



Santa Rosa County Public Information

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Emergency Support Functions

ESF 1 Transportation

Purpose: The purpose of this ESF is to coordinate the use of transportation resources to support the needs of local governments, voluntary organizations and other emergency support groups requiring transportation capacity to perform their emergency response, recovery and assistance missions.

ESF 2 Communications

Purpose: Provide rapid, reliable and efficient means of transmitting and receiving emergency information necessary to coordinate county operations during emergencies.

ESF 3 Public Works and Engineering

Purpose: Evaluate infrastructure damage and coordinate emergency debris clearing of essential roads within Santa Rosa County. ESF-3 will also coordinate emergency contracting, building inspections, engineering services and demolitions. ESF-3 will allocate debris clearing and Public Works equipment and process all requests for needs and donations of Public Works and debris clearing equipment.

ESF 4 Firefighting

Purpose: Manage and coordinate firefighting support within Santa Rosa County to suppress urban, rural, and wild land fires resulting from or occurring coincidentally with a significant disaster condition or event. ESF 4 will allocate county fire resources and personnel to assure adequate fire suppression capability. ESF 4 will process all requests for needs and donations of fire suppression and rescue equipment. ESF 4 will coordinate with the Volunteer Personnel Center to provide adequate relief for fire services personnel.

ESF 5 Information Planning

Purpose: The concise and accurate reporting and planning is continuous beginning well before impact of approaching natural disasters and immediately upon those not forecasted. The response is progressive in nature beginning with the activation of the EOC at its lowest level. First actions will be taken at the local level with state and federal involvement as necessary to supplement local capabilities of a local declaration of emergency. Initial reports are the necessary basis for the Governor's decision to declare a state of emergency and to request a Presidential Emergency or Disaster Declaration. Additionally, these reports form the basis for determining specific types and extent of assistance needed in the affected area.

ESF 6 Mass Care

Purpose: Establishes and maintains sheltering and feeding centers for the entire county in the event of natural or manmade disasters. Coordination of relief supplies provision, delivery and sheltering of evacuees and displaced disaster victims will be conducted with all volunteer and government agencies that operate victim assistance programs. Other responsibilities include documentation and reporting of shelter residents, shelter injuries and casualties, determining needs, and the processing of all requests for meeting those needs and securing donations of life supporting supplies. Coordination with Supporting Agencies to provide adequate volunteers to relieve shelter volunteers and assist in addressing other mass care duties.

ESF 7 Resource Support

Purpose: Provide logistical and resource support to the Board of County Commissioners (BOCC), the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and all other Constitutional Officers and County Departments with priority being the protection and management of county assets.

ESF 8 Health and Medical Services

Purpose: Identify health and medical needs of the entire county after a disaster. Coordinate the health and medical resources needed in responding to public health and medical care needs following a significant natural disaster or manmade event. Develop policy guidelines for sheltering people with special needs; develop strategies to ensure adequate staffing for the Special Needs Evacuation Shelter and the registration of people with special needs.

ESF 9 Search and Rescue

Purpose: Provide support to communities after a major disaster and to coordinate the use of resources in both urban and non-urban search and rescue and in response to an actual or potential disaster condition. The search and rescue activities include, but are not limited to, locating and providing immediate medical assistance to victims in distress.

ESF 10 Hazardous Materials

Purpose: Provide support in response to an actual or potential discharge and/or release of hazardous materials resulting from a natural or manmade or technological disaster.

ESF 11 Food and Water

Purpose: Coordinate food and water distribution from the recovery staging areas to local distribution sites. Monitor the collection and sorting of all food and water supplies donated and assure safety for consumption. Process all requests for needs and donations of food and water supplies in coordination with ESF-5. Coordinate with the volunteer personnel center to provide adequate relief for volunteers.

ESF 12 Energy

Purpose: To coordinate the response activities of the energy organizations and utilities in responding to and recovering from fuel shortages, power outages and capacity shortages which impact or threaten to impact Santa Rosa County citizens and visitors during and after a disaster situation. Fuel shortages may be caused by the disruption of normal supply distribution during severe weather conditions. Power outages and capacity shortages may be caused by unusually hot or cold weather, short-term electric fuel transportation and supply shortages, transmission and distribution disruptions, severe weather conditions or power plant outages.

ESF 13 Military Support

Purpose: Provide and coordinate Military Support, primarily Florida National Guard, but including federal resources when appropriate in times of a major or catastrophic disaster and/or civil unrest and detail the responsibilities and the role of the Florida National Guard in conducting rapid impact assessments. Coordinate with local military resources as appropriate.

ESF 14 Public Information

Purpose: Provide a rapid means of disseminating accurate information to the public from the Santa Rosa County Board of County Commissioners and Division of Emergency Management. Provide and disseminate information to county officials, emergency services staff, media outlets, municipal officials and citizens. Provide rumor control volunteer staff and warning procedure during an emergency under the supervision of the Emergency Management Director. Maintain liaison with municipalities, special districts, contiguous political jurisdictions and state and federal levels.

ESF 15 Volunteers and Donations

Purpose: Analyzes and maintains the status of unmet needs and expedites the delivery of voluntary goods and services to support the relief effort in a disaster area in a manner consistent with the provisions of Emergency Management directives and decisions.

ESF 16 Law Enforcement and Security

Purpose: Establish procedures for the command, control and coordination of county, municipal and local state law enforcement personnel/equipment to support emergency/disaster response operations. Coordinates with the Florida National Guard and other external law enforcement agencies in support of security missions and other law enforcement agency activities. Implements actions as outlined in the Florida Mutual Aid Plan for law enforcement pursuant to Chapter 23.123 1, the Florida Mutual Aid Act.

ESF 17 Animal Protection and Agriculture

Purpose: Provide for the coordination of local resources to small pet, livestock and exotic animal care needs before, during and following a significant natural or technological disaster. Support is coordinated by Santa Rosa County Animal Services for small animals and by Santa Rosa County Extension Service for large animals.

ESF 18 Business and Industry

Purpose: Provide guidance and coordinate issues with Santa Rosa County's business community in all phases of emergency management – preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation – in a sustained effort to reduce the vulnerability of this key sector to the effects of disasters, to more economically and efficiently utilize local resources, and to expedite response and recovery when a major disaster does occur.