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TRANSPORTATION

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PRIMARY AGENCIES:	Office of Emergency Management	City Utilities (CU)
SUPPORT AGENCIES:	Rural Fire Departments Springfield/Branson National Airport Public School Districts Emergency Medical Services (EMS) Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)	Civil Air Patrol (CAP) Missouri Air National Guard

I. PURPOSE

In the event of a disaster, supplementary transportation resources may be needed prior to, during and after the disaster. Transportation may be required for bringing emergency equipment and supplies into the disaster area(s). In addition, access to mass care shelters for disaster victims must be provided and transportation to these places is essential. Local transportation planning will be directed toward satisfying three primary demands:

- a. Satisfy the transportation requirements of people with special needs, including those with transportation challenges.
- b. Provide transportation assistance to local, state, or federal government entities, and voluntary organizations upon request or as needed.
- c. To facilitate both obtaining and using civil transportation capacity for local, State, and Federal entities and voluntary organizations if such support is required.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. A significant disaster will require transport of special needs people to hospitals and mass care shelters.
2. The following demands must be addressed during the initial disaster period:
 - a. Transportation to and from mass care centers.
 - b. Realignment of shelter populations (**ESF-8**).
 - c. Transit of special needs residents in cooperation with Public Health (**ESF-13**).
 - d. Transportation support and assistance to all other ESF agencies.
 - e. Transportation of supplies, equipment, and tools to designated areas.

B. Assumptions

1. Most people will not require supplemental transportation to evacuate an effected area.
2. The area/regional transportation infrastructure will sustain damage. The damage will influence the means and accessibility for relief services and supplies.
3. Disaster responses that require transportation capacity will be difficult to coordinate effectively during the immediate post-disaster period.
4. Gradual clearing of access routes will permit a sustained flow of emergency relief, although localized distribution patterns will be disrupted for a significant period.

5. The requirement for transportation capacity during the immediate lifesaving response phase will exceed the availability of local controlled or readily obtainable assets.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

The only provider of public transportation in Greene County is Springfield City Utilities which only services the City of Springfield. There are several private transportation providers in the Greene County area. All school districts within Greene County have transportation resources at their disposal, as do several churches.

B. Actions to be Taken by Operational Time Frames

1. Mitigation

- a. Special procedures should be developed by each transportation entity to handle disaster situations where transportation may be needed.
- b. Train personnel in emergency procedures including hazardous materials and WMD awareness.
- c. Review all ESFs of this plan to clarify transportation roles.
- d. Develop emergency procedures to include, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Call-up lists.
 - (2) Priorities for equipment usage.
 - (3) Priorities for repair of out-of-service equipment to make roads-ready for use.
 - (4) Develop priorities for handling special needs populations.
 - (5) Develop secure locations listings for pre-positioning of resources post-disaster.
 - (6) Support to other agencies.
- e. Establish contact with public and private resources that could provide support during an emergency.
- f. Participate in drills, tests, and exercises to include critique and follow-up actions.

2. Preparedness

- a. When advised of potential hazard, check status of:
 - (1) Personnel
 - (2) Equipment
 - (3) Supplies
 - (4) Fuel stocks
 - (5) Facilities
- b. Activate call-up plans.
- c. Establish contact with the EOC.
- d. Ensure protection of all transportation personnel and equipment.
- e. Ensure all vehicles and equipment are fueled and fluid levels have been checked.

3. Response

- a. Coordination will be established with the EOC or Incident Commander to prioritize and develop strategies for any initial responses.
- b. Coordinate all transportation movements through EOC or the Incident Commander. The Transportation Coordinator will work closely with EOC staff and personnel from Resource Management (**ESF-5**).
- c. Establish communications with field personnel and ensure that communications links are intact. If not, RACES may be initiated to augment communications capabilities (**ESF-3**).
- d. The Mass Care Coordinator (**ESF-8**) will coordinate ground transportation to mass care shelters.
- e. The Public Health and Medical Coordinator (**ESF-13**) will coordinate with this ESF for the evacuation of special needs patients as well as the transportation of the handicapped and elderly.
- f. Notify EOC of roadways that need clearance for emergency purposes.
- g. Move resources and materials to pre-designated locations for distribution to and throughout the affected area(s).
- h. Priorities will continually be reassessed to address the most critical transportation needs and develop strategies.

