility

The Cobb & Douglas Public Health has primary responsibility for this ESF in both Cobb and Douglas Counties, with the agencies shown on the table at the beginning of this annex as support agencies.

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

1. CDPH will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to facilitate operational readiness. CDPH develops and maintains standard operating procedures (SOPs), standard operating guides (SOGs) and Annexes for this ESF as needed in support of CDPH operations. Supporting organizations will develop and maintain similar documentation for their respective organizations.
2. Upon local or State request, CDPH will assess emergency health and medical service needs and coordinate assistance.
3. CDPH facilitates and coordinates medical care, public health, and environmental and epidemiological services with the Community Service Boards for mental health services.
4. CDPH will provide personnel, supplies, and equipment, at the request of the DPH Emergency Manager in accordance with established MOUs/MOAs, constrained only by an immediate need of local County Emergency Management Agencies or of established clients being served.
5. Emergency operations necessary for the performance of this function include, but are not limited to:
 - Prevention/Preparedness
 - Expand relationships with professional associations and private agencies and organizations that may be of assistance in medical, epidemiology, environmental health, mental health, and rehabilitation services;

- Continue development of the District Health Emergency Assistance and Resource Team (DHEART), identify resources within CDPH and private agencies and organizations;
 - Identify, train and provide technical assistance to professional staff and volunteers of emergency medical, epidemiology, environmental health, and rehabilitation services; and
 - Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.
- Detection and Response
 - Support emergency or disaster medical, epidemiology, environmental health, mental health and rehabilitation needs with available personnel and resources
 - Coordinate, deliver and/or manage emergency medical, epidemiology, environment health and rehabilitation services for victims including medical services for people with special needs; and
 - Provide representation to designated shelters and other facilities for the provision of health and medical services to emergency or disaster victims.
 - Recovery and Mitigation
 - Manage crisis counseling and mental health assistance including emergency or disaster grant programs;
 - Coordinate public information;
 - Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies and other resources utilized and report to DPH and local EMA upon request; and
 - Resume day-to-day operations.

III. SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY

The District Health Director (DHD) shall provide an emergency coordinator and an alternate to meet emergency responsibilities of CDPH. The CDPH designee(s) shall represent CDPH in an emergency or disaster and provide for operation support in the various County Emergency Operation Centers when requested by the County.

IV. STATE RESPONSE

Upon local or State request, local agencies of the Department of Public Health (DPH) programs assess emergency health and medical service needs and coordinate assistance. Depending on the level of support, DPH may activate their Emergency Operations Center to coordinate activities in response to the emergency health and medical service needs, supplying reports to Georgia Emergency Management Agency's (GEMA) State Operations Center (SOC) and coordinating required resources.

V. FEDERAL RESPONSE

In a Presidential Declaration, Federal agencies are authorized to provide local and State governments with emergency personnel, equipment, facilities, and supplies essential to save lives and to preserve or protect public health and safety.

Through an interagency agreement with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), the Center for Mental Health Services staff helps to ensure that victims of presidentially declared disasters receive immediate, short-term crisis counseling as well as ongoing support for emotional recovery.

VI. REFERENCES

- A. Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, as amended.
- B. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan, updated 2010.
- C. County Resolutions for Emergency Management.
- D. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended by Public Law 106-390 dated October 30, 2000.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 9
SEARCH AND RESCUE**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Police Department
Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9 and Food Supplies
Austell Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Emergency Medical Services and Thermal Imaging Device
Austell Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations
Chattahoochee Technical College Campus Security	Personnel
Cobb Board of Education—Department of Public Safety	Personnel, Equipment
Cobb County Medical Examiner Office	Mass Casualty Supplies, Forensic Investigator and Identification
Cobb County Sheriff’s Office	Personnel, Vehicles, K-9 and Food Supplies
Cobb Emergency Management Agency	Personnel, Equipment, Volunteers
Dobbins AFRB—Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Georgia State Patrol Aviation	Personnel, Equipment
Kennesaw Police Department	Personnel, Equipment
Kennesaw State University Police	Personnel and K-9
Life University Campus Safety	Personnel
Marietta Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment, Emergency Medical Services and Thermal Imaging Device
Marietta Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Identification, Investigations
Powder Springs Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9, and Thermal Imaging Device
Smyrna Fire Department	Personnel, Equipment, Emergency Medical Services
Smyrna Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9 and Food Supplies
Southern Polytechnic State University Police	Personnel

I. INTRODUCTION

Search and rescue (SAR), for the purpose of this document, is considered the search for and location of victims of natural and/or manmade emergencies/disasters and the emergency rescue of those victims. Search and rescue operations in Cobb County are provided by various agencies including, but not limited to Cobb County Police Department (CCPD), Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES), municipal fire/police departments, federal agencies and private/corporate agencies. Search and rescue includes air, ground and water searches for lost or missing persons and rescue of endangered, sick, or injured people.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports National Response Framework (NRF) and Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 9 (Urban Search and Rescue). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation dated October, 25 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

County program assistance for search and rescue shall include actions taken through the application of equipment, staffing and technical expertise to conduct SAR operations. The above listed agencies are responsible for administering programs within this function.

B. Scope

To perform operational functions relating to county resources for search and rescue operations during an emergency or disaster that is beyond the capabilities of local governments within affected areas. This may include searches and rescues outdoors or within buildings and other facilities.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide SAR, or support SAR, will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential SAR operations. Standing and approved mutual aid agreements presently exist between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within, and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property, and the environment. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters or incidents of significance, based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. Time permitting; CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) prior to the onset of search and rescue support including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by fire and police agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

CCPD and CCFES shall be the agencies with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within unincorporated Cobb County unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying fire apparatus, police apparatus, and/or personnel shall support the CCPD and CCFES upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within the jurisdiction of a municipality, or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCPD and CCFES, and other agencies, shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agencies with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from fire service agencies outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements and/or by the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG).

2. State Response

GEMA is authorized to provide state assistance as emergency protective measures under provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended.

The Georgia Forestry Commission provides the lead state role in firefighting activities. The forestry commissioner provides direction and assistance as necessary and/or as requested.

3. Federal Response

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to provide federal assistance as emergency protective measures under the provisions of the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended. The GEMA director will consult with the FEMA regional director on federal assistance requests. Upon federal approval, assistance will be coordinated through GEMA.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. This will ensure that resources expended are properly documented and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

The local EMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster. The fire services EOC representative will coordinate all fire services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements and/or by the GMAG. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All notifications to/from the state shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted MOUs/mutual aid agreements and/or by the GMAG. Notifications from GEMA should be routed through the local EMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be addressed in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Search and Rescue

1. Strategy

- a) The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures and include Cobb County, city agencies, and other appropriate agencies.
- b) The local primary law enforcement agency will have responsibility for incident command in the event that a SAR operation involves mainly criminal, security, or missing and/or endangered persons.
- c) The local primary fire and emergency services agency will have responsibility for incident command in the event that a SAR operation involves mainly structural integrity, medical, arson, or entrapment concerns.
- d) On-duty personnel are trained and equipped to operate in emergency conditions on a 24-hour/7-day-a-week basis. Procedures are in place to augment on-duty personnel and equipment in the event of escalating/sustained emergencies.
- e) SAR operations will be initiated at the lowest operational level possible for the particular incident. Field operations will coordinate appropriate action for any escalating emergencies. Coordination with the local EMA's other agencies within the county will begin when a SAR event escalates to a potential or actual local declaration of emergency. The primary agency's emergency coordinator for this function, through an incident commander, will coordinate operations approaching a local declaration of emergency, state of emergency, or presidential declaration.
- f) The primary agency is responsible for coordinating county search and rescue activities. The primary agency will integrate personnel and resources available from other county agencies, local governments, and organizations.
- g) Local governments are responsible during emergencies or disasters for activating plans and appropriately using personnel and equipment for search and rescue before requesting county assistance.
- h) Every effort will be made to support local personnel and resources for city and county response.

- i) The primary agency shall coordinate and manage volunteer personnel and assets as dictated by the appropriate local jurisdiction's policy and procedures.
- j) The county will assist local governments in training and certifying personnel.
- k) SAR situation reports for the affected area(s) will be directed to the primary agency. The emergency coordinator will:
 - (1) Inform the primary agency chief of imminent fire emergency/disaster situations;
 - (2) Implement mutual aid agreements as the situation dictates;
 - (3) Monitor SAR activities in the affected area(s);
 - (4) Provide fire and weather forecasts;
 - (5) Coordinate deployment of necessary and available SAR resources;
 - (6) Local governments are responsible for SAR within their designated jurisdictions and development of mutual aid agreements. Local governments are responsible for requesting county support when SAR exceeds local capabilities; and
- l) The primary agency is responsible for developing, implementing, and administering all SAR programs, as well as mutual aid agreements, state of emergency/presidential declaration assistance.

2. Actions

- a) Mitigation/Preparedness
 - (1) Establish and maintain search, rescue and recovery (SRR) standards for personnel, canine, and other specialized teams that may participate in SRR efforts;
 - (2) Recruit, train and certify SRR personnel, canine, and other specialized teams;
 - (3) Develop record reporting procedures to reflect local and state assistance;
 - (4) Establish and maintain search and rescue support and reporting procedures;
 - (5) Develop awareness information to local and state organizations about SRR protocols and operations;
 - (6) Promote a survival education program for the general public; and
 - (7) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.

Response/Recovery

- (8) Support search and rescue requests from local agencies and organizations;
- (9) Modify aspects of this ESF as deemed necessary;
- (10) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- (11) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized, and report expenditures as requested; and
- (12) Resume day-to-day operations
- (13) Provide EOC representative
- (14) Provide post-incident debriefing

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Department of Public Safety Policy and Procedures Manual
- B. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Policy and Procedures Manual
- C. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances
- D. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation
- E. Mutual Aid Agreements
- F. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS)
- G. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended

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**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 10
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**

Primary Agency

Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES)

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Austell Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Cobb County Dept. of Transportation	Traffic Management
Cobb County Resource Council / LEPC	Personnel
Dobbins AFRB—Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Marietta Fire and Emergency Services	Personnel, Equipment
Smyrna Fire Department	Personnel, Equipment

I. INTRODUCTION

Hazardous Materials (hazmat), for the purpose of this document, are considered those substances—chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and/or explosive—that pose an immediate or potential threat to life safety. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services (CCFES), municipal fire departments, federal agencies, and private/corporate agencies provide hazmat services in Cobb County. CCFES has resources that respond to actual and/or potential hazmat aircraft incidents at McCollum Airport in Kennesaw, Georgia, to the intermodal rail facility in Austell, Georgia, and to any interstate highway, state highway, or surface street in the county.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF) and Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 10 (Hazardous Materials). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation dated October, 25 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

County program assistance for hazmat shall include actions taken through the application of equipment, staffing, and technical expertise to suppress fires. The above listed agencies are responsible for administering programs within this function and mitigation of all hazmat incidents.

An emergency or disaster could result from hazardous and radiological materials being released into the environment. Fixed facilities (e.g., chemical plants, nuclear power plants and facilities, tank farms, laboratories, operating hazardous

waste sites) which produce, generate, use, store or dispose of hazardous materials, including radioactive materials, could be damaged so that spill control apparatus and containment measures are not effective. Hazardous materials that are transported may be involved in rail accidents, highway collisions, waterway, and airline mishaps. The primary agencies have authority to protect the health and safety of Cobb County residents in the event of a radiological emergency by evacuating people from private property.

B. Scope

To provide a coordinated response and perform operational functions with local resources during an emergency or disaster that is within, or beyond the capabilities of local governments in order to minimize adverse effects on the population and environment resulting from the release of, or exposure to hazardous or radiological materials.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide hazmat operations, or support hazmat operations, will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential hazmat operations. Standing and approved mutual aid agreements presently exist between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property, and the environment. During disasters or incidents of significance, certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of hazardous material support including that for evacuation.

The implementation and utilization of ICS by all hazardous material agencies will standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources during emergencies.

CCFES shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying fire apparatus and/or personnel shall support CCFES upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling incidents that occur within the jurisdiction of a municipality, or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCFES, and other agencies, shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and an alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support and assistance in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from fire service agencies outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements and/or by the Georgia Mutual Aid Group (GMAG).

2. State Response

Hazardous Materials

The local EMA director will consult with GEMA concerning state assistance requests and/or a state declaration. Assistance related to hazardous materials incidents is available from, but not limited to the following agencies:

- a) Georgia Environmental Protection Division
- b) Georgia National Guard
- c) Georgia Department of Energy
- d) Georgia Department of Human Resources
- e) Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- f) Georgia Emergency Management Agency

3. Federal Response

Upon a Presidential declaration, the GEMA director will consult with the regional director of the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) concerning assistance. Assistance related to hazardous materials incidents is available from, but not limited to, the following federal agencies:

- a) Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
- b) Department of Defense (DOD)

- c) United States Coast Guard (USCG)
- d) Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC)
- e) Department of Energy (DOE)
- f) Department of Health and Human Services – United States Public Health Service (USPHS)
- g) Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
- h) Other

If an emergency or other disaster does not cause actual releases of hazardous materials, facilities located in or near the affected area may cause concern. These facilities should be assessed and monitored. Information submitted in compliance with Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA Title III), Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990, Oil Pollution Act (OPA) of 1990, and Hazardous Materials Transportation Uniform Safety Act of 1990 will be useful in identifying such facilities.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential large-scale crisis. This will ensure that resources expended are properly documented and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible for a state or federal disaster declaration.

The local EMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster. The fire services EOC representative will coordinate all fire services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOUs/mutual aid agreements and/or by the GMAG. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All notifications to/from the state shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted MOUs/mutual aid agreements and/or by the GMAG. Notifications from GEMA should be routed through the local EMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be addressed in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Hazardous Materials

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include municipal, county, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agency will coordinate, integrate, and manage overall county efforts to detect, identify, contain, clean up, dispose of, or minimize releases of oil or hazardous substances and prevent, mitigate, or minimize the threat of potential releases. The primary agency's hazardous materials response team will provide expertise on environmental effects of oil discharges, releases of hazardous substances, pollutants, contaminants, and environmental pollution control techniques. In order to ensure efficient response, personnel must gather and analyze damage information quickly, and establish response priorities as soon as possible.
3. Private industries with hazardous materials must comply with SARA Title III and advise the primary agency of spills, accidents, and other situations that cannot be controlled effectively.
4. Local government assumes responsibility for the protection and well-being of residents. However, owners, shippers, and utility companies are responsible for cleanup and containment. Local governments, through designated response agencies, will respond to hazardous materials incidents of all types and sizes, make initial assessments as to severity/magnitude of the situation, and take appropriate first responder protection measures to prevent or minimize injuries and property damage.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Prepare an inventory list showing location of existing threats and facilities;
- b) Plan for responses to hazardous material incidents;
- c) Develop detailed procedures for identification, control, and cleanup of hazardous materials;
- d) Identify training for response personnel through GEMA, Georgia Public Safety Training Center – Fire Academy, and manufacturers and transporters of hazardous materials;

- e) Provide for and/or obtain radiological monitor training for self-protection of emergency personnel;
- f) Maintain a listing of private contractors capable of performing emergency and/or remedial actions associated with a hazardous materials incident;
- g) Develop county agreements with local agencies, contiguous counties, state, federal agencies, and private agencies/organizations;
- h) Collect and utilize licensing, monitoring, and/or transportation information from the local, state, or federal agencies, and/or private organizations to facilitate emergency response; and
- i) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Assess the situation to protect life, health, and the environment;
- b) Review initial reports of an incident and maintain surveillance over reported incidents that may require county personnel and resources;
- c) Request additional information necessary to evaluate a hazardous materials or radiological incident;
- d) Provide 24-hour response team capability and dispatch personnel to the incident scene;
- e) Consult with support agencies to determine assistance necessary and/or available to mitigate health and environmental effects;
- f) Recommend evacuation or other protective measures;
- g) Determine the extent of the contaminated area and consult with support agencies/organizations to provide access and egress control to contaminated areas;
- h) Consult with local, state, federal, and/or private agencies regarding decontamination needs;
- i) Coordinate decontamination activities with local, state, and federal agencies;
 - (1) Coordinate with local, state, and federal agencies to ensure proper disposal of wastes associated with hazardous materials and assist in monitoring of such shipments to disposal facilities;
 - (2) Seek cooperation of response teams, owner/shipper, and federal environmental personnel during cleanup operation;
 - (3) Provide area security and prohibit all unauthorized personnel from entering area;
 - (4) Determine, in cooperation with appropriate agencies/organizations, guidelines for reentry of emergency personnel and residents;
 - (5) Conclude cleanup operations when all danger has passed and the area has been declared safe by responsible personnel and restored to the best condition possible;

- (6) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- (7) Provide EOC Representative;
- (8) Provide post-incident debriefing;
- (9) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized and report expenditures to CEMA/GEMA upon request; and
- (10) Resume day-to-day operations.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Department of Public Safety Policy and Procedures Manual.
- B. Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services Policy and Procedures Manual.
- C. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- D. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- E. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- F. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- G. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.
- H. Georgia Water Quality Act (OCGA §12-5-20)
- I. Georgia Safe Drinking Water Act (OCGA §12-5-170)
- J. Georgia Comprehensive Solid Waste Management Act (OCGA§12-8-20)
- K. Georgia Hazardous Waste Management Act (OCGA §12-8-60)
- L. Georgia Air Quality Act (OCGA §12-9-1)
- M. Georgia Oil or Hazardous Material Spills or Releases Act (OCGA§12-14-1)
- N. Georgia Radiation Control Act (OCGA §31-13-1)
- O. The Federal Water Pollution Control Act Amendments of 1972
- P. The Resources Conservation and Recovery Act of 1976
- Q. The Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act of 1986
- R. The Clean Air Act Amendments of 1990
- S. The Oil Pollution Act of 1990
- T. The Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act - A Legacy of Users Amendments of 2005 (also referred to and formerly known as the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act).

