

## **SECTION 12**

### **LAW ENFORCEMENT**

#### Statement of Purpose

Maintaining law and order and providing of life property through enforcement of statutes and ordinances are functions of law enforcement. During times of major emergencies or disasters, increased activities of traffic and crowd control, security and prevention of looting, protection of vital facilities, etc. will greatly increase the demand for law enforcement.

The purpose of this annex is to identify the agencies involved in providing law enforcement services and to define their respective roles.

#### Situations and Assumptions

##### Situations

Sangamon County has a 2010 census population of 197,465. The work force represents a typical cross section of the central United States, including but not limited to farming, and industries that use or produce products that incorporate the use of hazardous materials. Springfield is also the seat of government for the State of Illinois.

Following a disaster or emergency impact, a perimeter around the impact area will be assigned to the Sheriff's Office or a local police department, whoever has jurisdiction. Depending on the size of the disaster or emergency, additional resources may be needed.

Preservation of evidence at the disaster or emergency scene as well as protection of the deceased will be provided by the local law enforcement agencies.

##### Assumptions

Due to its location, Sangamon County has a vast amount of mutual aid law enforcement resources from surrounding communities, State and Federal Agencies. Certain individuals in the county could provide, if properly trained, additional manpower in the form of auxiliary forces to assist in traffic and crowd control.

### Concept of Operations

The Incident Commander is responsible for the overall management of an incident, including determining incident objectives and strategies and establishing the immediate priorities. The Sangamon County Sheriff's Office has been identified as the "lead agency" for providing law enforcement services in the County. Local police departments will be the lead agencies within their respective municipalities. Responsibilities for law enforcement services in times of major emergency or disaster are basically the same as in day-to-day operations. However, in addition to normal law enforcement function, the lead agency's personnel may be asked to perform other tasks and may have to coordinate their operations with other disciplines.

Initial requests from the public for emergency response will be received and dispatched from the SCCDS Center. In the event of an evacuation of certain sections of the county, the Evacuation annex guideline will be used.

### Organization and Responsibilities

The responsibility for providing law enforcement services within Sangamon County rests with the Sangamon County Sheriff. The Sangamon County Sheriff shall be responsible for overall operations of the Sheriff's Department.

### Direction and Control

The Sheriff's Office, through its chain-of-command, is predesignated to provide the Incident Commander for major events in Sangamon County, unless a municipal or special district police chief has jurisdiction and chooses to take this role, or the primary nature of the event clearly does not involve law enforcement matters. Depending on such other primary nature, incident command would be taken by the fire chief with jurisdiction or the director of the Sangamon County Department of Public Health. Security at the forward command post will be provided by the Sheriff's Office.

### Continuity of Government

The line of succession for the Sangamon County Sheriff's Office will be:

1. Sheriff
2. Chief Deputy
3. Captain of Operations
4. Captain of Detective Bureau

### Appendices

1. Response Operations Checklist
2. Recovery Operations Checklist

## **APPENDIX 1**

### **RESPONSE OPERATIONS CHECKLIST**

1. Following the occurrence of a major emergency or disaster situation, the SCCDS Center shall ensure that the Sheriff's Office has been advised of the situation.
2. The Sheriff and/or his alternate shall establish or report to an already operating Command Post.
3. The Sheriff or his designee shall report to the EOC or, if appropriate, the Command Post to ensure command of operations.
4. If appropriate, establish or augment protective measures for facilities previously determined to be vital.
5. Establish a security perimeter around the disaster site, and admit only authorized personnel.
6. Establish a staging area for incoming law enforcement resources responding to a mutual aid request.
7. Receive, analyze and expedite requests for mobile support.
8. Patrol any evacuated or secure areas to prevent trespassing and/or looting.
9. If appropriate, take passive defense measures in the investigation of unexploded ordinance, reporting this information to the Secretary of State Police.
10. If the EOC is activated, the Command Post shall make periodic status reports detailing the emergency's progress.
11. Continue to respond to requests from the community using remaining or mutual aid resources.

## **APPENDIX 2**

### **RECOVERY OPERATIONS CHECKLIST**

- 1. Continue to provide emergency law enforcement services as long as necessary.
- 2. Continue to respond to routine calls from residents.
- 3. Assist in damage assessment as required.
- 4. Continue to maintain “secured areas” until removal is authorized by the Incident Commander.
- 5. Prepare reports on the situation for inclusion into the official record and later critique.