4. Recovery

- a. Upon request, transportation resources will be provided to assist recovery activities for personnel and equipment.
- b. Develop recovery actions and strategies.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Primary Agencies: Springfield City Utilities, Greene County Highway Department

1. Implement emergency-related functions to include prioritization and allocation and/or tasking of all public sector transportation capacity.
2. Coordinate the provision of transportation capacity in support of disaster relief and recovery efforts.
3. Act as liaison and point of contact for the Transportation ESF at the EOC.
4. Direct ESF resources and personnel in support of assigned missions.
5. Set up fuel supply priority for securing operating supplies during events.
6. Maintain records of the cost of supplies, resources and man-hours needed to respond to the disaster event.

B. Support Agency:

Springfield/Greene County School Districts

1. Provide large capacity vehicles and drivers for use in evacuations and group movements.
2. Provide to the Transportation Coordinator an inventory of buses including the number of buses that are wheelchair accessible, bus availability during school and non-school hours, and total number of available buses.
3. Assist with coordination of transportation and shelters.
4. Provide oversight and dispatch to vehicles.
5. Provide representative to EOC.

Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

Supply Advanced Life Support (ALS) for those in need of medical transport (**ESF-13**).

Springfield Fire Department/Greene County Fire Departments

Supply Basic Life Support (BLS) as needed for those in need of minimal medical care or who are not ambulatory.

Springfield/Branson Regional Airport

1. Assist with coordination of air transportation.
2. Update the Transportation Coordinator as to the status of the Springfield/Branson National Airport, Air Park South, and Downtown Airport (if known).

Radio Amateur Civil Emergency Service (RACES)

1. Activated through the Office of Emergency Management (OEM).
2. Provide independently powered communications equipment necessary to correspond with field personnel and the EOC.

Civil Air Patrol

Provide aerial transport as needed in support of Damage Assessment (**ESF-6**), Law Enforcement (**ESF-9**), Fire (**ESF-10**), Public Health and Medical (**ESF-13**), Food and Water (**ESF-17**), Donations Management (**ESF-18**), Military Support (**ESF-21**).

C. State Primary Agency

Missouri Department of Transportation (MoDOT)

Transport supplies and equipment into and out of disaster area(s) as needed.

Missouri Highway Patrol

Provide aerial and ground transport as needed.

Missouri Air National Guard

Provide aerial and ground transport as requested.

D. Federal Primary Agency

Department of Transportation (DOT)

Coordinate the provision of Federal and civil transportation capacity in support of Federal agencies, State and local governmental entities, and voluntary organizations including contracting of such resources when required.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. All Transportation assets will be controlled and assigned from the EOC.
- B. The position of Transportation Coordinator will be filled by the Logistics Section Chief in the EOC
- C. The Transportation Coordinator will relocate to the EOC, if needed. Communications for transportation personnel in the field will be provided by their own radio-equipped vehicles and will keep their dispatch centers updated on their operations through their representative at the EOC.
- D. Outside resources will be under the direct control of the agency supervisors, but will be deployed by the EOC and controlled by the on-site commanders.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

- A. **Lines of succession**

1. **OEM**
 - a. EOC Logistics Section Chief
 - b. As designated by the Director of Emergency Management
2. **Springfield**
 - a. City Utilities Transportation Director
 - b. As internally established
 - c. As assigned by the Mayor/City Manager

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. Administration

Resources for this function will be requested through Direction and Control (**ESF-1**).

B. Logistics

1. Normal hiring procedures for hiring outside contractors can be circumvented, but only when authorized in writing by the chief elected official present (**ESF-2 and 5**)
2. Other emergency supplies should be procured through normal procurement channels when possible. If normal channels are inappropriate and procurement is made direct, adequate records should be kept.

VIII. ESF DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. It is the responsibility of the Office of Emergency Management and the Transportation Coordinators to support the maintenance of this ESF.
- B. They will participate in regularly conducted drills and exercises and incorporate the results into the ESF.
- C. The SOPs/SOGs will be maintained by the sub-department heads that have been assigned the task.