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**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 11
AGRICULTURE AND NATURAL RESOURCES**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Animal Control (CCAC)
University of Georgia (UGA) College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service of Cobb County

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Cobb County Veterinary Medical Association	Networking with all area vets
Humane Society of Cobb County	Donated Food and Supplies

I. INTRODUCTION

Cobb County Animal Control (CCAC) and the UGA Cooperative Extension Service in Cobb County addresses (1) the provision of nutrition assistance; (2) control and eradication of an outbreak of a highly contagious or economically devastating animal disease, highly infective exotic plant disease, or economically devastating plant pest infections; (3) assurance of food safety and food defense; (4) assistance during a natural disaster affecting animals, production agriculture, animal industry, aquaculture, marine, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife; (5) protection of natural and cultural resources and historic properties resources prior to, during, and/or after an incident.

The Georgia Department of Agriculture (GDA) has statutory and regulatory authority to provide for the safety and availability of food in wholesale, retail, and processor stocks. The GDA coordinates with the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA), U.S. Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and the Georgia Department of Human Resources (DHR) to meet the requirements of this ESF.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 11 (Agriculture and Natural Resources). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

This ESF provides operational guidance to those assigned to work this ESF. This ESF was established to support provision of nutritional assistance, disease management, food safety, and to protect animals and significant properties.

1. Coordinate and conduct actions undertaken through ESF 11 cooperatively with local and state incident management officials and with private entities.
2. Each supporting agency is responsible for managing its respective assets and resources after receiving direction from the primary agency for the incident.
3. The Department of Public Health (DPH) activates food safety and inspections upon notification of a potential or actual disaster or emergency (refer to ESF 8).
4. Actions undertaken are guided by, and coordinated with county and local emergency preparedness and response officials; state and federal officials; and include existing USDA internal policies and procedures.
5. The existing internal policies and procedures of the primary agency guide Actions undertaken in ESF 11 to protect, conserve, rehabilitate, recover and restore resources for each incident
6. The primary agency for each incident coordinates with appropriate ESFs and other annexes to ensure appropriate use of volunteers, their health and safety, and to ensure appropriate measures are in place to protect the health and safety of all workers.
7. Control and eradicate highly contagious or economically devastating animal/zoonotic disease outbreaks, highly infective exotic plant disease, or economically devastating plant pest infestation.
8. Assure food safety and food security.
9. Protect natural, cultural, and historic property resources before, during, and/or after a disaster or emergency.
10. Protect and shelter pets.

B. Scope

To provide the following functional responsibilities:

1. identify, secure, and distribute food, bottled beverages, and supplies;
2. support provision of sanitary food storage, distribution, and preparation during an emergency or disaster;
3. provide for mitigation, response, and recovery to natural disasters—and /or acts of terrorism—affecting animals (including pets), production agriculture, and the food sector;

4. assist agriculture in outbreaks of highly infectious/contagious or economically devastating animal/zoonotic diseases, highly infective exotic plant diseases, or economically devastating plant pest infestations;
5. assist production agriculture, animal industry, aquaculture, seafood industry, and wildlife adversely affected by natural or man-made disasters;
6. conserve, rehabilitate, recover and restore natural, cultural, and historic properties prior to, during, and after man-made or natural disasters.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies which provide agricultural and natural resource support will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support operations essential to this ESF. Standing and approved local agreements presently exist between Cobb and the cities inside Cobb County. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of animals in distress, property from animals, and residents from dangerous animals.

Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters or incidents of significance based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of agriculture and natural resources support including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by agriculture and natural resources agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

CCAC and Cooperative Extension Service of Cobb County shall be the agencies with primary responsibility for agriculture and natural resources if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying agriculture and natural resources equipment, and/or personnel, shall support CCAC and Cooperative Extension Service of Cobb County upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCAC,

Cooperative Extension Service of Cobb County, and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all agriculture and natural resource partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance, as emergency measures, under local enabling legislation. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster

All requests to/from agriculture and natural resources outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The Georgia Agriculture and Natural Resources Emergency Support Function ESF 11 corresponds with the NRF ESF 11 and addresses (1) providing nutritional assistance; (2) controlling and eradicating outbreaks of highly contagious or economically devastating animal disease, highly infective exotic plant disease, or economically devastating plant pest infestation; (3) assuring food safety and food defense; (4) assisting during natural disasters affecting animals, production agriculture, animal industry, aquaculture, marine, aquatic and terrestrial wildlife; (5) protecting natural and cultural resources and historic properties resources prior to, during, and/or after incidents of state significance.

The GDA has the statutory and regulatory authority to provide for the safety and availability of food in wholesale, retail and processor stocks. The GDA coordinates with the USDA, USFDA, and the Georgia DHR to meet the requirements of this ESF.

The state veterinarian is authorized to provide state assistance as needed or requested.

3. Federal Response

In a disaster or catastrophic event, federal agencies are authorized through a Presidential declaration to provide state and local governments with equipment, facilities, personnel, and supplies essential for emergency

assistance to disaster victims.

Federal agencies are authorized through an extraordinary declaration of emergency, by the U.S. Secretary of Agriculture, to assist state and local governments in eradicating diseases or pests due to outbreaks of highly infectious/contagious or economically devastating animal disease, highly infective exotic plant disease, or economically devastating plant pest infestation.

The Georgia area veterinarian in charge (AVIC) will coordinate activities of the United States Department of Agriculture, Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service, Veterinary Services (USDA-APHIS-VS) in the event of an animal emergency.

The Georgia USDA Plant Protection and Quarantine (PPQ) director will coordinate activities of the USDA PPQ in the event of a plant emergency.

The Georgia Food Safety Task Force will coordinate activities of the USDA Food Safety Inspection Service and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services (i.e. FDA and CDC) in the event of a food safety or food security incident.

Acts of terrorism may be directed at the nation's food supply, livestock herds or poultry flocks, either as the target, or as a vehicle for weapons of mass destruction. Acts of terrorism are a federal crime, and the response to such events are authorized and outlined in the U.S. Terrorism Incident Law Enforcement and Investigation Annex of the NRF.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The (CCAC) and Cooperative Extension Service of Cobb County EOC representative(s) will coordinate all agriculture and natural resources equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the NRF Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will

- a) Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness;
- b) Develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include Cobb County, municipal, state, federal, and other appropriate entities;
- c) Lead in developing, implementing and administering all agriculture and natural resources service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements;
- d) Coordinate with local agencies to ensure resources are adequate to meet the anticipated needs;
- e) Encourage continuous communication between local animal control, the EOC, and the ICS operations chief, or his or her designee, regarding resource support.

2. All designated agencies and organizations will provide personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance at the request of the agriculture and natural resources emergency operations coordinator.

3. The Cobb County Animal Control Disaster Plan for Animals provides guidance and direction for operations.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

- a) Provide EOC Representative.
- b) Develop mutual aid agreements with professional associates and private agencies/organizations.
- c) Train first responders and community leaders in the awareness of animals in disasters.

- d) Develop county and local plans and resources to enhance awareness of surveillance of early detection of animal health emergencies.
- e) Coordinate training sessions and workshops to assist communities and support agencies and organizations.
- f) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.
- g) Encourage support agencies to develop emergency operations plans that detail their support functions for ESF 11.
- h) Oversee the decontamination and/or destruction of animals as determined necessary. Coordinate the removal and proper disposal of animal waste and dead animals.
- i) Manage and direct evacuation of animals from risk areas and provide technical assistance to prevent animal injury and disease dissemination.
- j) Coordinate with the local American Red Cross (ARC) (ESF 6) in identifying potential pet-friendly shelters near approved emergency ARC animal shelters.
- k) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15 – Public Information and Planning.
- l) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized and report to EMA upon request.
- m) Provide post-incident debriefing.

2. Response/Recovery

- a) Support search and rescue requests from local agencies and organizations;
- b) Modify aspects of this ESF as deemed necessary;
- c) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- d) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized and report expenditures as requested;
- e) Resume day-to-day operations;
- f) Provide EOC representative;
- g) Provide post-incident debriefing

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Department of Animal Control Policy and Procedures Manual.
- B. Cobb County Department Safety Policy and Procedures Manual.
- C. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- D. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- E. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- F. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.), Titles 4, 26, and 27.
- G. Homeland Security Presidential Directive 9.
- H. National Response Plan ESF 11.
- I. National Response Plan and U. S. Terrorism Incident Law Enforcement and
- J. Investigation Annex 2004.
- K. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- L. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 12
ENERGY**

Primary Agency

Cobb Electric Membership Corporation (EMC)
Cobb Support Services

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Power	Equipment, Personnel
Atlanta Gas Light Company	Equipment, Personnel
Austell Gas System	Equipment, Personnel
Georgia Power	Equipment, Personnel
Greystone Power	Equipment, Personnel
Marietta Board of Light and Water	Equipment, Personnel

I. INTRODUCTION

An emergency or disaster can jeopardize energy lifelines; constrain supply in impacted areas or in areas with supply links to impacted areas; and affect transportation, communication, and other lifelines necessary for health and safety. Widespread and prolonged electrical power failure may result from such emergencies or disasters. The absence of electrical power will interrupt communication, traffic signals will not operate, and surface movement may gridlock. Such outages will impact emergency health and safety, access to petroleum products, and emergency power. Pollution may result from oil leaks, and fires may ignite on floating oil. Lines transporting natural gas may break, and fire may erupt.

Energy services include actions required for the allocation and distribution of bulk fuels stored or purchased by state agencies in an emergency or disaster. Energy services address the acquisition and restoration of natural gas, electric power services, and arrangements for temporary sources of electrical power following an emergency or disaster.

This ESF provides operational guidance to those who are assigned to work in this ESF. The mission of this ESF is to coordinate response activities of energy and utility organizations in responding to, and recovering from fuel shortages, power outages, and capacity shortages which impact, or threaten to impact Cobb County residents and visitors during and after a potential of actual disaster or emergency.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 12 (Energy). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS)

for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

The primary agency is responsible for *coordinating* response activities for energy and utility organizations including, but not limited to:

1. Providing sufficient fuel supplies to emergency response organizations.
2. Providing materials, supplies, fuel, and personnel for the support of emergency activities being conducted.
3. Maintaining communication with utility representatives to determine emergency response and recovery needs.
4. Coordinating with other ESFs and other critical infrastructure within the county to identify emergency shelter power generation status/needs and coordinating assistance with other ESFs in providing resources for emergency power generation.
5. Maintaining lists of energy-centric critical assets and infrastructures, and continuously monitoring those resources to identify and correct vulnerabilities to energy facilities.
6. Addressing significant disruptions in energy supplies for any reason, whether caused by physical disruption of energy transmission and distribution systems, unexpected operational failure of such systems, or unusual economic or political events.

B. Scope

To coordinate the provision of emergency supply and transportation of fuel and provision of emergency power to support immediate response operations as well as restoring the normal supply of power to normalize community functions. This ESF will work closely with local and state agencies, energy offices, energy suppliers and distributors.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide energy services will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential operations. Mutual aid agreements should be developed between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries. Policies and procedures utilized during disasters will support the protection of life, property, and the environment. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be implemented, modified, or suspended during disasters or incidents of significance based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of energy support including that for evacuation.

The implementation and utilization of ICS by Cobb County will standardize procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources during emergencies.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from energy services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The Public Service Commission (PSC) assumes responsibility for coordination of electric power and natural gas. The Department of Agriculture (GDA), Fuel and Measures Division, assumes responsibility to coordinate petroleum products and liquefied petroleum gas (LPG).

3. Federal Response

Federal disaster assistance programs available with, or without a Presidential declaration have been identified in Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Manual 8600.2, *Digest of Federal Assistance Program*. Requests for assistance will be made through the GEMA director. Federal assistance disaster requests for highways will be directly submitted to the United States Department of Transportation (DOT).

Federal assistance for debris clearance is made available under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended. Section 403 of this law provides authorization by the President to clear debris and wreckage from a major disaster, on publicly and privately

owned land and water, through federal agencies. Grants may be provided to state and local governments for this purpose.

FEMA may provide emergency debris clearance under a Presidential declaration to save lives, protect health, safety, and property. This may include debris clearance from roads and facilities necessary to perform emergency tasks and for restoration of essential services.

Through such a Presidential declaration, a federal agency may perform work or request reimbursement for local/state governments and nonprofit organizations as stated in Section 402 (b) of Public Law 93-288, Removal of Debris or Wreckage. The affected local or state government must first arrange an unconditional authorization for removal of such debris or wreckage from public and private property and agree to indemnify the federal government against any claim arising from such removal. All emergency debris and wreckage clearance shall be performed without delay and completed as rapidly as possible.

Federal reimbursement will be made only to local and state governments and nonprofit organizations as stated in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended, for the cost of debris removal. Salvage value of debris, or wreckage cleared, shall be deducted from federal reimbursement for such expenses.

The United States Department of Energy (U.S. DOE) has federal cognizance for energy industries. U.S. DOE assists the military, civilian population, defense industry, and allied energy requirements following significant disasters.

