

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION # 13 Public Safety and Security

PRIMARY AGENCIES

Mohave County Sheriff's Office – Lead in Unincorporated Areas
Local Law Enforcement – Lead in Incorporated and Tribal Areas
Department of Public Safety
FBI

SUPPORT AGENCIES

Mohave County Emergency Management
Mohave County Attorney

Available through the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs

Department of Emergency and Military Affairs
Arizona Department of Corrections
Arizona National Guard
Arizona Attorney General's Office
Arizona Game and Fish Department
Arizona State Parks

I. Purpose, Scope, Situations, and Assumptions

Purpose

- Describe law enforcement measures provided by the county in support of an emergency/disaster.
- Describe policies for obtaining state and federal assistance.

Scope

- Establish the roles and responsibilities of county and local agencies involved in law enforcement activities during an emergency/disaster.

Situation and Assumptions

- In an emergency/disaster, law enforcement/safety measure may be needed to protect life and property.
- During an evacuation, traffic control personnel may be needed to ensure an orderly flow of traffic and proper parking at reception centers/shelters.

- The concentration of large numbers of people in shelters during an evacuation may necessitate police presence to preserve orderly conduct.
- Police patrols/surveillance will be needed in evacuated areas to prevent looting and protect property.
- Evacuation of prisons/jails may require additional personnel.
- Acts of terrorism and other criminal activities may immobilize/overwhelm local law enforcement and require state support. There is also the potential for immobilization of local law enforcement resources through bombing, blackmail, or sniping activities.
- In the event of an act of terrorism utilizing biological, chemical, or nuclear agents or accidents involving hazardous material, law enforcement personnel may be subject to decontamination processes or personal protective measures prior to performance of assigned duties.
- Civil disturbances may result in injuries/damages requiring mobilization of enforcement resources.

II. Concept of Operations

Mission

- The mission of law enforcement authorities is to maintain law and order, protect life and property, provide traffic control and law enforcement support, guard essential facilities/supplies, and coordinate mutual aid.
- The Mohave County Sheriff's Office has authority for unincorporated areas of the county; city police departments for the incorporated cities of Kingman, Bullhead City, and Lake Havasu City; and tribal police departments for the tribal reservations.
- Jurisdictional 911 Dispatch Centers in the county and the individual cities will provide dispatch of officers to incident locations.
- Mutual aid will be requested among county, city, and tribal agencies as needed.

- Interoperable communications will be utilized using protocols established in the Tactical Interoperable Communications Plan for various areas of the county and taking advantage of the AIRS frequencies and repeater sites whenever possible.

III. Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

- **City Government**
 - **City Police Departments will:**
 - Provide primary law enforcement within their jurisdictions.
 - Request assistance from outside law enforcement agencies as needed and coordinate incoming mutual aid resources.
 - Complete emergency tasks as assigned in the City Emergency Operations Plan.
- **County Government**
 - **The MCSO will:**
 - Provide primary law enforcement within the unincorporated county.
 - Request assistance from outside law enforcement agencies as needed and coordinate incoming mutual aid resources.
 - Act as lead agency for directing evacuation efforts in unincorporated areas of the county.
 - Staff control points and roadblocks to expedite traffic to reception centers and prevent reentry of evacuated areas.
 - Identify facilities that may require evacuation and coordinate equipment, evacuation routes and alternate/shelter facilities.
 - Plan for and provide care and security of inmates in county operated detention centers as well as those being relocated/evacuated.

- Develop mutual aid procedures with adjacent law enforcement agencies and participate in the Arizona Mutual Aid Compact signed by the county.
 - **The MCEOC**, when activated, will forward requests by the MCSO for mutual aid law enforcement resources to DEMA or the State EOC.
- **State Government**
 - **DEMA will:**
 - Assist in coordinating additional state law enforcement resources as needed by the county; and
 - Activate the Arizona National Guard, if needed, to assist law enforcement activities and prevent looting in evacuated areas.
 - **Other state agencies, particularly Game and Fish**, with law enforcement mandates will aid.
- **Federal Government**
 - Large areas of the state fall under the jurisdiction of the federal government, (i.e., Department of Defense, Department of the Interior and Department of Agriculture).
 - Federal agencies will provide primary law enforcement on federal lands.
- **Tribal Nations**
 - Tribal and/or Bureau of Indian Affairs Police will provide primary law enforcement on Tribal Lands, request outside assistance as needed, coordinate incoming mutual aid resources, and complete emergency tasks as assigned in the Tribal Emergency Operations Plan.

IV. Direction, Control, and Coordination

- The Mohave County Sheriff's Office (MCSO) is responsible for coordination of operations in this Essential Support Function (ESF). An MCSO representative will be in the Mohave County Emergency Operations Center

(MCEOC), and will be supported by state, county, and local law enforcement agencies.

- The Police Chiefs of the cities of Kingman, Lake Havasu City, and Bullhead City are responsible for law enforcement within their jurisdictions. A line of succession will be established to cover shifts/absences.
- Law enforcement agencies will utilize their normal communication facilities under the guidelines of the county Tactical Interoperability Communications Plan. Telephones will be used to route communications and back up radio services.
- Terrorist activities/threats will be handled according to the Terrorism incident appendix.
 - Civil disturbances will be handled according to Attachment 1 of this ESF.
- Emergency operations will be carried out in conformity with agency Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs). Each agency coordinator is responsible for updating their agency SOP.

V. Communications

- The MCEOC and the Mohave County Sheriff's Office 911 Center is responsible for identifying, maintaining and operating primary, secondary and alternate county public safety communication systems which will allow local and state government to collect and disseminate information, receive request for assistance, and direct, control and coordinate disaster response and recovery operations through continuing communications with local jurisdictions, state agencies and the federal government . Emergency Communications is handled through ESF#2 Communications.

Attachment

- Civil Disturbance