

EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN OVERVIEW

The Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) as a whole, including this basic plan, Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) and associated county annexes provide a framework to approach a disaster or emergency response. This plan is not intended to be a checklist and does not replace critical thinking or ingenuity. While the responsibilities written into this plan are final, the actions of an individual or organization in completing those responsibilities are up to the individual or organization and are left open for the individual or organization to adjust to the situation as needed to achieve the standing three (3) objectives below and any other objectives set for a particular incident.

Yellowstone County Standing Objectives:

1. Life Safety of Responders and the Public
2. Incident Stabilization
3. Protection of Property

It is the responsibility of Yellowstone County and all incorporated cities and towns to protect life, property and the environment from the effects of a disaster. Local government has the primary responsibility for emergency management activities. When the emergency exceeds the local government's capability to respond, assistance will be requested from state and federal government.

This plan is based upon the concept that emergency functions for city and county agencies involved in emergency management will generally parallel their normal day-to-day functions. To the extent possible, the same personnel and material resources will be employed in both cases. Day-to-day functions that do not contribute directly to the emergency operation may be suspended for the duration of any emergency.

Many of the agencies who have duties under this plan also have additional duties in an Incident Commander or Unified Command role during an incident based on their legal and jurisdictional duties.

This plan accounts for activities before, during, and after emergency operations, enumerated as the phases of emergency management. This plan is focused on the coordination/all-hazards aspect of an integrated emergency management system (e.g. role of the EOC) and not on the command and control of field operations. Duties and operations under this EOP are in coordination with incident command but are do not establish incident command over field operations.

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See the included organizational chart, NIMS, ICS training and the remainder of this plan to clarify how this works.

Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) are the grouping of governmental and certain private sector capabilities into an organizational structure to provide support, resources, program implementation, and services that are most likely needed to save lives, protect property and the environment, restore essential services and critical infrastructure, and help victims and communities return to normal following domestic incidents.

Emergency Support Functions

- ESF1 Transportation
- ESF2 Communications
- ESF3 Public Works and Engineering
- ESF4 Firefighting
- ESF5 Emergency Management
- ESF6 Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF7 Resources Support
- ESF8 Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF9 Urban Search and Rescue
- ESF10 Oil and Hazardous Materials Response
- ESF11 Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF12 Energy
- ESF13 Public Safety and Security
- ESF14 Long-term Community Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF15 External Affairs

Authorities and References

1. Federal Civil Defense Act of 1950(PL 81-920), as amended.
2. Disaster Relief Act of 1974 (PL 93-238), as amended.
3. Emergency Management & Assistance (Code of Federal Regulations – Title 44)
4. Public Law 93-288 Robert T Stafford Disaster Relief & Emergency Assistance Act. As amended 2005 by HR3858, Pets Evacuation and Transportation Standards Act.

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5. Title III of the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act (SARA), the Emergency Planning & Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)
6. National Response Framework, U.S Department of Homeland Security
7. National Incident Management System, Presidential Policy Directive 5 (PPD-5)
8. Montana Codes Annotated Title 10, Chapter 3 and Title 2, Chapter 9.
9. Resolutions, Ordinances or Agreements included or referenced in this EOP.
10. All Annexes and Appendices included or referenced in this EOP