U.S. DOE will monitor energy system damage, supply, and demand; deploy response teams to repair or restore energy systems; and obtain claim-supporting resources, such as transportation.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA. This will ensure that resources expended are properly documented and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The energy EOC representative will coordinate all energy services equipment and personnel requests in

accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notification of state agencies and state public notification will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the National Response Framework. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include Cobb County, municipal, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agency will lead in developing, implementing and administering all energy service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
3. The primary agency will coordinate with the Public Works and Engineering Support Function (ESF 3) to ensure the energy infrastructure is adequate to meet energy needs.
4. The primary agency will encourage continuous communication between energy supervisors, the EOC, and the ICS operations chief, or his or her designee, regarding resource support.
5. All designated agencies and organizations will provide personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance at the request of the energy emergency operations coordinator.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Establish liaison support to ensure responsiveness in conjunction with EMA and the private sector.
- b) Identify additional resources and assistance teams.
- c) Develop emergency response support plans.
- d) Prepare damage assessment, repair and restoration procedures, and reporting mechanisms.
- e) Recommend actions to conserve energy and conservation guidance.
- f) Participate in drills and exercises to evaluate energy response capabilities.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Determine critical energy supply needs of priority populations (e.g., infants, elderly, and other people with special needs).
- b) Gather, assess, and share information on energy system damage, as well as estimate repair and restoration time.
- c) Activate assistance teams and obtain necessary resources to assist in recovery.
- d) Serve as focal point for the EMA and EOC in order to protect the health and safety of affected persons.
- e) Work with EMA to provide public service announcements on energy conservation, mitigation impacts, and restoration forecasts.
- f) Coordinate with other affected areas to maximize resources and information exchange.
- g) Conduct repair and maintenance operations until restoration of all services occurs.
- h) Maintain records, expenditures, and document resources utilized during recovery.

IV. References

- A. Austell Natural Gas System Policy and Procedures Manual.
- B. Cobb County local enabling ordinances.
- C. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local enabling legislation.
- D. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- E. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- F. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 13
PUBLIC SAFETY AND SECURITY SERVICES**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Police Department

Support Agencies

Agency	Resources
Acworth Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9, and Food Supplies
Austell Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, and Investigations
Chattahoochee Technical College Campus Security	Personnel
Cobb Board of Education—Department of Public Safety	Personnel
Cobb County Department of Public Safety	Personnel, Equipment, Vehicles
Cobb County Medical Examiner’s Office	Mass Casualty Supplies, Forensic Investigator, and Identification
Cobb County Sheriff’s Office	Personnel, Vehicles, K-9, and Food Supplies
Cobb County Department of Transportation	Transportation
Georgia State Patrol	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, and K-9
Kennesaw Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, and K-9
Kennesaw State University Police	Personnel and K-9
Life University Campus Safety	Personnel
Marietta Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Identification and Investigations
Powder Springs Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9, and Thermal Imaging Device
Smyrna Police Department	Personnel, Vehicles, Investigations, K-9, and Food Supplies
Southern Polytechnic State University Police	Personnel

I. INTRODUCTION

Effective law enforcement is essential during emergencies or disasters to minimize confusion and turmoil. Local law enforcement officials are responsible for enforcement of laws, traffic control, investigation of crimes, and other public safety activities within their jurisdictions. The Cobb County Police Department (CCPD) has primary responsibility for this function as it relates to assisting local law enforcement with uniform patrol duties, traffic control, security, victim recovery and investigative support, deceased identification, and fraud.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF), as it relates to uniform patrol, traffic control, and security, supports the National Response Framework (NRF), ESF 13 (Public Safety and Security Services). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

The CCPD, of the Cobb Department of Public Safety (DPS), assumes primary responsibility for this function. Effective law enforcement is essential during emergencies or disasters to minimize confusion and turmoil.

The potential exists for injuries as well as fatalities in an emergency or disaster. Establishing coordination and direction for identification and disposition of deceased victims is necessary when fatalities occur. The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office is responsible for this task.

B. Scope

To provide coordination of Cobb County resources to maintain law and order during an emergency or disaster, including traffic and crowd control that is beyond the capabilities of any one local government entity within the affected areas. Law enforcement supervises all law and order operations as well as deceased identification during an emergency or a disaster.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide public safety, or support public safety, will coordinate operations with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential public safety operations. Limited mutual aid agreements presently exist and need to be expanded between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County.

Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of public safety support including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by public safety agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

CCPD shall be the agency with primary responsibility for public safety if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying public safety equipment and/or personnel shall support CCPD upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, CCPD and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all public safety partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from public safety and security agencies outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU)/mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

a) This Emergency Support Function (ESF), as it relates to uniform patrol, traffic control, and security, supports the NRF, ESF 13 (Public Safety and Security Services). Effective law enforcement is essential during emergencies or disasters to minimize confusion and turmoil. Local law enforcement officials are responsible for enforcement of laws, traffic control, investigation of crimes and other public safety activities within their jurisdictions. The Cobb DPS has primary responsibility for this function as it relates to assisting local law enforcement with uniform patrol duties, traffic control, and security. The Georgia Bureau of Investigation (GBI) will assist local law enforcement with investigating crimes if requests are made pursuant to OCGA Title 35, Chapter 3.

b) Victim recovery does not correspond to any ESF in the NRF. This function includes air, ground, and water searches for deceased persons. The GBI assumes primary responsibility for this function when state

assistance is requested. The function of deceased identification does not correspond to any ESF in the NRF. The potential exists for injuries as well as fatalities in an emergency or disaster. Establishing coordination and direction for identification and disposition of deceased victims is necessary when fatalities occur. The GBI has primary responsibility for this function when state assistance is requested.

The function of deceased identification does not correspond to any ESF in the NRF. The potential exists for injuries as well as fatalities in an emergency or disaster. Establishing coordination and direction for identification and disposition of deceased victims is necessary when fatalities occur. The GBI has primary responsibility for this function. Federal assistance for burial is available for eligible victims through the Veterans and Social Security Administrations. Federal assistance is also available through the implementation of the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program.

Price gouging does not correspond to any ESF in the NRF. Under a state of emergency, businesses may not sell any goods or service at prices higher than the prices at which the goods or services were offered before the state of emergency was declared; nor may a business raise the price of supplies or services for the purpose of salvaging, repairing or rebuilding structures damaged as a result of the natural disaster. The Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs (OCA) has primary responsibility for this function, and investigates allegations of illegal pricing. The GBI will support this function when requests are made pursuant to O.C.G.A Title 35, Chapter 3.

3. Federal Response

- a) The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) is authorized to provide federal assistance as emergency protective measures under the provisions of The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, as amended. The GEMA director will consult with the FEMA regional director on federal assistance requests. Assistance will be coordinated through GEMA upon federal approval.
- b) Federal assistance is available from the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI), the United States Department of Justice (U.S. DOJ) and other federal agencies and will be identified by the GSP in SOPs. Resources will be accessed accordingly.
- c) Federal assistance for this function, under the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended, is limited to Presidential declaration under Section 408, IFG. This assistance is only financial and may be extended to eligible individuals or families

for purposes of burial or mortuary expenses.

- d) United States military veteran victims may be eligible for mortuary and burial services provided by the United States Veterans Administration on an individual basis whether or not a declaration is established.
- e) Social Security Administration burial benefits are available for victims meeting eligibility requirements.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

Cobb EMA shall serve as the liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The public safety and security EOC representative will coordinate all public safety and security services, equipment, and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Law Enforcement - Uniform Patrol, Traffic Control, and Security

1. Strategy

- a) The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will

develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs).

- (1) All public safety agencies are responsible with assuring that on-duty personnel are trained and equipped to operate in emergency conditions on a 24-hour/7-day-a-week basis. Procedures are in place to augment on-duty personnel and equipment in the event of escalating/sustained emergencies.
 - (2) The primary agency is responsible for developing, implementing, and administering all fire service programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
- b) CEMA is responsible for coordinating all county support resources. These include but are not limited to: CCPD, Cobb County Sheriff's Office (CCSO), Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services, Cobb County Medical Examiners Office and Cobb County Department of Transportation (DOT). These agencies may operate collectively with state and federal support during an emergency or disaster, as needed. Support will be provided through the normal chain of command, mobilizing resources through emergency coordinators.
 - c) Local governments are responsible for the activation of plans and appropriate use of personnel and resources for regional or countywide resources if an emergency or disaster occurs.
 - d) Every effort will be made to support local personnel and resources for regional or countywide response.
 - e) State Georgia State Patrol (GSP) uniformed patrol personnel and radio equipped patrol vehicles assigned to troops are located throughout the state as well as fixed and rotary wing aircraft. These resources will be available in an emergency or disaster.
 - f) The GBI will perform functions related to the prevention and investigation of criminal acts, when requested, pursuant to O.C.G.A. Title 35, Chapter 3.
 - g) The local law enforcement agency in command will retain direction and coordination.
 - h) State law enforcement personnel and equipment should be requested only when local resources are exhausted. GSP will coordinate state activities at that time relating to uniform patrol, traffic control, and security with the local law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction.
 - i) The normal chain of command will continue to regulate state law enforcement resources. However, these resources will be responsive to the

needs of the GEMA director in conjunction with the GSP emergency coordinator. State law enforcement resources will be made available to local law enforcement upon request, depending upon availability.

- j) The Governor may authorize use of Department of Defense - Georgia National Guard resources to provide law enforcement services should an emergency or disaster situation warrant such action.
- k) Private security agencies or organizations should be trained and sworn as deputies for use during an emergency or disaster. Such personnel will be the responsibility of the appointing public safety agency.

2. Actions

a) Mitigation/Preparedness

- (1) Analyze hazards and determine law enforcement requirements;
- (2) Identify agencies, organizations, and individuals capable of providing support services;
- (3) Develop record reporting procedures to reflect local and county assistance;
- (4) Train regular and support personnel in emergency duties; and
- (5) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.
- (6) Federal assistance for burial is available for eligible victims through the Veterans and Social Security Administrations. Federal assistance is also available through the implementation of the Individual and Family Grant (IFG) Program.

b) Response/Recovery

- (1) Provide assistance in support of ESF 2, Communications;
- (2) Coordinate security for critical facilities, as needed;
- (3) Support evacuation plans with traffic control, communications, area patrols, and security for shelters;
- (4) Control entry and exit to the emergency or disaster area;
- (5) Control vehicle and individual access to restricted areas;
- (6) Continue operations necessary to protect people and property;
- (7) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- (8) Assist in returning evacuees;
- (9) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized and report expenditures to GEMA; and
- (10) Resume day-to-day operations.

B. Victim Recovery

1. Strategy

- a) The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The Medical Examiner's Office will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the recovery of human remains.
- b) CEMA is responsible for coordinating search and rescue activities while the Medical Examiner's Office is responsible for human remain search and recovery efforts. CEMA will integrate personnel and resources available from state agencies and other local governments and organizations.
- c) CEMA is responsible, if an emergency or disaster occurs, for activating plans and appropriate use of personnel and equipment for search and rescue before requesting state assistance.
- d) Every effort will be made to support local personnel and resources for regional or statewide response.

2. Actions

a) Mitigation/Preparedness

- (1) Establish and maintain standards for human remains recovery operations;
- (2) Develop record reporting procedures to reflect local and state assistance;
- (3) Establish and maintain human remains recovery support and reporting procedures;
- (4) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.

b) Response/Recovery

- (1) Support search and rescue requests from other local and state agencies and organizations;
- (2) Modify aspects of this ESF that prove impractical;
- (3) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs
- (4) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized, and report expenditures as requested; and
- (5) Resume day-to-day operations.

C. Deceased Identification and Mortuary Services

1. Strategy

The Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office will:

- a) Coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The Medical Examiner will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs).
- b) Implement and administer this function as related to emergency or disaster assistance.
- c) Identify deceased victims. The GBI can assist at the request of a local government or the Chief Medical Examiner/designee.
- d) The Cobb County Medical Examiner, or designee, shall contact the Department of Human Resources Division of Public Health (DPH) when deaths have been reported to assess the magnitude of need, determine appropriate location for mortuary facilities, and specify equipment or materials deemed necessary. Every effort shall be made to coordinate these with the support of other state and federal agencies and organizations.
- e) The coordination of refrigeration units, body bags, stretchers, embalming supplies, other equipment and supplies relating to this function, shall be assured. Use of existing morgues and medical examiner personnel is the Cobb County Medical Examiner's responsibility and should be coordinated with state personnel and dental/medical teams, local resources, volunteer resources, and/or federal resources when applicable.

2. Actions

- a) Mitigation/Preparedness
 - (1) Develop plans for recovery, transportation, examination, identification and disposition of the deceased victims;
 - (2) Establish a communications center for information regarding possible victims;
 - (3) Identify agencies, organizations, and individuals capable of providing support services for deceased victim identification; and
 - (4) Participate in and/or conduct exercises and tests.

b) Response/Recovery

- (1) Support state agencies/organizations and notify National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) and other federal agencies, if applicable;
- (2) Initiate notification of the disaster mortuary response teams for assistance in identifying the deceased if applicable;
- (3) Document location of bodies at the scene;
- (4) Authorize removal of bodies;
- (5) Examine and identify victims;
- (6) Notify next-of-kin in accordance with state and federal requirements;
- (7) Provide for release or final disposition of bodies;
- (8) Continue operations necessary for identification and disposition of the deceased and property;
- (9) Provide a final fatality assessment;
- (10) Coordinate with the coroner who is legally responsible for signing death certificates;
- (11) Receive required death reports;
- (12) Coordinate public information and provide updates for ESF 15, External Affairs;
- (13) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies and other resources utilized and report expenditures to CEMA upon request; and
- (14) Resume day-to-day operations.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Aviation Disaster Family Assistance Act of 1996
- B. Cobb County Department of Public Safety Policy and Procedures Manual.
- C. Cobb County Department of Transportation Policy and Procedures Manual.
- D. Cobb County Local enabling ordinances.
- E. Georgia Death Investigation Act
- F. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local Enabling legislation.
- G. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- H. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- I. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 10-393-4
- J. Official Code of Georgia Annotated (O.C.G.A.) § 35-3-151
- K. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 14
LONG-TERM RECOVERY AND MITIGATION**

Primary Agency

Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA)

Principal Voluntary Agency

Cobb Disaster Recovery (CDR)

Support Agencies*

Agency	Resource
Center for Family Resources	Volunteers, Donations
Cobb Community Development, Administration	Personnel, Equipment, Services
Cobb County Economic Development	Personnel, Services
Cobb County Water System, Stormwater Management	Personnel, Equipment, Services
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints	Volunteers, Donations
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief	Volunteers, Donations
Georgia Volunteer Organizations Active in Disasters (VOAD)	Volunteers, Donations
The Joseph's Network	Volunteers, Donations
United Way, Cobb County	Volunteers, Donations

*Note: The agency listing may fluctuate depending on community partners involved in recovery

I. INTRODUCTION

Recovery encompasses assistance to local, state, and federal governments, and eligible private nonprofit organizations to repair or replace damaged public facilities after local disaster declaration. It also provides for emergency work including debris removal and protective measures to protect public health, safety and improved property. Mitigation is a long-term and ongoing process which includes the development of plans and projects that will reduce or eliminate hazard exposure, thereby reducing potential damages to life and property.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 14 (Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government.

Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA) and Cobb Disaster Recovery (CDR) are responsible for the coordination of county long-term recovery services and mitigation projects. All long-term recovery and mitigation agencies, primary and support, will educate residents and employees on the importance of implementing their own protection plans with the use of these agencies as a last resort.

B. Scope

To provide coordination and perform operational functions for long-term recovery. Implement procedures for public assistance and hazard mitigation services, using available resources intended for countywide application to support a large-scale event, or crisis, within Cobb County.

Cobb Disaster Recovery, CDR, was designed to be a local voluntary organization assisting in disasters (VOAD), and specifically, serving the role of a long-term recovery committee (LTRC) in the wake of natural disasters affecting the residents of Cobb County. CDR was founded in 2005 in response to flooding that occurred in Cobb in the wake of Hurricane Dennis. More than 20 Cobb faith-based organizations, nonprofits, businesses, local government, and civic groups came together to form CDR as a volunteer-based, long-term recovery committee. This group's mission is dedicated to assisting families and individuals impacted by disaster through coordinating the many ongoing aspects of recovery, including need assessment, case management, financial assistance, and home rebuilding/repair.

