

BAXTER COUNTY, ARKANSAS
LAW ENFORCEMENT

ANNEX D

I. PURPOSE

The aim of this annex is to establish and maintain public order, security, and search and rescue operations during emergencies and disasters occurring in Baxter County.

II. SITUATION

Since the county is subjected to natural and man-caused peacetime emergencies and disasters, the law enforcement service will be taxed to its limits in providing law enforcement services during a large-scale emergency or disaster.

Following a disaster/emergency in one or more populated areas of the county the law enforcement service will be required to provide large-scale traffic and crowd control and security measures in the disaster area.

Numerous traffic control points will require an increased number of law enforcement personnel to man traffic control points any time an evacuation is implemented or possible movement to shelter occurs.

Due to confusion and interruption of normal life patterns of county residents in evacuating, there will be an increase in disorderly or criminal activity. Some normal police activities will be suspended or curtailed.

The combination of these problems during a large-scale peacetime emergency or disaster will require an augmented law enforcement organization to cope with the situation.

All law enforcement personnel in Baxter County are encouraged to obtain radiological protection training.

III. ASSUMPTIONS

- A. The law enforcement service will be fully organized and trained to perform the necessary emergency functions required in a disaster situation.
- B. Current emergency plans and procedures will be available to law enforcement personnel.
- C. Local law enforcement personnel will be supported by the State Police and other law enforcement agencies in the county (oral and mutual aid agreements).
- D. If it becomes necessary to relocate prisoners from county jail, the prisoners will be moved to the nearest available correctional facility.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. NATURAL DISASTERS

1. Preparedness Phase

When a severe weather watch has been issued affecting Baxter County, the law enforcement service will assist the warning point in disseminating watch information throughout the county.

Upon issuance of a severe weather warning affecting Baxter County, the law enforcement service will assist the warning point in disseminating the warning throughout the county.

2. Response Phase

During the impact of a disaster, law enforcement personnel will keep the EOC informed of the scope of the damage and areas being affected.

Law enforcement personnel will establish roadblocks and provide traffic control and security in the disaster and assist with any needed evacuations. Activities will be coordinated with other functional areas required for recovery operations.

B. Man-Caused Peacetime Disasters/Emergencies

1. Preparedness Phase

Upon receipt of warning of an impending disaster or emergency, the law enforcement service will assist in providing warning to the population in the affected area. In the event an evacuation is necessary, law enforcement personnel will assist with movement and access control, as needed.

If an accidental missile launch warning is received and is directed to Baxter County or any adjacent county, the law enforcement service will assist in providing warning to the population, then personnel will take shelter "in-place" and begin improvising protection from the effects of blast, fire, and initial radiation.

2. Response Phase

Upon impact of a man-caused disaster, the law enforcement service will assist in providing warning to the population in the affected area. Activities will be coordinated with other functional areas required for emergency operations.

Upon impact and detonation of an accidental missile launch, surviving law enforcement personnel will remain in shelter and take protective actions from the effects of blast, fire, and initial radiation.

Following a man-caused peacetime disaster, the law enforcement service will assist in recovery operations by providing crowd and traffic control and support to the Health and Medical Service in the transportation of the sick and injured to health and medical care facilities.

Following a nuclear detonation as a result of an accidental missile launch, law enforcement personnel will assist in recovery operations by providing crowd and traffic control and security in addition to communications support to recovery operations and radiological monitoring of the area.

C. War Emergency – Enemy Attack

1. Preparedness Phase

When an increased readiness phase has been declared, the law enforcement service will begin review of emergency plans and procedures and augmenting and training of auxiliary personnel required for implementation of crisis relocation and sheltering of the population in addition to providing security and traffic control.

Upon receipt of attack warning, the law enforcement service will provide communications support in disseminating warning to the population and during movement to shelter, then will move to protective shelter and improvise protection.

2. Response Phase

When a nuclear disaster has occurred and the situation permits the population to emerge from shelter, the law enforcement service will provide movement and traffic control, re-establish law and order, and support other functional areas in recovery operations.

V. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Organization

The Baxter County law enforcement service includes

all paid and auxiliary personnel of the County Sheriff's Office and law enforcement personnel of incorporated towns and cities in Baxter County.

The Baxter County Sheriff is the Chief Law Enforcement Officer and his Chief Deputy serves as the Deputy County Law Enforcement Officer.

