ESF-4: FIREFIGHTING

AGENCIES RESPONSIBLE

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

City of Naples Fire Rescue Department

North Collier Fire Control & Rescue District

Greater Naples Fire Rescue District

City of Marco Island Rescue Department

Immokalee Fire Control & Rescue District

Collier County Emergency Medical Services

Florida Forest Service

Collier County Sheriff's Office

Collier County Emergency Management

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

ESF-4 will provide central coordination for fire rescue resource response through a countywide and regional concept in conjunction with Emergency Support Functions (ESF) 4/9 (Firefighting/ Search & Rescue) at the Collier County EOC.

- Providing resources for pre-hospital EMS in coordination with ESF-8 (Health & Medical).

- Providing resources for Hazardous Material response in coordination with ESF-10 (Hazardous Materials).

- Providing resources for active shooter, bomb and terrorism in coordination with ESF-16 (Law Enforcement).

- Pre-designating responsibilities for leadership and resources at the local, county, Regional and state levels.

- Integrating fire rescue into the planning and response phases of emergency management systems at the county and state level.

Scope

The firefighting resources of the support agencies listed under ESF-4 are utilized under any level of activation of the Collier County Emergency Operations Center.

The available resources of ESF-4 include personnel, facilities, equipment, vehicles, and supplies. A list of available resources inventory is located at the headquarters of each of the agencies and at the Emergency Operations Center. This document outlines the extent of activities conducted by lead and support agencies to provide and coordinate the firefighting function during response and recovery phases of a disaster.

This Procedure 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.

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.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Within Collier County there are five (5) Fire Departments providing Fire / Rescue services within their jurisdiction under the command of a Fire Chief.

The responsibility for all types of fire rescue operations is vested in the Fire Chief whose jurisdiction the fire or incident takes place, regardless of type (structural, grassland, forest or vehicle).

All Fire Departments participate in a local mutual/automatic aid agreement and maintain communication for the coordination of resources.

The Collier County Emergency Management Mobile Command Center will be dispatched upon request by the on-scene Incident Commander. Upon arrival, a determination will be made by the Incident Commander to activate the Collier County EOC for resource support.

Assistance for brushfires is also available through the Florida Forest Service (Caloosahatchee District), by telephone or radio. See Annex C, Wildfire Response, to this plan for details.

ORGANIZATION

In the Incident Management System, ESF-4 is a function reporting through the Operations Section. The Emergency Management Director will activate ESF-4 when firefighting services are deemed necessary. The ESF-4 EOC functions will be managed by Fire Rescue Area Command representatives of the Collier County Fire and EMS Chiefs' Association, holding a rank of Captain or above.

RESPONSIBILITIES

Facilitating the ESF-4 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 fire departments;

7.   Communicate with the County Coordinator, who will contact the Southwest Regional Coordinator of the State Emergency Response Plan

8.   Provide information and data for inclusion in situation reports.

9.   Use information gathered from the community and other agencies to help identify on-going issues, problems, concerns, and threats.

10. Receive, distribute and evaluate data on impacted areas.

11. Establish staging areas of mutual aid responders and deploy these teams as needed.

12. Assist in the development of a de-mobilization plan.

INTERFACE

ESF-6, Mass Care

ESF-8, Health, Medical and Human Services

ESF-9, Search and Rescue

ESF-10, Hazardous Materials

ESF-13, Military Support

ESF-14, Public Information

ESF-16, Law Enforcement

REFERENCES

Collier County CEMP

Terrorism Annex to the Collier County CEMP

Collier County Fire and EMS Chiefs' Association (CCFEMSA) 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

ESF-4 Checklist

Status Done	Status Pending	ESF-4 Checklist
☐	☐	Obtain initial briefing regarding the incident
☐	☐	Discuss with the Emergency Management Director, the level of involvement in the incident for the Firefighting Emergency Support Function and the Emergency Operations Center.
☐	☐	Establish EOC activation level and time of activation.
☐	☐	Confirm notification & ascertain status of support agencies ☐ CC Sheriff's Office ☐ Florida Fish and Wildlife ☐ Greater Naples Fire Rescue ☐ Immokalee Fire Rescue ☐ North Collier Fire Rescue ☐ City of Marco Fire Rescue ☐ City of Naples Fire Rescue ☐ Florida Forest Service ☐ CC EMS
☐	☐	Identify any applicable existing emergency management plans/reference books that will serve as a resource(s).
☐	☐	Obtain a summary of resources and support agencies currently involved in the response to the incident Ascertain each agencies current: 　☐ Role or function; 　☐ Incident objectives (long-term and short-term).
☐	☐	Prepare initial strategies for the immediate near future (i.e., for the next 4 to 24 hours). ☐ Develop a list of preliminary incident objectives. ☐ Generate a tentative evacuation and sheltering schedule, as the situation requires an ESF-4 24-hour staffing schedule.

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☐	☐	Develop a list of preliminary incident objectives.
☐	☐	Assemble information on alternative strategies: ☐ Review current situation status, weather conditions, and prediction reports from current incident status. ☐ Develop alternative strategies and identify resources required to implement alternative operations. ☐ Contact the involved ESFs to identify resource availability for the incident.
☐	☐	Identify need for use of specialized resources (e.g., technical specialists).
☐	☐	Provide periodic predictions on incident potential: ☐ Identify values at risk/possible hazards and document predictions on course of incident. ☐ If prediction indicates a significant change in the course of the incident, immediately notify the Public Safety Branch Director.
☐	☐	Review and distribute Incident Commander's orders.
☐	☐	Prepare demobilization plan if the incident de-escalates: ☐ Plan of action should summarize and include how agency will transition to normal day-to-day operations. ☐ Ensure proper coordination with MDFR Command Post, EOC Operations Section Chief, EOC Branch Directors, and ESFs. ☐ Coordinate communication relative to the demobilization process and support the EOC demobilization process until completed.