Note: CDR does not mobilize for response to mass population displacement as a result of disasters outside of Cobb.

Mitigation is defined as the effort to reduce loss of life and property by lessening the impact of disasters. It is a strategy for being prepared. Some projects could include those of Cobb County Community Development dealing with building codes, and those of Cobb County Water System, such as updating the storm drain system or buying properties that have experienced repetitive loss due to flooding. This also includes such items as damage prevention and flood insurance. Currently, hazard mitigation projects can be federally funded under certain types of public assistance, and specific types of hazard mitigation assistance which includes, but is not limited to: Hazard Mitigation Grant Program (HMGP), Flood Mitigation Assistance Program (FMAP) and the Pre-Disaster Mitigation (PDM) Program.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies and partners that provide and support long-term recovery and mitigation will coordinate with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential long-term recovery and mitigation projects. Mutual aid agreements should be created between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the Cobb County boundaries.

Policies and procedures utilized for disasters will support the general population requiring long-term recovery and mitigation. Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. The ICS is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the agency. The designee(s) shall represent the agency in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the state operations center when requested

1. Local Response

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) prior to the onset of long-term recovery support.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by long-term recovery agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, communications, facilities, and resources.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all long-term recovery partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) when requested.

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency protective measures under local enabling legislation. This will ensure that resources expended are properly documented and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible to be declared as a state or federal disaster.

All requests to/from transportation services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

GEMA provides the state government's lead role in long-term recovery and mitigation. GEMA provides direction and assistance as necessary, or as requested.

3. Federal Response

- a) FEMA Region IV receives the Governor's request for a declaration. The Regional Director will then provide written acknowledgment to the Governor.
- b) Based on information provided by joint preliminary damage assessments (PDA) and consultations with state and federal officials, the FEMA Regional Director will prepare a summary of the PDA findings. FEMA Region IV will submit the request with a recommendation to the FEMA Director through the Associate Director. The Director will forward the request with a recommendation to the President.
- c) The Governor's request for a major disaster declaration may result in a Presidential declaration of a major disaster, emergency declaration, or denial. The Governor will be notified promptly as to the decision.
- d) After the President's declaration, the FEMA Associate Director designates the types of assistance to be made available (as directed by the President in his declaration letter) or as he determines necessary. He may authorize all, or only particular types of assistance requested by the Governor.
- e) The President designates the disaster area and the affected governmental jurisdictions eligible for federal assistance.
- f) After a declaration, the Governor, or the Governor's Authorized Representative (GAR), may request additional federal assistance. Such requests must be accompanied by appropriate commitments by state and local governments and assessments to justify the additional assistance. The Governor, or the GAR, must also provide assurance that the immediate needs are beyond local and state capabilities. The Governor, or the GAR, may also request that the Regional Director designate additional counties. Both of these supplemental requests must be submitted within 30 days after the incident in order to be considered.
- g) The Governor and FEMA Regional Director will execute a FEMA - State Agreement upon declaring a major disaster or an emergency. This agreement imposes binding legal obligations on FEMA and the state as to conditions for assistance. No FEMA funding will be authorized until this agreement is signed.
- h) Six months after the date of federal declaration, the state will be notified by FEMA of a *lock-in* amount of federal funds that will be eligible to state and local governments.
FEMA prepares the nation for all hazards and manages federal response and recovery efforts following any national incident. FEMA also initiates

mitigation activities, trains first responders, works with state and local emergency managers, and manages the National Flood Insurance Program.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through CEMA.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The long-term recovery EOC representative will coordinate all long-term recovery services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be addressed in External Affairs (ESF 15).

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA. All notifications of state agencies and state public notifications will be addressed in the GEOP, External Affairs (ESF 15).

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. 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 a disaster or emergency.
2. Advise on the long-term recovery implications of response activities and coordinate the transition from response to recovery in field operations.
3. 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.
4. Identify appropriate local, state, and federal programs and agencies to support implementation of the long-term community recovery plan, ensure coordination, and identify gaps in resources available.
5. 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.

6. Develop coordination mechanisms and requirements for post-incident assessments, plans, and activities that can be scaled to incidents of varying types and magnitudes.
7. Establish procedures for integration of pre-incident planning and risk assessment with post-incident recovery and mitigation efforts.
8. Facilitate recovery decision making across ESFs. Also facilitate awareness of post incident digital mapping and pre-incident county and municipal hazard mitigation and recovery planning across ESFs.
9. Encourage continuous communication during a crisis between long-term recovery organizations, the incident commander or his or her designee and the emergency operations center (EOC).

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Develop systems to use predictive modeling to determine vulnerable critical facilities as a basis for identifying recovery activities.
- b) Develop and maintain a database of active volunteer organizations responding to local disasters, especially faith-based groups in Cobb.
- c) Review county hazard mitigation plan to identify vulnerable facilities.
- d) Analyze and evaluate long-term damage assessment data.
- e) Ensure all ESF 14 personnel integrate NIMS principles in all planning.
- f) Support requests, and requests and directives, resulting from the local, state and/or federal government concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
- g) Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency or state/federal briefings, situation reports, and action plans.
- h) Evaluate the effectiveness of past projects and overall cumulative benefits.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Coordinate efforts of volunteer groups responding during the course of local disasters, especially faith-based groups.
 - (1) Develop credentialing system for volunteer groups, including those who are not with an established volunteer group.
 - (2) Coordinate efforts of those that respond and reach out with resource capacities to meet additional needs that are identified.

- (3) Coordinate with other volunteer groups, incident command and EOC to identify points of need and gaps for response
- b) Support, as needed, coordination of assessments, all assessments (by Red Cross, CEMA, etc.)
- c) Maintain a seat in the Cobb County Emergency Operations Center
 - (1) Begin to gather information crucial to the long-term recovery effort early in the initial response phase of the disaster.
 - (2) Supply representatives to the EOC as requested.
 - (3) Supply representatives to coordinate work outside the EOC.
- d) Provide case management for identified persons who need to get back to the *new normal*:
 - (1) Home visits;
 - (2) Coordinate work teams to provide assistance;
 - (3) Qualify affected persons for CDR financial assistance;
 - (4) Provide information regarding other sources of recovery assistance, financial and otherwise;
 - (5) Center for Family Resources will be the lead organization for CDR's case management efforts;
 - (6) Recruit, train, and supervise volunteer case managers;
- e) Provide financial assistance and/or in-kind donations as funds permit.
- f) Provide resources for home rebuilding/repair as funds permit, coordinating such efforts through case managers and utilizing volunteer organizations, especially local faith-based organizations.
- g) This ESF will coordinate the warehousing of materials and in-kind donations.
 - (1) Support the disaster response and recovery with all available resources;
 - (2) Secure supplies, equipment, personnel, and technical assistance from support agencies/organizations and other resources;
 - (3) Restore equipment and supplies to normal state of operational readiness;
 - (4) Maintain financial records on personnel, supplies, and other resources utilized.
 - (5) Assign staff, in coordination with the state government, to identify and document economic impact and losses avoided due to previous mitigation and new priorities for mitigation in affected areas.
 - (6) Review the county hazard mitigation plan for affected areas to identify potential mitigation projects.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County Local Enabling Ordinances.
- B. DAP 21, Federal Emergency Management Agency, June 26, 1989
- C. Disaster Assistance Programs, Digest of Federal Disaster Assistance Programs
- D. Disaster Relief Act of 1970, as amended (the following Sections only: 231, 233, 234, 235, 236, 237, 301, 302, 303 and 304)
- E. Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950, as amended (PL 81-920)
- F. Flood Disaster Protection Act of 1973 (PL 93-234)
- G. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local enabling legislation.
- H. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- I. National Incident Management System (NIMS).
- J. Presidential Executive Order 11990, dated May 24, 1977 (Protection of Wetlands)
- K. Presidential Executive Order 12612, dated October 28, 1987(Federalism)
- L. Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, PL 93-288, as amended by PL 106-390 dated October 30, 2000
- M. Title 44 CFR; Part 13 (Final FEMA Common Rule)
- N. Title 44, CFR, Part 206 et seq

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ANNEX 15
EXTERNAL AFFAIRS**

Primary Agencies

Cobb County Communications Department

Support Agencies

Agency	Resource
Acworth Public Information	Personnel
Austell Public Information	Personnel
Cobb Board of Education— Communications	Personnel
Cobb/Douglas Public Health	Personnel
Dobbins AFRB—Public Information	Personnel
Kennesaw Public Information	Personnel
Marietta Public Information	Personnel
Powder Springs Public Information	Personnel
Smyrna Public Information	Personnel

I. INTRODUCTION

The emergency support function of external affairs includes direction, policies, responsibilities, and procedures for disseminating timely, accurate, and easily understood information to the public before, during, and after a disaster or emergency situation. It is a primary goal to be prepared to respond in an emergency to all requests from the media, and the public, for life-saving information and instructions. It is also a recognized function to control the spread of rumors and false information. The appropriate local, state and congressional elected officials will also be notified on the status of response and recovery activities and assisted with constituent inquiries directed to their offices.

A. Purpose

This Emergency Support Function (ESF) supports the National Response Framework (NRF), the Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP) ESF 15 (External Affairs). The National Incident Management System (NIMS) Proclamation, dated October 25, 2005, adopts and supports the Incident Command System (ICS) for emergency operations by Cobb County Government. Chapter 34 of the Cobb County Ordinances (Civil Emergencies) establishes county policy for emergency operations.

Cobb County Communications is responsible for the coordination of county communications’ resources, including the following:

1. Sufficient county assets are deployed to the field during a potential or actual disaster or emergency to provide accurate, coordinated, and timely information to affected audiences, including governments, media, the private sector, and the populace.
2. A provision for providing information in a clear, concise and accurate manner on actions to be taken by local agencies and governments and actions to be taken by the public. Every effort shall be made to prevent and counter rumors and inaccurate information.

B. Scope

To provide a coordinated approach for collection, analysis, and dissemination of information in order to facilitate the overall provision of services and resources during an emergency or disaster. This includes providing communications to inform news media about emergency preparedness and response for distribution to the public; to assure appropriate agency and organization preparedness and response for protection of life and property; and to convey additional information including restrictions and limitations due to an emergency or disaster.

II. POLICIES

Cobb County agencies that provide or support external communication services will coordinate operations with other local, state, and federal organizations to support essential communication operations. Mutual aid agreements should be created between Cobb and several other local jurisdictions within and outside Cobb County, primarily those contiguous to the unincorporated Cobb County boundaries.

Certain standing policies, procedures, and other forms of written directives may be modified or suspended during disasters based on circumstances. The Incident Command System (ICS) is the adopted operational structure.

A. Direction and Control

The Director of Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), with approval of the Commission Chairman, will implement this plan. CEMA will advise the State Operations Center (SOC)/Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA), time permitting, prior to the onset of transportation support including that for evacuation.

Implementing and utilizing ICS by external communication agencies will standardize procedures during emergencies for managing personnel, facilities, and resources.

Cobb County Communications shall be the agency with primary responsibility for external communications if an incident occurs within unincorporated Cobb

County, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, agencies supplying external communications equipment, and/or personnel, shall support Cobb County Communications upon request.

The responsible support agency shall be the agency with primary responsibility for directing and controlling the incident if an incident occurs within the jurisdiction of a municipality or the federal government, unless otherwise specified in existing mutual aid agreements. In such instances, Cobb County Communications and other agencies shall support the affected jurisdiction upon request.

The agency with primary responsibility shall provide an emergency coordinator and alternate to meet the responsibilities of the function. The designee shall represent all external communication partners in an emergency or disaster and provide operational support in the Cobb County EOC when requested.

1. Local Response

The local emergency management agency is authorized to provide local assistance as emergency measures under local enabling legislation.

All requests to/from external communication services outside the county shall be coordinated in accordance with adopted memorandums of understanding (MOU) and mutual aid agreements.

2. State Response

The Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) and the Office of the Governor provides the state government's lead role in external communications. GEMA provides direction and assistance as necessary or requested.

3. Federal Response

- a) FEMA will provide information and planning support to the state in a Presidential declaration.
- b) FEMA will collect, analyze, and disseminate information from respective federal agencies with ESF responsibilities.
- c) FEMA—Public and Intergovernmental Affairs is responsible for initiating actions required to implement federal activities in response operations.

B. Notifications

1. Local

The local EMA shall be notified in case of a potential or actual large-scale crisis. Cobb agencies shall coordinate through Cobb Emergency Management Agency. This will ensure that resources expended are documented properly and reimbursements are available if the event is eligible for a state or federal disaster declaration.

CEMA shall serve as liaison with all other agencies in case of an actual local disaster or activating the Cobb EOC. The external communications EOC representative will coordinate all external communication services equipment and personnel requests in accordance with adopted MOU/mutual aid agreements. All public notifications will be managed and approved by the primary agency's lead representative from ESF 5 and ESF 15.

2. State

All requests for state assistance shall be routed through CEMA to GEMA.

3. Federal

All notifications of federal agencies will be provided for in the NRF. All federal assistance requests will be coordinated by GEMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Strategy

1. The primary agency will coordinate with appropriate agencies and organizations to ensure operational readiness. The primary agency will develop and maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) and include Cobb County, municipal, state, federal, and other appropriate entities.
2. The primary agency will lead in developing, implementing and administering all external communications programs, as well as mutual aid agreements.
3. The primary agency will encourage continuous communication between the EOC and incident command.
4. The primary agency may elect to establish a joint information center (JIC) and will provide a joint information center commander. The joint information center commander may appoint additional public information officers as deemed appropriate.

5. All designated agencies and organizations will provide personnel, equipment, operations, and maintenance at the request of the external communications coordinator (or the JIC commander).
6. The Cobb County Emergency Shelter Plan provides guidance and direction for operations.

B. Actions

1. Mitigation/Preparedness

The primary and support agencies will:

- (1) Designate a primary spokesperson or communications coordinator for emergencies.
- (2) Develop protocol and designate a liaison for communication with local, state, and federal governments and to handle legislative inquiries.
- (3) Assist agencies and organizations with ESF responsibilities in development of uniform procedures for media releases (refer to Appendix I, Public Information Procedures).
- (4) Maintain a media directory (refer to Appendix J, Media Contact List).
- (5) Support disaster public awareness initiatives through dissemination of information, news articles, public service announcements (PSAs), and presentation of audio-visual materials.
- (6) Establish communication resources to provide people with sensory disability (e.g., visual and hearing impaired) and non-English speaking persons with emergency management information regarding emergencies or disasters.
- (7) Educate the public on alert messages such as watches and warnings through media such as radio, television, and newspaper.
- (8) Develop protocols for agencies and organizations with functional support responsibilities (e.g., American Red Cross for opening shelters, Department of Transportation and law enforcement regarding evacuation routing) to inform the media about emergency and/or disaster plans.
- (9) Participate in drills and exercises to evaluate public information capacity.

2. Response/Recovery

The primary and support agencies will:

- a) Define public notification timeframe regarding an emergency or disaster and disseminate information to the media.
- b) When the EOC is activated, the public information officer will report to the EOC when directed by the chief executive officer (CEO) or the emergency management director.

- c) Maintain a system to ensure accurate dissemination of emergency information such as location, type of hazard, extent of damage, casualties, shelters open, evacuation routes, and other protective actions.
- d) Provide a designated area for media briefings and/or press conferences and conduct briefings in a timely manner.
- e) Provide updates (e.g., response to inquiries about missing relatives, restricted areas of access, and reentry) regarding the emergency or disaster.
- f) Establish media responsibilities and appropriate spokespersons from local government, agencies, and organizations with ESF responsibilities.
- g) Continue provision of public safety and other necessary assistance information throughout the recovery phase.
- h) Provide advanced media releases to CEMA.
- i) Coordinate with other jurisdictions that share the media market.
- j) Maintain records of expenditures and document resources utilized during recovery.

