

Emergency Support Function #4 - Firefighting

ESF Coordinator

Emergency Management Coordinator

Primary Agencies

Fire Departments

Secondary/Support Agencies

Virginia Department of Forestry (VDOF)
Emergency Medical Service (EMS)

Introduction

Purpose:

Directs and controls operations regarding fire prevention, fire detection, fire suppression, rescue, and hazardous materials incidents; as well as to assist with warning and alerting, communications, evacuation, and other operations as required during an emergency.

Scope:

ESF #4 manages and coordinates firefighting activities including the detection and suppression of fires, and provides personnel, equipment, and supplies to support to the agencies involved in the firefighting operations.

Policies:

- Priority is given to, the public, community, firefighter safety and protecting property (in that order).
- For efficient and effective fire suppression, mutual aid may be required from various local firefighting agencies to aid in the community's emergency response team. Mutual aid is provided through existing mutual aid agreements approved by the board of supervisors, and can be requested by the on-scene incident commander. This requires the use of the Incident Command System together with compatible equipment and communications.
- Personnel will stay up to date with procedures through education and training.

Concept of Operations

General:

The coordinator will contact the Fire Department if resources are needed to handle the situation, and be prepared to have the Fire Department assume primary operational control in fire prevention strategies, fire suppression, and hazardous material incidents. (See the Hazardous Material Emergency Response Plan.) Fire department personnel who are not otherwise engaged in emergency response operations may assist in warning and alerting the public, evacuation, and communications as is necessary and appropriate during an emergency situation.

When the Emergency Support Function is activated all requests for fire fighting support will, in most cases, be submitted to the 9-1-1 Center for coordination, validation, and/or action.

The director of Emergency Management and/or designee will determine the need to evacuate and issue orders for evacuation or other protective action as needed. Refer to the Evacuation Annex V. The incident commander may order an immediate evacuation prior to requesting or obtaining

approval, if in his/her judgment this action is necessary in order to safeguard lives and property. Warning and instructions will be communicated through the appropriate means.

Organization:

A fire representative will be assigned to the EOC in order to coordinate the fire service response. The fire representative will be a part of the EOC staff and will assist with the overall direction and control of emergency operations. The Floyd County Volunteer Fire Departments have approximately 120 volunteer fire fighters. Each fire department maintains their equipment and supplies.

The Fire and EMS Departments will implement evacuations and the Police Department will assist and provide security for the evacuated area. In the event of a hazardous materials incident, the Incident Commander should implement immediate protective actions to include evacuation as appropriate.

Actions

- Develop and maintain plans and procedures to provide fire and rescue services in time of emergency;
- Document expenses and continue for the duration of the emergency;
- Check fire fighting and communications equipment;
- Fire Service representatives should report to the Local Emergency Operations Center to assist with operations;
- Fire department personnel may be asked to assist with warning and alerting, evacuating, communications, and emergency medical transport;
- Follow established procedures in responding to fires and hazardous materials incidents and in providing rescue services; and
- Request mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions.

Responsibilities

- Fire prevention and suppression;
- Basic First Aid;
- Hazardous materials incident response and training;
- Radiological monitoring and decontamination;
- Assist with evacuation;
- Search and rescue;
- Convenience shelter for evacuees at each fire station;
- Assist in initial warning and alerting;
- Provide qualified representative to assist in the Local EOC;
- Requests assistance from supporting agencies when needed;
- Arranges direct liaison with fire chiefs in the area;
- Implements Existing Mutual Aid;
- Assist with clean-up operations; and
- Assist with inspection of damaged facilities, if applicable.

**Tab 1 to Emergency Support Function #4
Fire Department Resources**

Department	Address	Phone Number(s)	Contact Person	Number Firefighters	Equipment
Floyd County Vol. FD Station 1		745-4975	Chad Mills	22	2010 Ford Explorer 1999 American La France 1986 Pierce Pumper Tanker 1000gpm 2000 F-450 Brush Unit 1999 Ford F550 Attack Unit 2012 John Deere Gator 2017 Pierce Tanker
Floyd County Vol. FD Station 2		789-7030	Tony Weddle	15	1969 Ford PTO F850 Pumper 1986 Pierce Pumper Tanker 1000gpm 2010 Peterbilt Tanker 1800 Gal, 500 GPM 2004 Ford F450 Brush Unit 2001 Ford Expedition 1991 Ford 1000 gallon pumper 2000 Ford F550 Brush Unit 2003 Homestead trailer (haz mat)
Floyd County Vol. FD Station 3		651-8407	Mark Link	25	2005 Chevy Trailblazer 1975 GMC PTO Pumper 1986 Pierce Tanker Pumper 1000gpm 2005 Ford Utility Truck 2016 Pierce Tanker 32 2000 Ford F550 Brush Unit 2003 Homestead trailer (haz mat) 1995 Freightliner Wagon
Floyd County Vol. FD Station 4		789-4333	Darren Marshall	22	1986 Peirce Pumper Tanker 1000gpm 2004 Ford F450 4WD Brush Truck 1999 Ford F550 Brush Unit 1996 Ford Explorer 2003 GMC Pumper 2005 Pierce Pumper

Table 4.1 – Fire Department Resources