

ESF-9: URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

RESPONSIBLE AGENCIES

Lead Agency: Collier County Fire and EMS Chiefs' Association (CCFEMSCA)

City of Naples Fire Rescue Department

North Collier Fire Control & Rescue

District

- Light Technical Rescue Team

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

- Light Technical Rescue Team

City of Marco Island Rescue

Department

Collier County Emergency Medical

Services

Florida Forest Service

Civil Air Patrol

Big Cypress National Preserve

Collier County Sheriff's Office

Collier County Emergency Management

Municipal Police Departments

Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission

United State Coast Guard

USCG Auxiliary Marco Flotilla

USCG Auxiliary Naples Flotilla

Immokalee Fire Control & Rescue

District

- Light Technical Rescue Team

Mutual Aid

All jurisdictions that have entered into the Statewide Mutual Aid Agreement and participate in the Florida Fire Chiefs Association (FFCA) State Emergency Response Plan.

Purpose

The purpose of this ESF is to coordinate Search and Rescue Operations and Resources during emergency response and recovery. ESF-9 will provide support to local governments and agencies and describe the use of resources in both Urban Search and Rescue (USAR) Wildland, and Marine Search and Rescue (SAR) in response to municipal, local, state, and federal governments during a major emergency or disaster.

Scope

The search & rescue resources of the primary and support agencies listed under ESF-9 are utilized under any level of activation of the Collier County Emergency Operations Center.

The available resources of ESF-9 include personnel, facilities, equipment, vehicles, and supplies. A list of available resources inventory is located at the headquarters of each of the support agencies. This document outlines the extent of activities conducted by lead and support agencies to provide and coordinate the search and rescue function during the response and recovery phases of a disaster.

This Annex would be activated for planned events [deemed by the United States Department of Homeland Security (DHS) as a National Special Security Event (NSSE)]; major county disasters or

complex incidents; major state-wide disasters; and terrorist attacks within the local community, county, or state.

Wilderness SAR

- Search and Rescue teams are being frequently called to urban areas to search for missing and overdue children as well as altered mental status adults.
- Locating downed aircraft
- Extrication if necessary

USAR

- Locating, accessing, stabilizing and removing victims trapped in collapsed structures and confined spaces.

Marine SAR

- Locating boats which are lost at sea

Assumptions & Considerations

Assumptions & considerations include the following:

- a. A major disaster or catastrophic event may generate conditions (that vary widely in scope, urgency, and degree of devastation) that place a substantial number of people in life threatening situations requiring prompt rescue and protective actions.
- b. The incident or event is expected to go into multiple operational periods and exceeds capabilities of day-to-day resources of one or two agencies.
- c. The EOC Director has activated the ESF in support of managing the incident or event.

POLICIES

Priorities

The assets available to ESF-9 will be used to support county emergency operations and other ESFs with their emergency efforts. The priorities for allocation of these assets will be:

1. To locations or events where there may be numerous trapped or vulnerable victims of the emergency who need immediate medical and rescue assistance. Structures that offer the highest chance of survivability (in terms of type of construction) and the number of potential victims (in terms of type of building occupancy and vulnerability to hazard affects) should receive priority. Examples of such structures could include hospitals or walk-in clinics, shelters (schools, churches, hotels, etc.), mobile home parks, nursing home and independent living retirement centers, high-rise and multi-residential buildings, and office buildings.
2. Assisting in the evacuation of persons from immediate peril.
3. Responding to and implementing public safety and protective actions.

4. All operations will be conducted using the Incident Command System (ICS) or National Incident Management System (NIMS) with a Unified Command Structure being utilized whenever applicable.
5. Providing for the safety and health of all emergency personnel by providing logistical support, food/hydration, shelter and medical care. ESF-9 will interface with ESF-8, ESF-11 and ESF-15.