IV. REFERENCES

- A. Cobb County local enabling ordinances.
- B. Georgia Emergency Operations Plan. Local enabling legislation.
- C. Mutual Aid Agreements.
- D. National Incident Management Plan (NIMS).
- E. The Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended.

ACRONYMS

American Red Cross	ARC
Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service	
Area Veterinarian in Charge	AVIC
Boiling Liquid Expanding Vapor Explosion	BLEVE
Catastrophic Disaster Response Group	CDRG
Center for Family Resources	CFR
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention	CDC
Chemical Transportation Emergency Center	CHEMTREC
Chief Executive Officer	CEO
Civil Support Team	CST
Cobb Community Transit	CCT
Cobb County Animal Control	CCAC
Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services	CCFES
Cobb County Police Department	CCPD
Cobb Disaster Recovery	CDR
Cobb Emergency Management Agency	CEMA
Cobb and Douglas Public Health	CDPH
Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act	CERCLA
Decontamination	DECON
Department of Administrative Services	DOAS
Department of Defense	DOD
Department of Energy	DOE
Department of Family and Children Services	DFCS
Department of Health and Human Services	HHS
Department of Human Resources	DHR
Department of Public Safety	DPS
Disaster Welfare Information	DWI
Disaster Welfare Inquiry	DWI
District Emergency Operation Centers	DEOC
District Health Director	DHD
Emergency Alert System	EAS
Emergency Management Agency	EMA
Emergency Medical Services	EMS
Emergency Operations Center	EOC
Emergency Operations Plan	EOP
Emergency Public Information Annex	EPIA
Emergency Public Information	EPI
Emergency Response Guide	ERG
Emergency Support Function	ESF
Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
Extremely Hazardous Substance	EHS
Federal Bureau of Investigation	FBI

Federal Emergency Management Agency	FEMA
Federal Response Plan	FRP
Flood Mitigation Assistance Program	FMAP
General Services Administration	GSA
Georgia Bureau of Investigation	GBI
Georgia Department of Transportation	GDOT
Georgia Emergency Management Agency	GEMA
Georgia Emergency Operations Plan	GEOP
Georgia Mutual Aide Group	GMAG
Georgia State Patrol	GSP
Governor's Authorized Representative	GAR
Hazard Mitigation Grant Program	HMGP
Hazard Vulnerability Analysis	HVA
Hazardous Materials	HAZMAT
Immediately dangerous to life and health	IDLH
Incident Command System	ICS
Incident Management System	IMS
Individual and Family Grant	IFG
Joint Information Center	JIC
Liquefied Petroleum Gas	LPG
Local Emergency Operations Plan	LEOP
Local Emergency Planning Council	LEPC
Long Term Recovery Committee	LTRC
Material Safety Data Sheet	MSDS
Memorandums of Understanding	MOU
Mutual Aid Agreements	MOA
National Incident Management System	NIMS
National Interagency Fire Center	NIFC
National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	NOAA
National Response Center	NRC
National Response Framework	NRF
National Response Plan	NRP
National Response Team	NRT
National Shelter System	NSS
National Transportation Safety Board	NTSB
Nuclear Regulatory Commission	NRC
Occupational Safety and Health Administration	OSHA
Office of Consumer Affairs	OCA
Office of Homeland Security	OHS
Oil Pollution Act	OPA
On-Scene Coordinator	OSC
Personal Protective Equipment	PPE
Plant Protection and Quarantine	PPQ
Points of Distribution	POD
Pre-Disaster Mitigation Program	PDM

Preliminary Damage Assessments	PDA
Public Information Officer	PIO
Public Service Commission	PSC
Rehabilitation	Rehab
Search and Rescue	SAR
Search Rescue and Recovery	SRR
Self Contained Breathing Apparatus	SCBA
Standard Operating Procedures	SOP
State Operating Guidelines	SOG
State Operations Center	SOC
Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act	SARA
U.S. Department of Transportation	U.S. DOT
U.S. Food and Drug Administration	FDA
United States Coast Guard	USCG
United States Department of Agriculture	USDA
United States Department of Agriculture Animal and Plant Health Inspection Services- Veterinary Services	USDA-APHIS-VS
United States Environmental Protection Agency	EPA
United States Public Health Service	USPHS
Voluntary Organization Assisting in Disasters	VOAD

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EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION ACTIVATION CHECKLIST

- 1. Receive notification of ESF Activation from Cobb County Emergency Management Agency.
- 2. Notify all ESF supporting agencies.
- 3. Verify status of Activation of the EOC.
- 4. Send Representative to the EOC at designated times.
- 5. Sign in at EOC Security Station to receive badge and log hours.
- 6. Report arrival to Operations Chief and EOC Manager.
- 7. Obtain situation briefing from EOC staff.
- 8. Ensure adequate staffing for 24-hour coverage. Confirm names and hours of liaison staff with appropriate agencies.
- 9. Inventory go kits and work area. Check supplies, phone, and computer. Report any deficiencies to the EOC Manager.
- 10. Establish filing system (may include, but not limited to, status reports, situation reports, briefing papers, assignments, mission tasking, telephone rosters, daily reports, etc).
- 11. Establish contact with forward deployed teams or other agencies, as required. Exchange point of contact information and establish reporting times for all elements.
- 12. Begin gathering information and provide operational report to Operations Chief.

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GLOSSARY

Alternate Emergency Operations Center - A site located away from the primary Emergency Operations Center where officials exercise direction and coordination in an emergency or disaster.

American Red Cross (ARC) - The American Red Cross is a humanitarian organization, led by volunteers, that provides relief to victims of disasters and helps people prevent, prepare for, and respond to emergencies. It does this through services that are consistent with its Congressional Charter and the Principles of the International Red Cross Movement.

Area Command - An organization established to oversee the management of multiple incidents that are each being handled by an Incident Command System organization or to oversee the management of large or multiple incidents to which several Incident Management Teams have been assigned.

Attack - A hostile action taken against the United States by foreign forces or terrorists, resulting in the destruction of or damage to military targets, injury or death to the civilian population, or damage or destruction to public and private property.

Catastrophic Incident - A natural or manmade incident which results in extraordinary levels of mass casualties, damage, or disruption severely affecting the population, infrastructure, environment, economy, and/or government functions.

Checklist - Written (or computerized) enumeration of actions to be taken by an individual or organization, meant to aid memory rather than provide detailed instruction.

Command Post - A designated location to communicate and exercise direction and coordination over an emergency or disaster.

Community - A political entity which has the authority to adopt and enforce laws and ordinances for the area under its jurisdiction. In most cases, the community is an incorporated town, city, township, village, or unincorporated area of a county. However, each State defines its own political subdivisions and forms of government.

Contamination - The undesirable deposition of a chemical, biological, or radiological material on the surface of structures, areas, objects, or people.

Continuity of Government - Measures taken to ensure coordination of essential functions of government in the event of an emergency or disaster.

Critical Facilities - Schools, libraries, hospitals, public roads, water and sanitation systems, public safety buildings and other essential infrastructure.

Cyber - Pertaining to computers and their support systems, such as servers, routers, and switches that support critical infrastructure.

Damage Assessment - An appraisal or determination of the number of injuries or deaths, damage to public or private property, status of critical facilities, services, communication networks, public works and utilities, and transportation resulting from a man-made or natural disaster.

Decontamination - Reduction or removal of chemical, biological or radioactive material from a structure, area, object, or person.

Direction and Coordination - Determining and understanding responsibilities so as to respond appropriately and expeditiously at a centralized center and/or on-scene location during emergency operations.

Disaster - A man-made or natural disaster resulting in severe property damage, injuries and/or death within a community or multi-jurisdictional area that requires local, state, and federal assistance to alleviate damage, loss, hardship, or suffering.

Disaster Recovery Center (DRC) - A facility established in a centralized location within or near the disaster area at which disaster victims (individuals, families, or businesses) apply for disaster aid.

Drill - A practical approach or procedure that involves elements of a preparedness plan or the use of specific equipment to evaluate a plan prepared response.

Emergency - As defined by the Stafford Act, an emergency is “any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, Federal assistance is needed to supplement State and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States.”

Emergency Alert System (EAS) - A digital voice/text technology communications system consisting of broadcast stations and interconnecting facilities authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to provide public information before, during, and after disasters.

Emergency Management - An organized analysis, planning, direction, and coordination of resources to mitigate, prepare, respond, and assist with recovery from an emergency or disaster.

Emergency Management Agency (EMA) - Local government agency, established by local resolution(s), charged with the responsibility for local emergency management mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities within the jurisdiction.

Emergency Management Agency Director - An individual with primary responsibility for emergency management mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery within the jurisdiction.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC) - Physical location at which local government officials and designated agencies and/or organization representatives coordinate information and resources to support domestic management activities.

Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) - A document describing mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery actions necessary by local government and designated and supporting agencies or organizations in preparation of an anticipated emergency or disaster.

Emergency Support Function (ESF) - 15 identified government and private-sector capabilities organized in into a structure to facilitate assistance required during mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery to save lives, protect health and property, and maintain public safety.

Evacuation - Organized, phased, and supervised withdrawal, dispersal, or removal of civilians from dangerous or potentially dangerous areas, and their reception and care in safe areas.

Evacuees - Persons moving from areas threatened or struck by an emergency or disaster.

Exercise - A simulated occurrence of a man-made or natural emergency or disaster involving planning, preparation, operations, practice and evaluation.

Federal Disaster Assistance - Aid to disaster victims and state and local governments by the Federal Emergency Management Agency and other federal agencies available once a Presidential Declaration has been made.

First Responder - Local and nongovernmental police, fire, and emergency personnel who in the early stages of an incident are responsible for the protection and preservation of life, property, evidence, and the environment.

Flash Flood - Follows a situation in which rainfall is so intense and severe and runoff so rapid that it precludes recording and relating it to stream stages and other information in time to forecast a flood condition.

Flood - A general and temporary condition of partial or complete inundation of normally dry land areas from overflow of inland or tidal waters, unusual or rapid accumulation or runoff of surface waters, or mudslides/mudflows caused by accumulation of water.

Georgia Emergency Management Agency (GEMA) - A state agency established by state law, responsible for statewide emergency management mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery activities within the State of Georgia.

Hazard - A dangerous situation or occurrence that may result in an emergency or disaster.

Hazard Mitigation - Any measure that will reduce potential damage to property, persons or life from a disaster or emergency from a predetermined possible hazard.

Hazardous Material - Substance or material that has been determined to be capable of posing an unreasonable risk to health, safety, and property including pollutants and contaminants when released into the environment.

Hazardous Materials Incident - An occurrence resulting in the uncontrolled release of a hazardous materials substance, capable of posing a risk to health, safety and property.

In-Kind Donations - Donations given in the form of goods, commodities, or services rather than money.

Incident - An occurrence or event, natural manmade caused, that requires an emergency response to protect life or property.

Incident Command Post (ICP) - Field location at which the primary tactical-level, on-scene incident command functions are performed. The ICP may be collocated with the incident base or other incident facilities.

Incident Command System (ICS) - A management tool consisting of procedures for organizing personnel, facilities, equipment and communications at the scene of an emergency.

Incident Commander - The individual responsible for all incident activities, including the development of strategies and tactics and the ordering and release of resources. The IC has overall authority and responsibility for conducting incident operations and is responsible for the management of all incident operations at the incident site.

Incident of Critical Significance - An actual or potential high-impact event that requires a coordinated and effective response by and appropriate combination of County, local, nongovernmental, and/or private-sector entities in order to save lives and minimize damage, and provide the basis for long-term community recovery and mitigation activities.

Infrastructure - The manmade physical systems, assets, projects, and structures, publicly and/or privately owned, that are used by or provide benefit to the public. Examples of infrastructure include utilities, bridges, levees, drinking water systems, electrical systems, communications systems, dams, sewage systems, and roads.

Joint Information Center (JIC) - A facility established to coordinate all incident-related public information activities. It is the central point of contact for all news media at the scene of the incident. Public information officials from all participating agencies should collocate at the JIC.

Joint Operations Center (JOC) - The JOC is the focal point for all Federal investigative law enforcement activities during a terrorist or potential terrorist incident or any other significant criminal incident.

Jurisdiction - A range or sphere of authority. Public agencies have jurisdiction at an incident related to their legal responsibilities and authorities. Jurisdictional authority at an incident can be political or geographical. (e.g., city, county, State, or Federal boundary lines) or functional (e.g., law enforcement, public health).

Liaison Officer - A member of the Command Staff responsible for coordinating with representatives from cooperating and assisting agencies.

Local Government - County, municipality, city, town, township, local public authority, school district, special district, intrastate district, council of governments, regional or interstate government entity, or agency or instrumentality of a local government; or a rural community, unincorporated town or village, or other public entity.

Major Disaster - As defined by the Stafford Act, any natural catastrophe (including any hurricane, tornado, storm, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, or drought) or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion, in any part of the United States, which in the determination of the President causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance under this act to supplement the efforts and available resources of States, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering caused thereby.

Mass Care - The actions that are taken to protect evacuees and other disaster victims from the effects of the disaster. Activities include providing temporary shelter, food, medical care, clothing, and other essential life support needs to those people that have been displaced from their homes because of a disaster or threatened disaster.

Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) - A written memorandum of understanding between agencies and organizations to share resources and assistance during an emergency or disaster.

Mitigation - Activities designed to reduce or eliminate risks to persons or property or life, to lessen the actual or potential effects or consequences of an emergency or disaster.

Mobile Command Post (MCP) - A vehicle having the capability to communicate and exercise direction and coordination over an emergency or disaster.

Mutual Aid Agreement - Written agreement between agencies, organizations, and/or jurisdictions that they will assist one another on request by furnishing personnel, equipment, and/or expertise in a specified manner.

National Incident Management System (NIMS) - A system that provides a consistent, nationwide approach for Federal, State, and local governments; the private sector; and NGOs to work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity.

Natural Resources - Natural resources include agriculture, biota, fish, livestock, wildlife, domesticated animals, plants, and water.

Nongovernmental Organization - A nonprofit or private-sector entity that is based on interests of its members, individuals, or institutions and that is not created by a government, but may work cooperatively with government.

Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) - Branch of the U.S. Department of Labor responsible for establishing and enforcing safety and health standards in the workplace.

Operating Condition (OPCON) - Scale with increasing levels of preparedness from five to one requiring performance of predetermined actions in response to a perceived or real threat.

Power Outage - An interruption or loss of electrical service due to disruption of power generation or transmission caused by accident, sabotage, natural hazards, equipment failure, or fuel shortage.

Preparedness - Maintaining emergency management capabilities in readiness, preventing capabilities from failing, and augmenting the jurisdiction's capability including training, developing, conducting and evaluating exercises, identifying, and correcting deficiencies, and planning to safeguard personnel, equipment, facilities, and resources from effects of a hazard.

Presidential Declaration - When disaster exceeds local and state government's capacity to respond, or provide sufficient resources for response, the state's Governor may request federal assistance, which is then approved by the President in the form of a Presidential Declaration which then increases federal aid to the affected areas.

Primary Responsibility - An agency or organization designated leadership and coordination of a specific emergency support function so as to mitigate, prepare, respond, and assist with recovery of an emergency or disaster.

Private Sector - Organizations and entities that are not part of any governmental structure. Includes for-profit and not-for-profit organizations, formal and informal structures, commerce and industry, private emergency response organizations, and private voluntary organizations.

Public Health - Protection, safety, improvement, and interconnections of health and disease prevention among people, domestic animals and wildlife.

Public Information - Dissemination of information in anticipation of an emergency or disaster and timely actions, updates, and instructions regarding an actual occurrence.