B. Responsibilities

The County Law Enforcement Officer (Sheriff) will:

1. Review law enforcement plans and develop procedures that address how law enforcement services will accomplish its assigned tasks and how it will deal with the hazards the jurisdiction faces.
2. Maintain call down structure to alert and activate law enforcement personnel for emergency operations and establish a work/control/dispatch center to manage organizational resources and response personnel and maintain contact with the EOC during emergency situations, as well as providing a representative to the EOC.
3. Establish procedures for reporting appropriate information to EOC during disaster operations.
4. Provide traffic and crowd control and law and order security in the county as well as security in lodging and feeding facilities, emergency shelters and critical facilities and resources.
5. Maintain dose records for response personnel, ensure dosimeters are properly utilized, and establish procedures for the decontamination of response personnel, equipment, supplies, instruments, and facilities.
6. Recruit and train auxiliary personnel.
7. Make efforts to obtain protective equipment, instruments, and clothing as appropriate to enable personnel to operate in a hazardous chemical or radiological environment.
8. Will provide security for critical facilities and resources as identified by Chief Executive.
9. Provide secure parking area in close proximity to the reception areas.
10. Help evacuees with mechanical vehicle problems and ensure they do not block traffic.
11. Support cleanup and recovery operations during disaster events.
- * 12. Endeavor to have earthquake resistant structures that house law enforcement personnel and emergency vehicles, supplies and equipment.

- * 13. Be aware of and maintain a list of existing major county Earthquake hazards (eg. hazardous materials storage facilities, levees, dams, riverbanks, etc.) and be prepared to warn, advise, and/or assist citizens endangered by such hazards.

VI. ADMINISTRATION

Administrative and logistical requirements for law enforcement emergency operations will be coordinated with the Baxter County Clerk and County Resource and Supply Officer.

Any records deemed essential for continued government functioning will be stored in a protected environment.

ATTACHMENTS:

1. Resources
2. Law Enforcement Emergency Response Checklist

* Earthquake Specific

ATTACHMENT 1

DEPARTMENT RESOURCES

BAXTER COUNTY	VEHICLES		PERSONNEL				COMMUNICATIONS EQUIPMENT					OTHER EQUIPMENT		
	PATROL UNITS	OTHER UNITS	FULL TIME OFFICERS	AUX. OFFICERS	DISPATCHERS		HAND HELD	MOBILE	BASE UNITS	PAGERS	P/A SYSTEMS	GENERATOR	GENERATOR (portable)	OTHER
Baxter County Sheriff	33	6	28	56	10		34	41	1	30	0	1	2	0
Mountain Home Police	12	13	29	15	5		34	15	1	29	0	1	0	0
Cotter Police	2	0	1	2	0		2	1	2	0	2	0	0	0
Gassville Police	3	1	4	2	0		10	5	0	5	4	0	0	0
Lakeview Police	2	0	2	0	0		2	2	0	2	0	0	0	0
Totals	52	20	64	75	15		82	64	4	66	6	2	2	0

ATTACHMENT 2

LAW ENFORCEMENT
EMERGENCY RESPONSE CHECKLIST

Position/Organization

PREPAREDNESS PHASE

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- _____ Review Mutual Aid Agreements
- _____ Review and update emergency staff assignments
- _____ Identify available resources (manpower/equipment)
- _____ Alert personnel to be on standby status
- _____ Review Law Enforcement SOP's
- _____ Review procedures for transporting/guarding prisoners
- _____ Coordinate communications requirements with Communications and Warning Officer
- _____ Review training procedures for volunteer support
- _____ Coordinate the location of special needs groups with Social Services
- _____ Identify essential/critical facilities
- _____ * Coordinate the assignment of personnel to fallout shelters
- _____ Identify potential traffic and security problems and determine law enforcement requirement
- _____ Recommend local ordinances to mitigate the effects of potential disasters as related to law enforcement
- _____ Participate in disaster exercises as requested
- _____ Coordinate evacuation planning and procedures

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RESPONSE PHASE

LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES

- _____ Alert Personnel to Response Phase
- _____ Request mutual aid support, as necessary
- _____ Establish two 12-hour shift schedules
- _____ Coordinate with Fire Services if evacuation is required
- _____ Advise field units of hazardous conditions
- _____ Provide assistance to special needs groups in the event evacuation
- _____ Request assistance in traffic control from Fire Services, if necessary
- _____ * Assist in assignment of personnel to fallout shelters
- _____ Advise Executive Staff of status and limitations of law enforcement capabilities
- _____ Provide damage reports to EOC
- _____ Implement accelerated training of volunteers
- _____ Request additional communication support
- _____ Coordinate law enforcement assistance in decontamination
- _____ Authorize assistance to support other law enforcement agencies, as appropriate
- _____ Maintain log of activities and financial records
- _____ Maintain status record of manpower, vehicles, and equipment
- _____ Assign personnel to traffic control points in the event of evacuation
- _____ Maintain two 12-hour shifts to ensure 24-hour operations as situation requires
- _____ Assist in damage assessment within County and in accordance with mutual aid agreement

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- _____ Complete financial reports as pertain to law enforcement
- _____ In the event of evacuation, establish traffic control for return of population and resources
- _____ Provide Law Enforcement Coordinators with log of law enforcement operations
- _____ Review law enforcement operations and submit changes to Emergency Management Coordinator
- _____ Assist with return of special needs groups, if required