



MOHAVE COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN

- Establish and maintain a record keeping system to record fatalities.
- Coordinate systems and resources to notify relatives.
- Request assistance from the state through Mohave County Emergency Management, which will notify the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA).
- Activate, with MCDPH, a Family Assistance Center (FAC) to provide information on casualties to family members, assist family members in arrangements for the deceased, and provide grief counseling.
- Implement the Mass Fatality operation as outlined in the detailed county Mass Fatality Plan under separate cover.
- **Mohave County Public Health will:**
 - Coordinate with the CME to identify and address public health concerns.
 - Assist in activation, staffing, and operation of the FAC.
 - Aid the CME for identification and utilization of local physicians, personnel, and resources.
 - Identify cold storage facilities for storage of bodies and pre-establish agreements for use with site owners.
- **Mohave County Attorney will:**
 - Supervise and oversee the function of the CME.
 - Assume or assign the responsibilities of the CME in the event the CME is unavailable.
 - Assist in cause of death investigation as required.
 - When criminal activity is suspected, investigate, and prosecute.
- **MCSO/Local Police Departments will:**
 - Provide perimeter control and scene security.
 - Provide personnel to assist in documenting death scene to include photographing, videotaping, and diagramming of incident site.
 - Assist in fingerprinting of decedents.



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- Assist in reconstruction and investigation of death scene.
- Coordinate PIO and law enforcement functions on scene.
- Assist in collection, processing, storage, and release of evidence and personal property.
- Support Family Assistance Center through assignment of Chaplain Services.
- **Local Fire Departments/Districts will:**
 - Respond to scene and establish or integrate into ICS structure.
 - Stabilize incident scene.
 - Rescue, triage, treat, and transport survivors.
 - Classify as Mass Fatality Incident and make appropriate notifications.
 - Assist in protection of incident site.
 - Provide personnel and resources for search and recovery.
- **State Government**
 - **The State Board of Funeral Directors and Embalmers will:**
 - Accept and process applications for apprenticeship for licensed personnel from other states at the disaster scene.
 - **DEMA will:**
 - After receiving a request for mortuary assistance and/or upon the proclamation of a State of Emergency by the Governor, notify the appropriate state/private agencies.
 - Seek federal assistance when resources are inadequate to meet the mortuary needs.
 - Coordinate resources to assist local government in the care/handling of the deceased.
 - **The Department of Public Safety (DPS) – Crime Lab will:**



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- Coordinate state resources, personnel, and equipment to support local government victim identification services.
- Aid local law enforcement agencies for notification of next-of-kin.
- **The State Health Lab will:**
 - Take and evaluate samples, biological, chemical, etc., as needed.
 - Coordinate with Center for Disease Control.
- **Private Organizations**
 - Private organizations will utilize their internal operating procedures in support.
- **Arizona Dental Association (ADA) – Disaster Team will:**
 - Provide forensic dental assistance in the identification of deceased persons.
- **Arizona Funeral Directors Association (AFDA) – Disaster Committee (DC) will:**
 - Provide/coordinate activities, manpower, supplies, and equipment for private mortuary services.
 - Ensure that the handling of human remains is conducted in a humane and lawful manner.
 - Coordinate the acquisition of suitable morgue facilities, embalming supplies, and body bags; and
 - Aid CMEs in the notification of victims' families.
- **The National Funeral Directors Association (NFDA) may:**
 - Provide temporary morgue equipment/supplies through their Mobile Morgue Container (MMC) program.
- **Volunteer Organizations**
 - **The American Red Cross (ARC) will provide:**
 - Assistance in establishing a casualty tracking system program.
 - Crisis counseling and mental health services for families of victims; and
 - Memorial service following an air crash.



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- **Mohave Mental Health** with assistance from Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) partners will:
 - Provide critical incident stress debriefing for emergency responders and other professional involved in response/recovery efforts.
- **Federal Government**
 - **Department of Defense – Air Force Mortuary Services** may aid in victim identification, recovery, storage, and transportation according to the Federal Response Plan (FRP) ESF # 8.
 - **Department of Justice – FBI Disaster Squad** may provide victim identification services according to FRP ESF # 8.
 - **National Disaster Medical System – Disaster Mortuary Organization Regional Team (DMORT)** may aid CME according to FRP ESF# 8
 - **Center for Disease Control (CDC)** will aid in disease identification and control according to FRP ESF # 8.



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Appendix G Evacuation / Shelter in Place

PRIMARY AGENCIES

Mohave County Sheriff's Office – Lead for unincorporated areas
City Emergency Managers
Local Law Enforcement
Local Fire Departments
Mohave County Department of Risk and Emergency Management
Arizona Department of Public Safety

SUPPORT AGENCIES

Mohave County Public Health (MCDPH)
Mohave County Department of Public Works
American Red Cross
Mohave County Community Organizations Active in Disasters

Available through the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Arizona Department of Health Services
Critical Incident Stress Debriefing Network – Arizona Chapter
Arizona National Guard
Arizona Department of Transportation
Arizona Department of Economic Security

I. Purpose, Scope, Situation, and Assumptions

A Mohave County Evacuation Plan was finalized in March 2021, as a standalone document including most of the information in this annex along with attachments detailing specific plans for Colorado River Communities, Hualapai Mountain, and Beaver Dam/Littlefield evacuations.