Public Information Officer - A designated individual responsible for preparing and coordinating the dissemination of emergency public information.

Public Works - Work, construction, physical facilities, and services provided by governments for the benefit and use of the public.

Recovery - Long-term activities beyond damage assessment necessary to satisfy immediate life support needs, maintain logistical support, begin restoration of the infrastructure, identify individuals and communities eligible for disaster assistance, and implement post-disaster mitigation.

Resource Management - Those actions taken by a government to: identify sources and obtain resources needed to support disaster response activities; coordinate the supply, allocation, distribution, and delivery of resources so that they arrive where and when most needed; and maintain accountability for the resources used.

Resources - Personnel and major items of equipment, supplies, and facilities available or potentially available for assignment to incident operations and for which status is maintained. Resources are described by kind and type and may be used in operational support or supervisory capacities at an incident or at an Emergency Operations Center.

Response - Time sensitive actions to save lives and/or protect property, stabilize emergency or disaster situations, and initiate actions to notify emergency management representatives of the crisis, evacuate and/or shelter the population, inform the public about the situation, assess the damage, and request additional assistance, as needed.

SARA - Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986.

Shelter - A designated facility that provides temporary congregate care for individuals and families who have been forced from their homes by an emergency or disaster.

Shelter Management - The internal organization, administration, and operation of a shelter facility by the American Red Cross.

Staging Area - A location pre-selected for emergency management equipment, vehicles, and personnel to begin coordinated operations, deployment of personnel to host jurisdictions and other assistance to affected communities.

Standard Operating Procedures (SOP) - Directions, detailing task assignments, and a step-by-step process of responsibilities relating to each Emergency Support Function or in relation to organizational response.

State Operations Center (SOC) - Permanent facility designated by the State Emergency Management Agency as the central location for information gathering, disaster analysis, and response coordination before, after and during a disaster.

Strategic Plan - A plan that addresses long-term issues such as impact of weather forecasts, time-phased resource requirements, and problems such as permanent housing for displaced disaster victims, environmental pollution, and infrastructure restoration.

Support Agencies - An agency or organization which provides assistance to the primary agency or organization with designated Emergency Support Function responsibility.

Terrorism - The unlawful use or threatened use of force or violence by a person or an organized group against people or property with the intention of intimidating or coercing societies or governments, often for ideological or political reasons.

Tornado - A local atmospheric storm, generally of short duration, formed by winds rotating at very high speeds, usually in a counter-clockwise direction. The vortex, up to several hundred yards wide, is visible to the observer as a whirlpool-like column of winds rotating about a hollow cavity or funnel. Winds may reach 300 miles per hour or higher.

Unaffiliated Volunteer - An individual who is not formally associated with a recognized voluntary disaster relief organization; also known as a "spontaneous" or "emergent" volunteer.

Unified Command - An application of Incident Command System (ICP) used when there is more than one agency with incident jurisdiction or when incidents cross-political jurisdictions. Agencies work together through the designated members of the Unified Command to establish their designated Incident Commanders at a single ICP and to establish a common set of objectives and strategies and a single Incident Action Plan.

Unsolicited Goods - Donated items offered by and/or sent to the incident area by the public, the private sector, or other source, that have not been requested by government or nonprofit disaster relief coordinators.

Urban Search and Rescue - Operational activities that include locating, extricating, and providing on-site medical treatment to victims trapped in collapsed or damaged structures.

Volunteer - Any individual accepted to perform services by an agency that has authority to accept volunteer services when the individual performs services without promise, expectation, or receipt of compensation for services performed.

Volunteer and Donations Coordination Center - Facility from which the Volunteer and Donations Coordination Team operates to review and process offers.

Warning - Alerting local government, agencies and organizations with emergency support function responsibilities, and the public regarding the threat of extraordinary danger (e.g., tornado warning, hurricane warning, severe storm warning) and that such occurrence has been sighted or observed specifying related effects that may occur due to this hazard.

Watch - Indications by the National Weather Service that, in a defined area, conditions are possible or favorable for the specific types of severe weather (e.g., flashflood watch, tropical storm watch).

Weapon of Mass Destruction - Any weapon that is designed or intended to cause widespread destruction resulting in serious bodily injury or death through the release, dissemination, or impact of toxic substance at a level dangerous to human life.

ESF MATRIX OF PRIMARY AND SUPPORT AGENCIES

Cobb County	Emergency Support Function														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Acworth Police Dept					S		S		S				S		
Acworth Power												S			
Acworth Public Information															S
Acworth Public Works			S												
American Red Cross						P									
Atlanta Gas Light Company												S			
Austell E911		S													
Austell Fire and Emergency Services				S	S		S		S	S					
Austell Gas System												S			
Austell Police Dept									S				S		
Austell Public Information															S
Austell Public Works			S												
Center for Family Resources						S								S	
Chattahoochee Technical College Police Dept									S				S		
Cobb Amateur Radio Emergency Services		S													
Cobb Board of Education – Transit Division	S														
Cobb Board of Education – Dept. of Public Safety						S			S				S		
Cobb Board of Education – Food Nutrition Serv.						S									
Cobb Board of Education – Communications		S													S
Cobb County Animal Control											P				
Cobb County Attorney's Office					S										
Cobb County Communications Dept		S													P
Cobb County Community Development –Administration														S	
Cobb County Community Development, Inspection Div			S		S										
Cobb County Dept of Family/Children Services						P									
Cobb County Dept of Public Safety													S		
Cobb County Dept of Transportation			P							S			S		

Cobb County	Emergency Support Function														
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Cobb County Dept of Transportation – Transit Div	P														
Cobb County E-911		P													
Cobb County Economic Development														s	
Cobb County Emergency Management Agency		P			P		P		s					P	
Cobb County Finance Dept					s		s								
Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services				P	s			s	P	P					
Cobb County Human Resources					s										
Cobb County Internal Audit					s										
Cobb County Marietta Water Authority			s												
Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office									s				s		
Cobb County Police Dept								s	P				P		
Cobb County Public Services Agency			s				s								
Cobb County Public Services Agency – Library System							s								
Cobb County Public Services Agency – Parks and Recreation	s				s	s	s								
Cobb County Public Services Agency – Senior Services						s	s								
Cobb County Resource Council / LEPC										s					
Cobb County Sheriff's Office									s				s		
Cobb County Sheriff's Office-Court Complex PS Bldg					s										
Cobb County Sheriff's Office-Detention Facilities					s										
Cobb County Sheriff's Office-Station A/NCGLEA					s										
Cobb County Support Services Agency							s					P			
Cobb County Support Services Agency – Fleet Management							s								
Cobb County Support Services Agency – Information Services					s		s								

Cobb County	Emergency Support Function														
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Cobb County Support Services Agency – Information Services – Geographic Information Services (GIS)					s		s								
Cobb County Support Services Agency – Property Management			s		s		s								
Cobb County Support Services Agency – Purchasing Dept							s								
Cobb County Support Services Agency – Tax Assessor							s								
Cobb County Veterinary Medical Association											s				
Cobb County Water System			P												
Cobb County Water System – Stormwater Management					s									s	
Cobb Disaster Recovery						s								P	
Cobb & Douglas Public Health						s		P							s
Cobb EMC												P			
Dobbins AFRB – Fire and Emergency Services				s					s	s					
Dobbins AFRB – Public Info.															s
Emory-Adventist Hospital								s							
Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief														s	
Georgia Power Company												s			
Georgia State Patrol													s		
Georgia State Patrol Aviation									s						
Georgia VOAD														s	
Greystone Power												s			
Humane Society of Cobb County											s				
Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints														s	
Kennesaw Acworth 911		s													
Kennesaw Police Dept					s		s		s				s		
Kennesaw Public Information															s
Kennesaw Public Works			s												
Kennesaw State Univ. Police									s				s		
Kennesaw State Univ. Strategic Security					s										
Life University Campus Safety									s				s		
Marietta Board of Education	s					s									

Cobb County	Emergency Support Function														
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Marietta Board of Light & Water			s									s			
Marietta Fire Dept				s	s		s		s	s					
Marietta Parks and Recreation	s					s									
Marietta Police Dept									s				s		
Marietta Public Information															s
Marietta Public Works			s												
Metro-Atlanta EMS								s							
Powder Springs Police Dept					s		s		s				s		
Powder Springs Public Information															s
Powder Springs Public Works			s												
Puckett EMS								s							
Smyrna 911		s													
Smyrna Emergency Management Agency		s			s		s								
Smyrna Fire Dept				s					s	s					
Smyrna Police Dept									s				s		
Smyrna Public Information															s
Smyrna Public Works			s												
Southern Polytechnic State University Police									s				s		
The Joseph's Network															s
UGA College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension											P				
United Way, Cobb County															s
Wellstar Health System								s							

P = PRIMARY AGENCY:

Responsible for Management of the ESF; Devise, coordinate, and implement disaster recovery plans for the ESF.

S = SUPPORT AGENCY:

Responsible to provide expertise, experience, and assts to the ESF as needed or requested by the Primary Agency.

ESF's:

- 1 = TRANSPORTATION
- 2 = COMMUNICATIONS
- 3 = PUBLIC WORKS / ENGINEERING
- 4 = FIREFIGHTING
- 5 = EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT
- 6 = MASS CARE
- 7 = RESOURCE SUPPORT
- 8 = PUBLIC HEALTH / MEDICAL
- 9 = SEARCH AND RESCUE
- 10 = HAZARDOUS MATERIALS
- 11 = AG / NATURAL RESOURCES
- 12 = ENERGY
- 13 = PUBLIC SAFETY
- 14 = LONG TERM RECOVERY
- 15 = EXTERNAL AFFAIRS

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ESF SUMMARY OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Acworth Police Department

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Acworth Power

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Acworth Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Acworth Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

American Red Cross

ESF 6: Mass Care (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with the Department of Family/Children Services, in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Atlanta Gas Light Company

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Austell E911

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action

items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Austell Fire and Emergency Services

ESF 4: Firefighting (Support)

Serves as a support agency for fire suppression and life safety efforts during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 04 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Austell Gas System

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Austell Police Department

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Austell Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Austell Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Center for Family Resources

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Chattahoochee Technical College Police Department

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Amateur Radio Emergency Services

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Board of Education – Communications

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Board of Education – Dept. of Public Safety

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Board of Education – Food Nutrition Serv.

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Board of Education – Transit Division

ESF 1: Transportation (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the mass transport of individuals during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 01 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Animal Control

ESF 11: Ag / Natural Resources (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency, along with the University of Georgia College of Agriculture, Cooperative Extension Service, for agricultural and animal related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 11 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Attorney's Office

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Communications Department

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action

items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 15: External Affairs (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Community Development -- Administration

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Community Development, Inspection Div

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Department of Family/Children Services

ESF 6: Mass Care (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with the American Red Cross, in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Department of Public Safety

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Department of Transportation

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Department of Transportation – Transit Div

ESF 1: Transportation (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for the mass transport of individuals during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 01 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County E911

ESF 2: Communications (Primary)

Serves as a primary agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication through the use of equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Economic Development

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Emergency Management Agency

ESF 2: Communications (Primary)

Serves as a primary agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication through the use of equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Primary)

Serves as the lead emergency management agency and lead for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for obtaining supplies, equipment, personnel and other essentials during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb Disaster Recovery, in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Finance Department

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Fire and Emergency Services

ESF 4: Firefighting (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for fire suppression and life safety efforts during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 04 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action

items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb Police, for search and rescue activities during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for hazardous materials response during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Human Resources

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Internal Audit

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Marietta Water Authority

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Medical Examiner's Office

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Police Department

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb Fire and Emergency Services, for search and rescue activities during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Primary)

Serves as the primary agency for law enforcement/security support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Public Services Agency

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Public Services Agency – Library System

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Public Services Agency – Parks and Recreation

ESF 1: Transportation (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the mass transport of individuals during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 01 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Public Services Agency – Senior Services

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Resource Council / LEPC

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Sheriff's Office

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Sheriff's Office – Court Complex PS Bldg

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Sheriff's Office – Detention Facilities

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Sheriff's Office – Station A/NCGLEA

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 12: Energy (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb EMC, in the restoration of power and/or energy resources and the restoration of infrastructure during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Fleet Management

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Information Services

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Information Services – GIS

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Property Management

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change,

depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Purchasing Department

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Support Services Agency – Tax Assessor

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Veterinary Medical Association

ESF 11: Ag / Natural Resources (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 11 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 11 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Water System

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb County Water System – Stormwater Management

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery and Mitigation (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazard mitigation efforts. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb Disaster Recovery

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb Emergency Management Agency, in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb & Douglas Public Health

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency for public health issues during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Cobb EMC

ESF 12: Energy (Primary)

Serves as a lead agency, along with Cobb County Support Services, in the restoration of power and/or energy resources and the restoration of infrastructure during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Dobbins AFRB – Fire and Emergency Services

ESF 4: Firefighting (Support)

Serves as a support agency for fire suppression and life safety efforts during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 04 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the

emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Dobbins AFRB – Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Emory-Adventist Hospital

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Georgia Baptist Disaster Relief

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Georgia Power Company

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Georgia State Patrol

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The

action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Georgia State Patrol – Aviation

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Georgia VOAD

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Greystone Power

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Humane Society of Cobb County

ESF 11: Ag / Natural Resources (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 11 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 11 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The

action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw Acworth 911

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw Police Department

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw State University Police

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Kennesaw State University Strategic Security

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Life University Campus Safety

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Board of Education

ESF 1: Transportation (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the mass transport of individuals during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 01 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Board of Light and Water

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 12: Energy (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 12 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 12 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Fire Department

ESF 4: Firefighting (Support)

Serves as a support agency for fire suppression and life safety efforts during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 04 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Parks and Recreation

ESF 1: Transportation (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the mass transport of individuals during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 01 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 6: Mass Care (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the provision of sheltering, feeding, first aid and related services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 06 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Police Department

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Marietta Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Metro-Atlanta EMS

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Powder Springs Police Department

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

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ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Powder Springs Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Powder Springs Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Puckett EMS

ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna 911

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna Emergency Management Agency

ESF 2: Communications (Support)

Serves as a support agency for the receipt and dissemination of emergency communication with equipment, personnel and resources during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 02 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify activities that could potentially take place during emergency activations.

ESF 5: Emergency Management (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 05 for Cobb County during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 05 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 7: Resource Support (Support)

Serves as a support agency for obtaining supplies, equipment and personnel, or providing other services during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 07 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna Fire Department

ESF 4: Firefighting (Support)

Serves as a support agency for fire suppression and life safety efforts during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 04 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 10: Hazardous Materials (Support)

Serves as a support agency for hazardous materials response during incidents during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 10 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna Police Department

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna Public Information

ESF 15: External Affairs (Support)

Serves as a support agency in the dissemination of information to the public, including rumor control. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 15 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Smyrna Public Works

ESF 3: Public Works / Engineering (Support)

Serves as a support agency for public works, engineering and related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. Action items identified within the ESF 03 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

Southern Polytechnic State University Police

ESF 9: Search and Rescue (Support)

Serves as a support agency for search and rescue support during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 09 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

ESF 13: Public Safety (Support)

Serves as a support agency for law enforcement/security during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 13 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

The Joseph's Network

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

UGA College of Agriculture Cooperative Extension

ESF 11: Ag / Natural Resources (Primary)

Serves as the lead agency, along with Cobb County Animal Control, for agricultural and animal related issues that arise during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 11 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

United Way, Cobb County

ESF 14: Long Term Recovery (Support)

Serves as a support agency in providing disaster survivors with long term recovery assistance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 14 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.