Responsibilities

Facilitating the ESF-9 Operation;

1. Maintaining contact with the Incident Command Post and maintaining situational awareness;
2. Collect data of current operations and provide that information to the Emergency Management Director;
3. Prioritize current incidents and determine potential resource needs;
4. Coordinating resources based upon priorities;
5. Receive, distribute, and evaluate resource requests.
6. Develop a list of current operational and resource status of all responding agencies;
7. Provide information and data for inclusion in situation reports.
8. Use information gathered from the community and other agencies to help identify on-going issues, problems, concerns, and threats.
9. Receive, distribute, and evaluate data on impacted areas. ESF-9 will assist with providing initial impact analysis information as quickly as possible. Aviation assets (fixed wing and rotary) utilizing video cameras will be the quickest way to identify the extent of storm damage over large areas. More localized information will come from fire and law enforcement reconnaissance teams.
10. Establish staging areas of mutual aid responders and deploy these teams as needed.
11. ESF-9 will interface with ESF 4, ESF-6 and ESF-8 to assist with medical treatment as needed.
12. ESF-9 will interface with the Medical Examiner for all fatalities.
13. Assist in the development of a de-mobilization plan.

Response Requirements

Federal and State assistance to this ESF will be provided under Public Law 93-288, and Florida Statute 252, and the Florida Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan. However, during the emergency response and for the first hours after the occurrence of catastrophic emergency there may be little or no assistance available. The primary and support agencies of the ESF must plan to be as self sufficient as feasible while awaiting state and/or federal assistance.

INTERFACE

ESF 3 – Public Works
 ESF 4 – Fire

ESF 5 –Planning & Intelligence
 ESF 6 – Mass Care

ESF 7 – Resource Support

ESF 8 – Health and Medical

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

ESF 15 – Volunteers and Donations

ESF 16 – Law Enforcement

REFERENCES

Collier County CEMP

Terrorism Annex to the Collier County CEMP

Collier County Fire and EMS Chiefs' Association (CCFEMSCA) Mutual Aid Agreement

Florida Fire Chief's Association Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)

Florida Association of Search and Rescue Resource Typing Policy and Annexes

State of Florida CEMP, ESF-9

State of Florida Field Operations Guide (FOG)

Federal ESF-9 Annex

Attachment 1 – ESF 9 Checklist

Status Done	Status Pending	ESF-9 Checklist
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain initial briefing regarding the incident: Receive briefing on initial information from the Public Safety Branch Director or Duty Officer.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Discuss with the Public Safety Branch Director, the level of involvement in the incident for the SAR Emergency Support Function and the Emergency Operations Center.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Establish EOC activation level and time of activation.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Confirm notification & ascertain status of primary and secondary support agencies that have been contacted (if any). <input type="checkbox"/> North Collier Fire Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> Greater Naples Fire Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> Immokalee Fire Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> City of Marco Fire Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> City of Naples Fire Rescue <input type="checkbox"/> CC EMS <input type="checkbox"/> CC Sheriff's Office <input type="checkbox"/> Florida Forest Service <input type="checkbox"/> Other County Department or EOC Partner Agency <input type="checkbox"/> FL Task Force 6
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify any applicable existing emergency management plans/reference books that will serve as a resource(s).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Obtain a summary of resources and support agencies currently involved in the response to the incident (if any). Ascertain each agencies current: <input type="checkbox"/> Jurisdiction (i.e., legal authority); <input type="checkbox"/> Role or function; <input type="checkbox"/> Incident objectives (long-term and short-term).

Status		ESF-9 Checklist
Done	Pending	
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Prepare initial strategies for the immediate near future (i.e., for the next 4 to 24 hours).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Develop a list of preliminary incident objectives. <input type="checkbox"/> Generate a tentative evacuation and sheltering schedule, as the situation requires an ESF-9 24-hour staffing schedule.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Develop a list of preliminary incident objectives.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Assemble information on alternative strategies:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Review current situation status, weather conditions, and prediction reports from current incident status. <input type="checkbox"/> Develop alternative strategies and identify resources required to implement alternative operations. <input type="checkbox"/> Contact the involved ESFs to identify resource availability for the incident.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Identify need for use of specialized resources (e.g., technical specialists).
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Provide periodic predictions on incident potential:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Identify values at risk/possible hazards and document predictions on course of incident. <input type="checkbox"/> If prediction indicates a significant change in the course of the incident, immediately notify the Public Safety Branch Director.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	Review and distribute Incident Commander's orders.
<input type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<p>Prepare demobilization plan if the incident de-escalates.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input type="checkbox"/> Plan of action should summarize and include how agency will transition to normal day-to-day operations. <input type="checkbox"/> Ensure proper coordination with Area Command Post, EOC Operations Section Chief, EOC Branch Directors, and ESFs. <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate communication relative to the demobilization process and support the EOC demobilization process until completed.