
Green County Emergency Response Plan Direction and Control

I. Purpose

- A. The purpose of this plan is to provide an overview on the means the jurisdiction will use to direct and control those activities of government that are essential to saving lives, protecting property, and restoring government services during and following emergency situations.

II. Officials Responsible for Direction and Control

- A. The policy of the Green County Board of Supervisors shall be for succession of direction and control as hereby directed
 - 1) Green County Board Chair
 - 2) In the absence of the County Board Chair, next in command and authority is the First Vice-Chair of the Green County Board. In the absence of the First Vice-Chair the Second Vice-Chair is next.
 - 3) Should it be necessary, following those three positions, the balance of the Board members would elect or appoint a temporary member of its Board.

III. Situation and Assumptions

- B. Situation
 - 1. Most emergency situations will be handled routinely by emergency services personnel at the municipal level. However, many hazards exist within or threaten the county which has the potential to cause disasters of great magnitude. Such situations warrant centralization and emphasis on the direction and control efforts in order to conduct effective and efficient emergency operations.
 - 2. Routine emergency situations and larger emergencies/disasters will operate within the ICS (Incident Command System) and NIMS (National Incident Management System).
 - 3. Most municipalities do not open and operate an EOC during a County wide or regional emergency. Consequently municipalities normally depend on Direction and Control from the County during times of disaster.
 - 4. The County Emergency Operations Center serves as the central direction and control point for countywide emergency response activities.
 - 5. Municipalities may utilize facilities within their jurisdiction as an EOC and the county may provide staff as the situation dictates.
 - 6. The County and/or municipal EOC's will be activated upon the threat or occurrence of a major emergency/disaster and designated personnel will report to their EOC in a timely fashion.

C. Assumptions

1. The Green County EOC (and Emergency Management Dept.) is located at the Green County Sheriff's Office, 2827 6th St., Monroe.
2. Most municipalities do not have operational EOC's and a facility would have to be identified.
3. The majority of personnel who would be assigned to the EOC has not received required training in EOC operations, nor has been drilled in their specific duties.
4. The SW IMT, (South West Incident Management Team) can be called upon to assist in the EOC and provide expertise in various other response and recovery activities.
5. Municipalities will act in unison with the county on such issues as proclamations, security, and public information.
6. Emergency operations and coordination at all levels of government will be carried out according to plans and procedures.
7. All agencies will work under the Incident Command System and/or National Incident Command System (NIMS).

IV. Concept of Operations

1. Direction and control of normal day-to-day emergencies of single agency response is performed by the senior officer on-scene. (i.e. law enforcement, fire, EMS). This person is designated as the Incident Commander. Multi-agency responses are done in accordance with local ordinances, policies and procedures. Response agencies will utilize the Incident Command System.
2. Municipalities within the county may exercise independent direction and control of their emergency resources, outside resources assigned to the municipality by the County Emergency Operation Center, and resources secured through existing mutual aid agreements with other municipalities. Prior to activation of the EOC requests for state or federal assistance will be directed to the Green County Emergency Management Office.
3. Centralized county wide direction and control (EOC activation) is desirable when one or **more of the following conditions occur**:
 - a) There exists an imminent threat to the safety or health of the public.
 - b) Extensive multi-agency or jurisdiction response and coordination is necessary to resolve or recover from an emergency situation.
 - c) Local resources are inadequate or depleted and significant mutual aid resources must be utilized to resolve the emergency situation.
 - d) The disaster affects multiple political jurisdictions within the county which are relying on the same resources to resolve the emergency situation.
4. The type and magnitude of any emergency event occurring in Green County or municipality with dictate the need to activate the EOC.

5. Reference the Green County EOC Operational Procedures plan for complete activation policies, duties and guidelines.
6. Reference the Green County EOC Position Descriptions and checklist for guidelines on positions that may be held in the EOC.
7. Upon activation of any municipal EOC, the municipality will establish communications with the County EOC or the County Dispatch Center, who will in turn notify the Green County Emergency Management Director.

V. Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

1. Personnel reporting to the Green County EOC will operate in one of the following sections as assigned by the EOC director. Under each section are branches, groups, strike teams, task forces etc.
 - a) **The Policy/Administration group,**
Operates under the direction of the chief elected official of the affected jurisdiction or his/her designee consists of the decision-makers of the jurisdiction and others as decided by the chief elected official.
 - b) **Operations Section**
This section develops the tactical organization and directs all resources to carry out the Incident Action Plan.
 - c) **Planning Section**
This section develops the incident action plan to accomplish the objectives of an operational period. Information is collected and evaluated and status of assigned resources is maintained.
 - d) **Logistics Section**
This sections monitors costs related to the incident, provides accounting, procurement, time recording, cost analysis, and overall fiscal guidance.

VI. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPORT

- A. First Responders, elected officials and other designated personnel shall be asked to participate in drills and exercises conducted by the Green County Emergency Management Agency. Additional drills and exercises may be conducted by various agencies and services for the purpose of developing and testing abilities to make effective response to various types of emergencies.

VII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Green County Emergency Management, in coordination with the lead agencies are responsible for the development, annual review/updating of all ESF's, attachments and distribution. Each agency/service with emergency assignments is responsible for assisting with the development and maintenance of their own portion of each ESF, the appropriate attachments, and their own SOGs. Each agency/service is also responsible for assigning personnel, equipment, and providing training necessary to carry out emergency functions. All agencies/services shall provide current personnel/equipment resource lists to the Green County Emergency Management office upon request.

- B. This plan will be reviewed at least annually and updated based on deficiencies identified by drills and exercises, post-disaster critiques, self-assessments, audits, administrative reviews, changes in local government structure, technological changes or any other reasons that necessitate revisions. Copies will be available to copyholders of record by downloading them from E-Sponder, www.greencountyem or requesting a copy from Green County Emergency Management.

VIII. REFERENCES

- A. Green County EOC Activation and Operation Procedures
- B. Green County EOC Position Description and Checklists