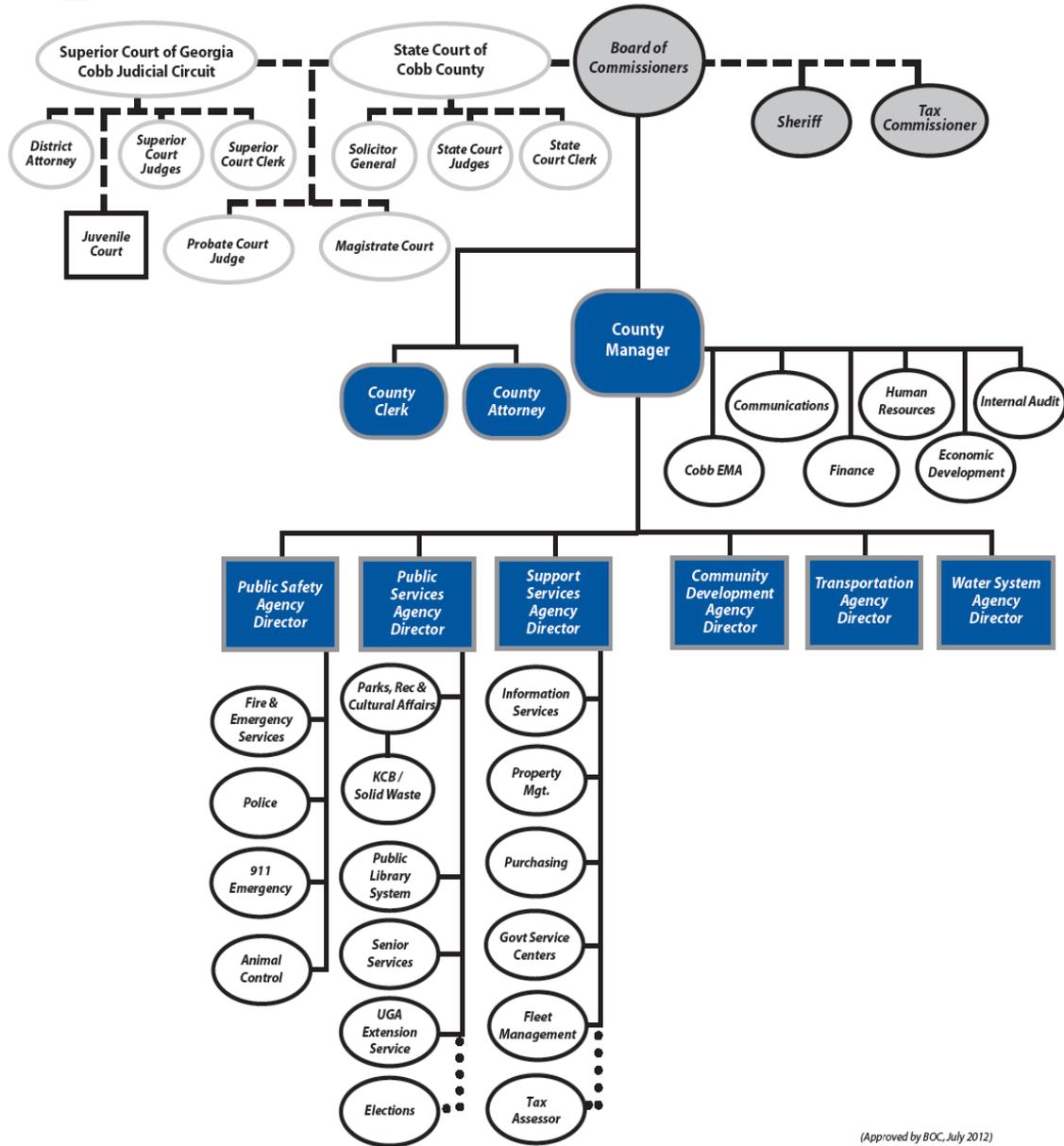
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ESF 8: Public Health / Medical (Support)

Serves as a support agency for ESF 08 during incidents of critical significance. Responsibilities may change, depending on the emergency situation. The action items identified within the ESF 08 Annex of the Cobb EOP identify likely support activities that would take place during emergency activations.



Cobb County Government ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



(Approved by BOC, July 2012)

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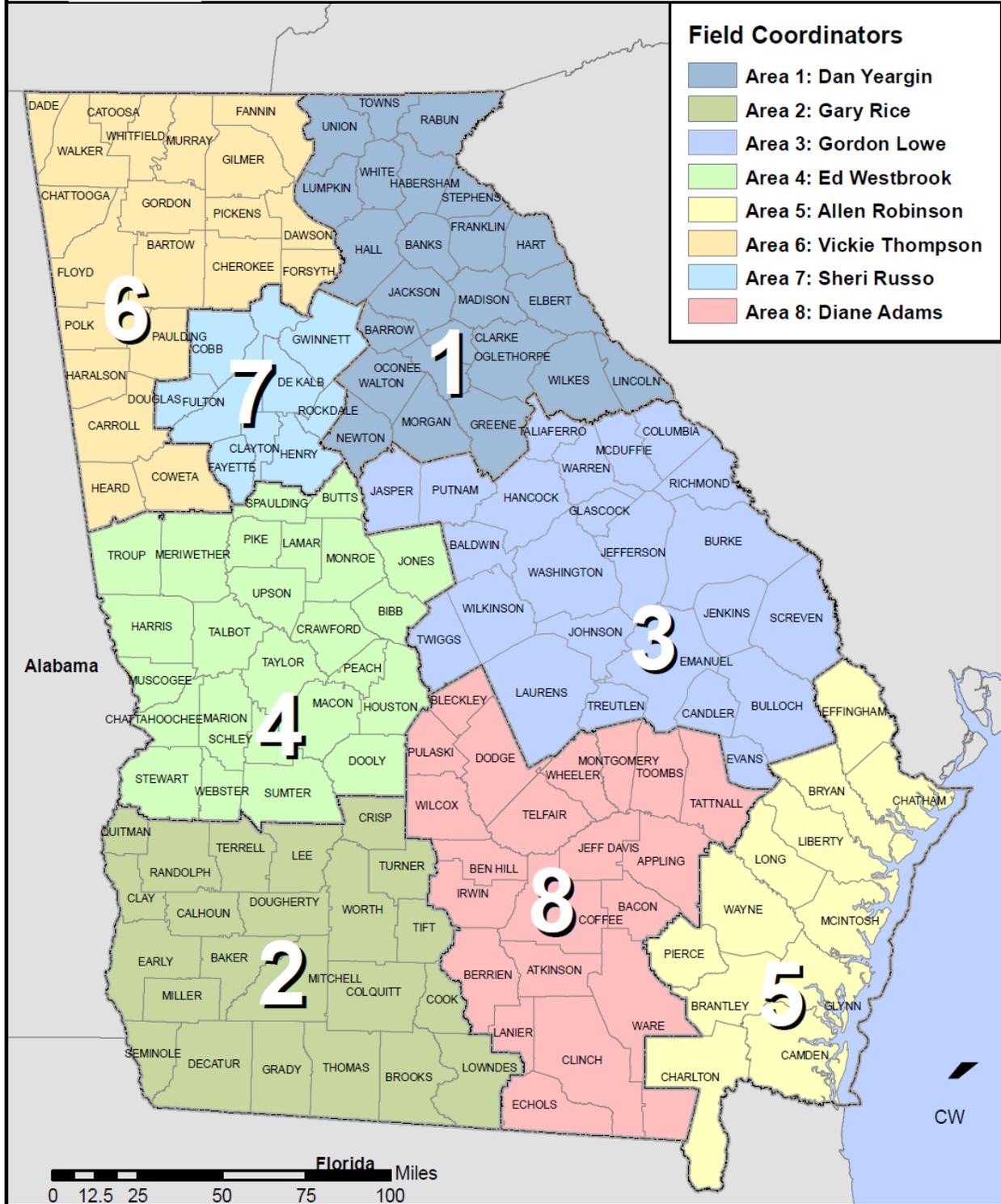
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GEMA Field Coordinator Areas

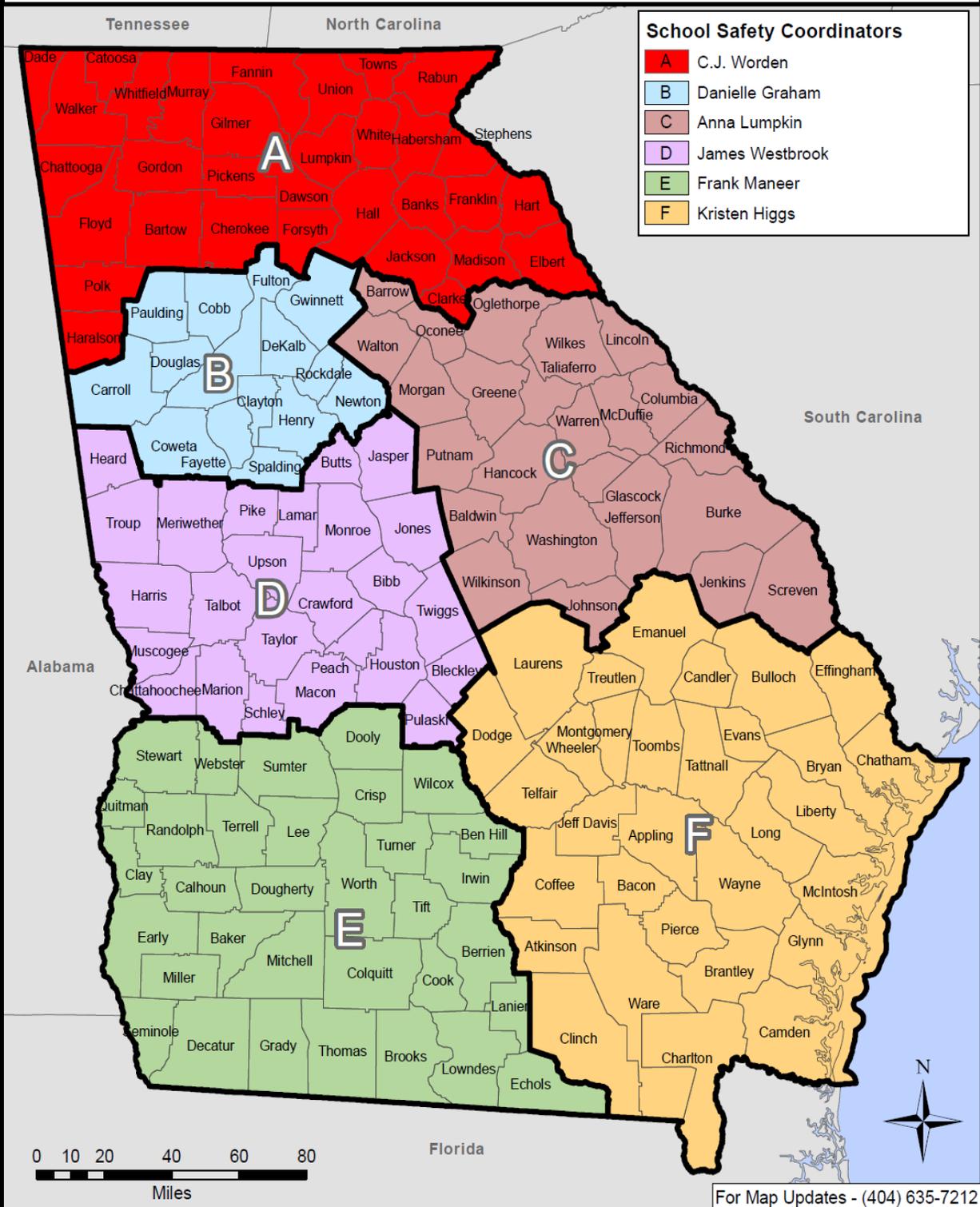
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GEMA School Safety Coordinator Areas

June 2013



EMERGENCY SHELTER DETAILS

Agency Name: Austell United Methodist Church

Address: 5705 Mulberry St

City: Austell

Zip: 30106

Contact: Reverend Michael Martin

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 115

Post Impact Capacity: 57

Shower: N

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap:

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Awtrey Middle School

Address: 3601 Nowlin Road

City: Kennesaw

Zip: 30144

Contact: Dir. Ron Storey

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 376

Post Impact Capacity: 188

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Campbell High School

Address: 5265 Ward Street

City: Smyrna

Zip: 30080

Contact: Dir. Ron Storey

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 440

Post Impact Capacity: 220

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Note: These shelter locations are located throughout all geographic areas of Cobb County and were re-surveyed in 2013. While this list will be referenced first, the American Red Cross National Shelter System (NSS) also has other locations that could be considered as well during emergencies, based upon the need.

Agency Name: Cobb Civic Center
Address: 548 South Marietta Parkway
City: Marietta
Zip: 30060
Contact: J.C. Redd
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 300
Post Impact Capacity: 150
Shower:
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: East Cobb Middle School
Address: 380 Holt Road
City: Marietta
Zip: 30068
Contact: Dir. Ron Storey
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 615
Post Impact Capacity: 307
Shower: Y
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Eastside Baptist Church
Address: 2450 Lower Roswell Rd
City: Marietta
Zip: 30068
Contact: Tim McDaniel
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 250
Post Impact Capacity: 125
Shower:
Bathroom: Y
Cook:
Handicap:
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

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Agency Name: Marietta High School

Address: 1171 Whitlock Avenue

City: Marietta

Zip: 30064

Contact: Associate Superintendent Dayton Hibbs

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 1500

Post Impact Capacity: 750

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Marietta Middle School

Address: 121 Winn St

City: Marietta

Zip: 30064

Contact: Associate Superintendent Dayton Hibbs

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 945

Post Impact Capacity: 472

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: McEachern High School

Address: 2400 New Macland Rd

City: Powder Springs

Zip: 30127

Contact: Dir. Ron Storey

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 715

Post Impact Capacity: 357

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

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Agency Name: North Cobb High School

Address: 3400 Old Highway 41

City: Kennesaw

Zip: 30144

Contact: Dir. Ron Storey

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 1500

Post Impact Capacity: 575

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Oakwood High School

Address: 1560 Joyner Avenue

City: Marietta

Zip: 30060

Contact: Dir. Ron Storey

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity: 300

Post Impact Capacity: 150

Shower: Y

Bathroom: Y

Cook: Y

Handicap: Y

Animals:

24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Piedmont Church

Address: 570 Piedmont Rd

City: Marietta

Zip: 30066

Contact: Roger Christian, Executive

Pastor

Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX

Evacuation Capacity:

Post Impact Capacity:

Shower:

Bathroom: Y

Cook:

Handicap:

Animals:

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Agency Name: South Cobb High School

Address: 1920 Clay Road
City: Austell
Zip: 30106
Contact: Dir. Ron Storey
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 500
Post Impact Capacity: 250
Shower: Y
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Southern Polytechnic State University (SPSU)

Address: 1100 S Marietta Parkway
City: Marietta
Zip: 30060
Contact: Lt. Duane Manns
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 1398
Post Impact Capacity: 699
Shower: Y
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Sprayberry High School

Address: 2525 Sandy Plains Rd
City: Marietta
Zip: 30066
Contact: Dir. Ron Storey
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 500
Post Impact Capacity: 250
Shower: Y
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

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Agency Name: Wheeler High School

Address: 375 Holt Road
City: Marietta
Zip: 30068
Contact: Dir. Ron Storey
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 720
Post Impact Capacity: 360
Shower: Y
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap: Y
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

Agency Name: Zion Baptist Church

Address: 165 Lemon St NE
City: Marietta
Zip: 30060
Contact: Ken Gillespie, Operations
Coordinator
Phone: XXX-XXX-XXXX
Evacuation Capacity: 250
Post Impact Capacity: 125
Shower:
Bathroom: Y
Cook: Y
Handicap:
Animals:
24 Hours: Y

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Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia

Chapter 34 - CIVIL EMERGENCIES ⁽¹⁾

[Sec. 34-1. - Regulations continued in effect.](#)

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Sec. 34-1. - Regulations continued in effect.

