



ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

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I. DEFINITIONS

A. Civil Emergency

A civil emergency may take the form of a civil disturbance, or a disaster:

1. Civil Disturbance

A civil disturbance is characterized by the use of actual force or violence or any threat to use force, by a group of people, without the authority of law.

2. Disaster

A disaster may be natural, or man-made. Disasters include floods, tornados, earthquakes, severe explosions, airplane or train crashes, serious hazardous material incidents, and WMD incidents, requiring that extraordinary measures must be taken to protect the public health, safety, and welfare.

B. EOC

Emergency Operations Center. The physical location at which the County's coordination of information and resources to support civil emergencies takes place.

C. Incident Command Post

The field location at which the primary tactical-level, on scene incident command functions are performed.

D. Incident Commander

The incident commander has overall authority and responsibility for conducting incident operations and is responsible for the management of all incident operations at the incident site. The Incident Commander will generally be from the agency or discipline having primary responsibility for the incident as identified in the County's Emergency Operations Plan. If an incident involves multiple agencies or jurisdictions a unified command may be used and is comprised of senior members from each agency or jurisdiction who establish a common set of objectives, strategies, and Incident Action Plan.

E. Office of Emergency Management

The agency of government responsible for all hazard planning and coordination of the County's prevention, preparedness, response, mitigation, and recovery functions and activities.

F. Operations Section

When the EOC is activated, the Operations Section coordinates the emergency operations of all field forces, including the Police Department. The Operations Section consists of the following personnel:

1. EOC Executive Officer (Operations Section Chief)
2. Police Chief or designee
3. Fire Chief or designee.
4. Director of Public Works or designee.
5. Health Officer
6. Recreation and Parks Representative
7. WebEOC Representative
8. Liaison Officer

G. Police EOC Designee

The Police EOC designee coordinates police operations within the EOC, and represents the Police Department in the Operations Section of the EOC when activated. The designated representative of the Department's Command Staff will be dispatched to the EOC as the Police EOC designee. If unavailable, the Chief will designate another member of the Command Staff to respond.

II. COMMAND STRUCTURE DURING CIVIL EMERGENCIES

When a civil emergency occurs and the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated, the authority and responsibility for management, control and resolution of the emergency, and for overseeing the restoration of routine activity in Anne Arundel County, rests with the County Executive. The EOC chain of command (as it pertains to police operations) is as follows:

- A. County Executive
- B. Chief Administrative Officer
- C. Director of the Office of Emergency Management
- D. Operations Section Chief
- D. Police EOC designee
- E. Incident Commander
- F. Police Department chain of command

The chain of command within the Police Department is unchanged during an emergency.

III. OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

The Anne Arundel County Office of Emergency Management, which is a component of the Fire Department, is responsible for coordinating the response of all County agencies to civil emergencies. In nearly every emergency or disaster the Anne Arundel County Police Department will have a critical role to fulfill.

IV. ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS MANUAL

A. All County agencies, including the Police Department, operate under the procedures stated in the Anne Arundel County Emergency Operations Manual when a civil emergency occurs. The Anne Arundel County Emergency Operations Manual describes the delegation of authority to manage disaster response activities to various County agencies and officials.

B. The following personnel are issued a copy of the Anne Arundel County Emergency Operations Manual, and are responsible for managing the police response to civil emergencies:

1. Chief of Police
2. Deputy Chief of Police
3. Majors
4. Captains
5. Communications Section commander
6. Special Operations Section commander
7. Accreditation Unit
8. Fiscal Management Section manager

C. The commanding officer of the Special Operations Division is responsible for planning the police response to critical incidents, for ensuring that the emergency response plans are reviewed at least annually and updated if necessary, and for maintaining liaison with the Office of Emergency Management.

D. The Office of Emergency Management will ensure that all updates to the Emergency Operations Manual are distributed to holders of the manual in the Police Department.

V. RESPONSIBILITY OF COUNTY AGENCIES

A. Fire Department

The Fire Department is responsible for leading the County's response to all civil emergencies classified as **disasters**. Examples include:

1. Hurricanes
2. Floods
3. Airplane and train crashes
4. Major fires
5. Hazardous material incidents
6. Escape of radiation or poisonous chemicals into the atmosphere
7. Nuclear attack

A senior official of the Fire Department will serve as Incident Commander.

In such cases, the Police Department is responsible for assisting the Fire Department in managing the emergency.

B. Police Department

1. The Police Department is responsible for leading the County's field response to civil disturbances, to include:

- a. Demonstrations
- b. Labor strikes
- c. Terrorist situations
- d. Situations requiring mass arrests
- e. Extraordinary police situations such as barricaded subjects

A police officer of the rank of Captain or above will serve as Incident Commander during such situations.

2. The Police Department is responsible for enforcement of emergency executive orders issued by the County Executive during a civil emergency.

3. The Police Department is responsible for traffic control and public safety during civil emergencies; maintaining security of emergency operations facilities, command posts, and equipment; and developing and implementing plans to assist the Fire Department in emergency evacuation activities.

4. The Special Operations Division is responsible for development, annual review, revision and dissemination of the Department's emergency mobilization and response plans to provide the resources necessary to meet its obligations under the County's emergency operations plan.

5. The Police Department is responsible for notifying next-of-kin of deceased, seriously injured, or seriously ill persons. See Index Code 1651.

C. Health Department

1. The Health Department is responsible for leading the County's response to all pandemics, mass distribution of prophylactic medications, including SNS and influenza vaccine, supporting shelter operations, as well as various other health related tasks such as food service inspections and waterway contamination inspections.

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VI. PROPONENT UNIT: Office of the Chief of Police.

VII. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 2301, dated 07-28-14.