Purpose

- Describe the organization, assign responsibilities, and specify the actions required to conduct emergency evacuation or shelter in place of an area affected by an emergency/disaster.

Scope

- The scope of activities covered in an evacuation or shelter in place action may be limited to a small segment of a community due to a hazardous materials incident, flooding, or law enforcement incident. Evacuation may be expanded to include an entire community or even the entire county. The county may also be the recipient of evacuees from other areas of the state or other states.



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Situation and Assumptions

- Evacuation of the affected area may be the most effective means of safeguarding lives.
- For certain events, such as hazardous materials incidents or suspected terrorist acts involving chemical or biological weapons, sheltering in place of populations within the affected area may be best option to avoid exposing people to harmful agents.
- Individuals and families may be deprived of food, clothing, shelter, and medical services. Families may become separated and unable to locate each other. Individuals may have serious personal or psychological problems requiring specialized social services.
- Counties/cities/towns could become the evacuated area or the sheltering community.
- The need to evacuate or shelter emergency/disaster victims may vary from only a few persons/families to a mass evacuation.

II. Concept of Operations

General

- **Local Government**
 - Will establish procedures to identify the emergency/disaster area, warn public, establish evacuation routes, provide transport, identify shelter areas, control access and affected area, and provide an orderly and safe return to the affected areas and mutual aid.
 - The first responder agency, usually law enforcement or fire, will assess the situation and advise supervisory officials. These officials will decide a course of action and implement evacuation or shelter in place of the affected area.
- **County Government**
 - County government will establish procedures to identify the disaster area located within unincorporated area, warn the public, establish evacuation routes, provide transportation, identify shelter areas, control access to the affected area, and provide for an orderly and safe reentry.
 - If the situation and time elements are critical, the responding sheriff's deputy or on-scene fire official will initiate an evacuation and identify a safe location for evacuees to assemble.



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- Evacuation warnings will be disseminated through Sheriff's Office Dispatch Center activation of the Integrated Public Alert & Warning System (IPAWS, which includes the RAVE phone warning system, Wireless Emergency Alert system for cell phone texts, and the Emergency Alert System (EAS) to break into commercial radio broadcasts, and door to door notices by first responders.
 - MCDREM will be immediately notified of evacuations or shelter-in-place activities involving multiple families or businesses anywhere in the county, will determine the need for a recommendation to activate the MCEOC, and will initiate joint planning with the American Red Cross and MCDPH for potential activation of reception centers and shelters.
 - Shelters will be established and operated in a coordinated effort with neighboring jurisdictions and the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) if required. General Population Shelters will provide services for all, including those with disabilities, access and functional needs, and Service Animals. Law enforcement agencies and local fire departments will work with shelter providers to identify and protect at risk populations in the event of a terrorism alert.
 - Consideration of animals is critical. If people cannot take pets or Service Animals with them, they may choose not to evacuate. Arrangements will be made for pet shelters as close to general population shelters as possible.
 - If the situation is of such magnitude and/or time permits, the Chair of the Mohave County Board of Supervisors or successor will be notified of the situation and will decide the course of action; otherwise, the Chair will be informed of actions initiated by the Incident Commander as soon as possible.
- **State Government**
 - State government will assist in traffic control on state or federal highways. The State Emergency Operation Center (SEOC) may be activated to provide direction, control, and resource assistance.
 - Department of Public Safety (DPS) will assist in traffic control and security of the evacuated areas.
 - Department of Transportation (ADOT) will assist in providing and staffing roadblocks.
 - Department of Economic Security will provide information on clients in the affected area and assist in contacting them.



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- Other state agencies will aid as requested by the SEOC.

- **Private/Volunteer Agencies**

- Private/volunteer agencies such as the American Red Cross (ARC), Mohave County Community Organizations Active in Disaster (MCCOAD) and Salvation Army, will provide sheltering, feeding and medical care. MCCOAD is composed of volunteer agencies located throughout the county. The Salvation Army can aid with feeding and clothing.

Shelter in Place

The decision to issue shelter in place instructions is based primarily upon the nature of the hazard as well as meteorological data. Public who are sheltering in place will be informed of protective actions through communication systems.

- **Access and Functional Needs Populations:**

- Mohave County incorporates Access and Functional Needs (AFN) planning through coordination between Emergency Management, Public Health, and partner agencies. These efforts promote communication with AFN populations and first responders, and support the development of preparedness strategies-including caregiver outreach, emergency transportation planning, and voluntary support registries.
- AFN coordination is further supported through regional healthcare coalitions and state-level initiatives, including guidance from the Arizona Department of Health Services and the Arizona Department of Emergency and Military Affairs (DEMA), which provide planning frameworks, training opportunities, and integration tools for inclusive emergency response.
- The majority of the general population is assumed to be capable of evacuation under their own power, using personal vehicles and traveling with friends and family; however, there is a significant portion of the population that would require some level of assistance to evacuate during an emergency situation.

- **Moderate Level of Assistance:**

- Those requiring assistance at this level could include persons with debilitating medical conditions that reside in a care facility, those persons that do not have personal vehicles, and the homeless population. Animals and pets may also require special assistance.

- **Highest Level of Assistance:**

- This would include persons that are hospitalized or incarcerated.