All ordinances, resolutions, motions and orders pertaining to civil defense, emergency management and disaster relief, which are not in conflict with this chapter, are continued in full force and effect. Such ordinances, etc., are on file in the office of the board of commissioners.

(Ord. of 2-27-07)

Editor's note—

By motion of January 13, 1981, the board of commissioners changed the name of the Cobb County Department of Civil Defense to the Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA).

Sec. 34-2. - Emergency management and response powers.

(a) *Declaration of emergency.*

- (1) *Grant of authority.* In the event of an actual or threatened occurrence of a disaster or emergency, which may result in the large-scale loss of life, injury, property damage or destruction or in the major disruption of routine community affairs, business or governmental operations in the county and which is of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant extraordinary assistance by federal, state and local departments and agencies to supplement the efforts of available public and private resources, the chairman of the board of commissioners may declare an emergency for the unincorporated area of the county and including municipalities upon execution of an intergovernmental agreement(s).
- (2) *Request for state assistance.* Consistent with a declaration of emergency, the chairman may request the governor to provide assistance, provided that the disaster or emergency is beyond the capacity of the county to meet adequately and state assistance is necessary to supplement local efforts to save lives and protect property, public health and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a disaster.
- (3) *Continuance.* The declaration of emergency shall continue until the chairman finds that emergency conditions no longer exist, at which time, the chairman shall execute and file with the clerk of the board of commissioners a document marking the end of the state of emergency.

No state of emergency shall continue for longer than 30 days, unless renewed by the chairman. The board of commissioners may, by resolution, end a state of emergency at any time.

(4) *Effect of declaration of emergency.*

- a. *Activation of emergency operations plan.* A declaration of emergency shall automatically activate the county emergency operations plan and shall be authority for the deployment of personnel and use of any forces to which the plan applies and for use or distribution of any supplies, equipment, materials, and facilities assembled, stockpiled or arranged to be made available pursuant to the Georgia Emergency Management Act or any other laws applicable to emergencies or disasters.
 1. The CEMA director shall have the legal authority to exercise the powers and discharge the duties conferred upon the emergency management agency, including the implementation of the emergency operations plan, coordination of the emergency responses of public and private agencies and organizations, coordination of recovery efforts with state and federal officials, and inspection of emergency or disaster sites.
 2. In responding and conducting necessary and appropriate investigations, the director or his/her designee is authorized to enter at a reasonable time upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of investigating and inspecting sites involved with emergency management functions.
 3. No person shall refuse entry or access to any authorized representative or agent of the county who requests entry for purposes of inspection, and who presents appropriate credentials. Nor shall any person obstruct, hamper or interfere with any such representative while that individual is in the process of carrying out his or her official duties.
- b. *Emergency powers.* Following a declaration of emergency and during the continuance of such state of emergency, the chairman is authorized to implement local emergency measures to protect life and property or to bring the emergency situation under control. In exercising this authority, the chairman may cause to become effective any of the following sections of this chapter as appropriate: sections [34-5](#), [34-6](#) and [34-7](#). If any of these sections is included in a declaration of emergency, the same shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners and shall be in effect until the declaration of emergency has terminated.
- c. *Authority to waive procedures and fees.* Pursuant to a declaration of emergency, the board of commissioners is authorized to cause to be effective any of the subsections of [section 34-4](#) of this chapter as appropriate. The implementation of such subsections shall be filed in the office of the clerk of the board of commissioners.
- d. *Additional emergency powers.* The chairman of the board of commissioners shall have and may exercise for such period as the declared emergency exists or continues, the following additional emergency powers:
 1. To direct and compel the evacuation of all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened area, for the preservation of life or other disaster mitigation, response or recovery;
 2. To prescribe routes, modes of transportation and destinations in connection with evacuation;
 3. To suspend or limit the sale, dispensing or transportation of alcoholic beverages, firearms, explosives and flammable liquids and substances;
 4. To make provision for the availability and use of temporary emergency housing, emergency shelters and/or emergency medical shelters.

5. To transfer the direction, personnel or functions of any county departments and agencies or units thereof for the purpose of performing or facilitating emergency services;
 6. To utilize all available resources of the county and subordinate agencies over which the county has budgetary control as reasonably necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster;
 7. To commandeer or utilize public or private property when necessary to cope with the emergency or disaster or when there is compelling necessity for the protection of lives, health and welfare; and/or the property of citizens;
 8. To suspend any law, code provision or regulation prescribing the procedures for conduct of county business, or the orders, rules or regulations of any county agency, if strict compliance with any ordinance, resolution, order, rule or regulation would in any way prevent, hinder or delay necessary action in coping with the emergency or disaster, provided that such suspension shall provide for the minimum deviation from the requirements under the circumstances and further provided that, when practicable, specialists shall be assigned to avoid adverse effects resulting from such suspension;
 9. To provide welfare benefits to citizens upon execution of an intergovernmental agreement for grants to meet disaster-related necessary expenses or serious needs of individuals or families adversely affected by an emergency or disaster in cases where the individuals or families are unable to meet the expenses or needs from other means, provided that such grants are authorized only when matching state or federal funds are available for such purposes;
 10. To perform and exercise such other functions, powers and duties as may be deemed necessary to promote and secure the safety and protection of the civilian population, including individuals with household pets and service animals prior to, during, and following a major disaster or emergency.
- (b) *Form of declaration.* Upon the declaration of emergency, an official "Declaration of Emergency," in substantially the same form set forth below, shall be signed and filed in the office of the clerk of the county and shall be communicated to the citizens of the affected area using the most effective and efficient means available. The declaration shall state the nature of the emergency or disaster, the conditions that require the declaration and any sections of this chapter which shall be in effect.

DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS, Cobb County, Georgia has experienced an event of critical significance as a result of *[DESCRIPTION OF EVENT]* on *[DATE]*; and

WHEREAS, in the judgment of the Chairman of the Cobb County Board of Commissioners, with advice from the Cobb Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), there exist emergency circumstances located in *[DESCRIBE GEOGRAPHIC LOCATION]* requiring extraordinary and immediate corrective actions for the protection of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Cobb County, including individuals with household pets and service animals; and

WHEREAS, to prevent or minimize injury to people and damage to property resulting from this event;

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the authority vested in me by local and state law;

IT IS HEREBY DECLARED that a local state of emergency exists and shall continue until the conditions requiring this declaration are abated.

WHEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED:

- (1) That the Cobb County Emergency Management Agency activate the Emergency Operations Plan;
- (2) That the following sections of the Official Code of Cobb County, Georgia be implemented: *[If deemed appropriate, choose from the following: [Section 34-5](#), Overcharging; [Section 34-6](#), Registration of Building and Repair Services; [Section 34-7](#), Closed or Restricted Areas and Curfews];* and
- (3) That the following measures also be implemented: *[If deemed appropriate, select items from Section 34-2(a)(4)c, d or such other measures as appropriate.]*

ENTERED at [TIME] on [DATE].

[Signed]

Chairman, Cobb County Board of Commissioners

(c) *Emergency powers of municipalities.*

- (1) *[Municipalities.]* Municipalities within the county are authorized to exercise emergency governmental powers within their municipal boundaries.
- (2) *Contracts with municipalities.* In addition to the normal agreements embodied in the county's emergency operations plan for mutual emergency assistance, the board of commissioners may contract with any municipality for the administration of an emergency response program.

(Ord. of 2-27-07; Amd. of 2-23-10)

Sec. 34-3. - Enforcement and remedies.

- (a) *Law enforcement responsibilities.* The law enforcement authorities of the county shall enforce the orders, rules and regulations contained in this chapter and/or implemented by the chairman or local governing authority during a declared emergency.
- (b) *Penalties.* Failure to comply with any of the requirements or provisions of the regulations contained in this chapter, or with any code section, order, rule or regulation made effective by the chairman or local governing authority upon or after the declaration of an emergency shall constitute a violation of the provisions of this chapter. Any person who violates any provision in this chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, be guilty of a misdemeanor for each violation. The owner of land upon which a violation occurs, and each person assisting in the commission of a violation, shall be guilty of separate offenses. Each day during which a violation or failure to comply continues shall constitute a separate violation.
- (c) *Injunctive relief.* In addition to the remedies prescribed in this section, the emergency management director is authorized to obtain an injunction to restrain violation of laws, code sections, orders, rules and regulations which are contained in the Georgia Emergency Management Act and/or this code, and/or which are implemented by the local governing authority during a declared emergency.

(Ord. of 2-27-07; Ord. of 7-14-09)

Sec. 34-4. - Authority to waive procedures and fee structures.

- (a) *County business.* Upon declaration of an emergency or disaster by the governor or chairman of the board of commissioners, the affairs and business of the county may be conducted at places other than the regular or usual location, within or outside of the county, when it is not prudent, expedient or possible to conduct business at the regular location. When such meetings occur outside of the county, all actions taken by the local governing body shall be as valid and binding as if performed within the county. Such meetings may be called by the presiding officer or any two members of the governing body without regard to or compliance with time-consuming procedures and formalities otherwise required by law.

- (b) *Purchasing and public works contracts.* Upon declaration of an emergency or disaster by the governor or chairman of the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners may contract for public works without letting such contract out to the lowest, responsible bidder and without advertising and posting notification of such contract for four weeks; provided, however, that the emergency must be of such nature that immediate action is required and that the action is necessary for the protection of the public health, safety and welfare. Any public works contract entered into pursuant to this subsection shall be entered on the minutes of the county as soon as practical and the nature of the emergency described therein.
- (c) *Code enforcement.* Upon declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the governor or the chairman of the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners may temporarily suspend the enforcement of the ordinances of the county, or any portion thereof, where the emergency is of such nature that immediate action outside the code is required, such suspension is consistent with the protection of the public health, safety and welfare, and such suspension is not inconsistent with any federal or state statutes or regulations.
- (d) *Fees.* Upon declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the governor or the chairman of the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners may temporarily reduce or suspend any permit fees, application fees or other rate structures as necessary to encourage the rebuilding of the areas impacted by the disaster or emergency. The term "fees" include fees or rates charged by the county for building permits, land disturbance permits, zoning applications, special land use permits, temporary land use permits and other fees relating to the reconstruction, repair and clean up of areas impacted by the disaster or emergency. The term "fees" does not include fees collected by the county on behalf of the state or federal government or fees charged by the county pursuant to a state or federal statute or regulation.
- (e) *Temporary dwellings.* Upon the declaration of a state of emergency or disaster by the governor or chairman of the board of commissioners, the board of commissioners or its designees may issue temporary mobile home, trailer, recreational vehicle or other temporary dwelling structures or parks in any zoning district, even though not otherwise permitted by zoning regulations, while the primary dwelling is being repaired, provided that such temporary dwellings or parks are designed by an engineer and the plans are approved by the county health department and building and inspections division. The temporary permit shall not exceed six months in duration. In the case of a continuing hardship, and in the discretion of the board of commissioners or its designee, the permit may be extended for a period of up to an additional six months. Upon expiration of the temporary permit and/or extension, the temporary dwelling must be removed.

(Ord. of 2-27-07)

Sec. 34-5. - Overcharging prohibited.

To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health or safety of persons or property within a designated area upon the declaration of emergency or disaster, it shall be unlawful, during the duration of the emergency or subsequent recovery period, for any person, firm or corporation located or doing business in the unincorporated portions of the county to overcharge for any goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses sold or rented within the county.

- (a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section shall have the meanings ascribed, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:
 - (1) "Overcharging", consistent with state law, means charging prices for goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses, which exceed the customary charges by at least 25 percent or, in applicable cases, which exceed by at least 25 percent the suppliers' or providers' costs for such goods, materials, foods, equipment, supplies, services, labor, motel rooms, temporary lodging or houses. The existence of overcharging shall be presumed from a 25 percent or greater increase in the price at which the merchandise or rate, fee or cost/rental of housing was offered in the usual course of business immediately prior to the onset of the emergency or disaster, but

shall not include increases in cost to the supplier directly attributable to the higher cost of material, supplies and labor costs resulting from the emergency.

- (2) "Subsequent recovery period" means that period during which the emergency or disaster continues to cause disruptions in the area designated in the declaration of emergency, but shall not exceed six months after the declaration has been terminated, unless extended by action of the board of commissioners.

- (b) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect.

(Ord. of 2-27-07; Amd. of 2-23-10)

Sec. 34-6. - Registration of building and repair services.

- (a) Before building, constructing, repairing, renovating or making improvements to any real property, including dwellings, homes, buildings, structures or fixtures within an area in the unincorporated area of the county designated in a declared emergency or disaster, any person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity must register with the county and secure a building permit that is posted at the work site. Each day any such entity does business in the unincorporated areas of the county without complying with this ordinance constitutes a separate violation.
- (b) Upon the declaration of an emergency or disaster, any affected person, firm, partnership, corporation or other entity may apply for a "special permit" for building, constructing, repairing, renovating or making improvements associated with repairs resulting from the disaster.
- (c) When registering, any person, partnership, corporation or other entity making application must submit proof of a current Georgia State Contractor's License.
- (d) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect.

(Ord. of 2-27-07; Ord. of 7-14-09; Amd. of 2-23-10)

Sec. 34-7. - Closed or restricted areas and curfews during emergency.

- (a) To preserve, protect or sustain the life, health, welfare or safety of persons, or their property, within a designated area under a declaration of emergency, it shall be unlawful for any person to travel, loiter, wander or stroll in or upon the public streets, highways, roads, lanes, parks or other public grounds, public places, public buildings, places of amusement, eating places, vacant lots or any other place during a declared emergency between hours specified by the chairman until the curfew is lifted.
- (b) To promote order, protect lives, minimize the potential for looting and other crimes, and facilitate recovery operations during an emergency, the chairman shall have discretion to impose reentry restrictions on certain areas. The chairman shall exercise such discretion in accordance with the county emergency operations plan, which shall be followed during emergencies.
- (c) The provisions of this section shall not apply to persons acting in the following capacities:

- (1) Authorized and essential law enforcement personnel;
- (2) Authorized and essential health care providers;
- (3) Authorized and essential personnel of the county;
- (4) Authorized National Guard or federal military personnel;
- (5) Authorized and essential firefighters;
- (6) Authorized and essential emergency response personnel;

- (7) Authorized and essential personnel or volunteers working with or through the county emergency management agency (CEMA);
 - (8) Authorized and essential utility repair crews;
 - (9) Citizens seeking to restore order to their homes or businesses while on their own property or place of business;
 - (10) Other authorized and essential persons as designated on a list compiled by CEMA, the director of public safety, and/or the sheriff of the county.
- (d) *Enforceability.* This section shall be enforced by officers of the law enforcement personnel approved to provide aid and assistance during the emergency. Nothing contained in this section shall prohibit a law enforcement officer from bringing other charges under state law.
- (e) *Effective date.* This section shall become effective only upon the signing of a declaration of emergency, stating this section is in effect.
- (Ord. of 2-27-07)

FOOTNOTE(S):

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Editor's note— An ordinance adopted Feb. 27, 2007, amended Ch. 34 in its entirety to read as herein set out. Former Ch. 34 pertained to the same subject matter and derived from a resolution adopted Feb. 26, 1974 and § 3-9-1 of the 1977 Code. [\(Back\)](#)

Cross reference— Administration, ch. 2; cable communications, § 22-15(d); emergency services, ch. 46; offenses and miscellaneous provisions, ch. 86; utilities, §§ 122-121(d)(3), 122-265. [\(Back\)](#)

State Law reference— Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, O.C.G.A. § 38-3-1 et seq.; emergency medical services, O.C.G.A. § 31-11-1 et seq. [\(Back\)](#)