

Emergency Support Function # 13 – Public Safety and Security

Primary Agencies

Sheriff's Office
Police Departments

Support Agencies

Emergency Management
Fire Departments
EMS
Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)
Virginia State Police (VSP)

Introduction

Purpose:

- Maintain law and order;
- Provide public warning;
- Provide for the security of critical facilities and supplies, including shelters;
- Provide a “safe scene” for the duration of a disruptive incident;
- Provide access control to evacuated areas or critical facilities;
- Traffic control, as needed
- Leads ground search and rescue operations; and
- Assists with the identification of the dead.

Several factors may require outside assistance to respond to the event:

- Law or regulation may require involvement of state or federal agencies due to circumstances of the event (e.g. a terrorist event); and
- If the locality is impacted by a larger event that affects the region.

Scope:

ESF #13 responds to an emergency in the locality using existing procedures. These procedures are in the form of department directives that cover all-hazards disasters and acts of terrorism.

Policies:

- The Sheriff's Office and Police Departments will retain operational control of their respective jurisdictions;
- The operational plan will be coordinated with the local government's plan pursuant to Code of Virginia;
- Law enforcement will coordinate the response with other ESFs on the details of the events;
- Coordinate with Emergency Management to identify areas of potential evacuation;
- Rockbridge County, City of Buena Vista, and the City of Lexington has in place appropriate MOUs and Mutual Aid agreements; and
- The plan and the incident command staff may become subordinate if other organizations are called upon.

Concept of Operations

General:

Existing procedures in the form of department directives may provide the basis for a law enforcement response in times of emergency. The mission of ESF # 13 is to maintain law and order, protect life and property, provide traffic control and law enforcement support, secure essential facilities/supplies and coordinate mutual aid.

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

Organization:

- Local Law Enforcement will utilize their normal communications networks during disasters;
- Designate areas that need to be evacuated;
- Provide traffic control and security; and
- Coordinate with local law enforcement if the event exceeds the local capability.

Actions/Responsibilities

- Maintain police intelligence capability to alert government agencies and the public to potential threats;
- Develop strategies to effectively address special emergency situations that may require distinct law enforcement procedures, such as civil disorders, hostage taking, weapons of mass destruction, terrorist situations, and bomb threats/detonations;
- Test primary communications systems and arrange for alternate systems, if necessary;
- Assist with the implementation of the evacuation procedures for the threatened areas, if necessary;
- Provide traffic and crowd control as required;
- Provide security and law enforcement to critical facilities;
- Implement existing mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions, if necessary; and
- Document expenses.
- Coordinates backup support from other areas;
- Initial warning and alerting;
- Security of emergency site, evacuated areas, shelter areas, vital facilities and supplies;
- Traffic control;
- Evacuation and access control of threatened areas; and
- Assist the Office of the Chief Medical Examiner Health Department with identification of the dead.

**Tab 1 to Emergency Support Function #13
ENTRY PERMIT TO ENTER RESTRICTED AREAS**

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

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

3. Travel (fill out applicable sections; if variable call information to dispatcher for each entry)

Method of Travel (vehicle, aircraft) _____

Description of Vehicle/Aircraft Registration _____

Route of Travel if by Vehicle _____

Destination by legal location or landmark/E911 address _____

Alternate escape route if different from above _____

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

Entry granted into hazard area.

Authorizing Signature _____ Date _____

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

The Waiver of Liability is made a part of and attached to this permit. All persons entering the closed area under this permit must sign the Waiver of Liability before entry.

**Tab 2 to Emergency Support Function #13
WAIVER OF LIABILITY**

(TO BE SIGNED AND RETURNED WITH APPLICATION FORM)

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

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

Signatures of applicant and members of his field party

Date

Print full name first, then sign.

_____ I have read and understand the above waiver of liability.

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**Tab 3 to Emergency Support Function #13
Law Enforcement Resources**

(Maintain a list of available law enforcement resources and personnel)

Department	Phone Number	Contact	Resource
Rockbridge County Sheriff's Office	540-463-7328	Sheriff Robert Day	Deputies
			Vehicles
			Administrative Personnel
Buena Vista Police Department	540-261-6174	Chief Darryl Slagle	Officers
			Vehicles
			Administrative Personnel
Lexington Police Department	540-462-3705	Chief Alfred Thomas, Jr.	Officers
			Vehicles
			Administrative Personnel