

LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. PURPOSE

Provides for the execution of assigned emergency tasks through the coordination of the various law enforcement organizations.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. During emergencies, law enforcement must expand their operations to provide the increased protection required by disaster conditions.
2. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department is located at 37 East Main Street, McConnelsville, OH and has the following personnel:

Fulltime, Part-time, Corrections, Dispatchers, and Office
3. A listing of law enforcement organizations in Morgan County is located in Tab 1.
4. State and federal law enforcement organizations may assist at the request of local law enforcement.

B. Assumptions

1. Activities of local law enforcement organizations will increase significantly during emergency operations.
2. Mutual Aid may provide additional resources and services needed in an emergency.
3. If local and county capabilities are overtaxed, support can be obtained from federal and/or state law enforcement organizations.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. Emergency Law enforcement will be an expansion of normal functions and responsibilities.
2. Each law enforcement organization will retain responsibility and authority within their own jurisdictions.

3. All emergencies will be handled according to day-to-day operations as long as possible.
4. The maintenance of law and order and the protection of lives and property will be the objective of each law enforcement organization.
5. With the fire service, law enforcement personnel are first-line responders to all routine or emergency situations.

B. Deploying Personnel

1. On-duty deputies are notified of emergencies by dispatcher. Each law enforcement headquarters serves as the dispatch point for its personnel and resources.
2. Telephone and/or pagers notify off-duty and auxiliary deputies.
3. Vehicles are provided to full-time deputies and may be obtained by auxiliary deputies upon reporting to the Sheriff, as available.
4. The Sheriff's Department dispatches personnel for the villages within Morgan County to include the McConnellsville Police Department.
5. Mutual Aid Agreements with local law enforcement agencies, and those in surrounding counties, are verbal.
6. Call down is implemented according to written SOPs.

C. Reporting Information

1. Information concerning damage assessment, evacuation status, and so on will be forwarded to the Sheriff's dispatcher at the Sheriff's Communication Center.
2. If the EOC is activated, this information will be forwarded to appropriate agencies and/or organizations.
3. The Muskingum County Chapter, American Red Cross/JPIC, will handle inquiries concerning individuals injured or missing and casualties.

D. Prisoners

1. Prisoners will be transported and jailed in surrounding jurisdictions or other facilities as outlined in plans and procedures on file with the County Sheriff.
2. If prisoners cannot be moved, the Sheriff will initiate protective actions to insulate them from the effects of a hazard.

E. Evacuation

1. In the event of an evacuation, the Sheriff's Office will assist local law enforcement organizations and response groups with the warning and movement to shelters of individuals and families within the area to be evacuated.
2. The Red Cross, upon notification will designate shelter locations, in safe areas, by the organization recommending the evacuation.
3. Additional information can be found in Annex K, Shelter/Mass Care.

F. Traffic Control

1. Traffic control is a major problem in any emergency, but escalates in major disasters. Relatives and/or friends of persons involved in the incident and the curious will converge on the areas and may hinder response effort.
2. Major traffic will be re-routed around the damaged area, and a continuous flow of traffic maintained, to the extent possible.
3. When evacuation routes are determined, access roads will be barricaded. Traffic control points will be established along these routes to assist evacuees and to maintain a continuous flow of traffic toward reception centers and/or shelters.

G. Security

1. Security will be provided at reception centers, shelters, and feeding facilities as resources permit.
2. The Sheriff's Department will provide security at the Emergency Operations Center, including the Joint Public Information Officer (JPIC). Security will also be provided at other key facilities, as need is identified, and personnel is available.

3. The disaster area will be secured by establishing roadblocks and setting up barricades at selected locations. Roadblocks on major roads will be manned continuously.
4. Access to the disaster area will be limited to Emergency response and other authorized personnel will be required to show identification or travel in a recognized official emergency vehicle before being admitted to the areas. Others will be admitted only with approval of the Incident Commander, or other person in authority.
5. Law Enforcement Personnel shall patrol the evacuated areas to protect against looting. Unauthorized persons found in the area will be placed under arrest. Major businesses and industries within the evacuated area should also consider the use of private security to guard against looting.

H. Phases of Emergency Management

1. Mitigation

- a. Review/prepare mutual aid agreements.
- b. Determine areas vulnerable to sabotage, hostage, and terrorist threats.
- c. Provide information determined above to PIO for training, planning, and public information purposes.
- d. Identify resources, i.e., vehicles, equipment, etc. available for police service function.
- e. Review and update plans and SOPs to include the McConnellsville Police Department.

2. Preparedness

- a. Prepare plans for traffic control during an evacuation.
- b. Provide education and training to personnel from other agencies that may assist in traffic control during an evacuation.
- c. Train response staff and volunteers to perform assigned emergency functions.
- d. Coordinate with the Fire Services Coordinator, Emergency Management Director, and Shelter Coordinator on evacuation movement.
- e. Determine probable traffic control points on evacuation routes.

3. Response

- a. Report status at the site to EOC representatives to include evacuation status, casualties, damage observations and related information.
- b. Provide mobile units for warning.
- c. Coordinate EOC staff operations in law enforcement activities.
- d. Provide security and traffic control for EOC.
- e. Ensure that essential police records are protected from the hazard.
- f. Provide security to shelter and key facilities.
- g. Patrol evacuated and disaster areas.
- h. Provide food, water, emergency power, fuel and other material support to dispatch center and response personnel.
- i. Provide backup communications for shelter operations.
- j. Provide traffic and crowd control.
- k. Control access to restricted areas.
- l. Maintain records.
- m. Provide radiological support, as appropriate, especially for traffic control.
- n. In the event of suspected terrorist activity and/or sabotage, contact the Federal Bureau of Investigation.

4. Recovery

- a. Support cleanup/recovery operations.
- b. Phase down when directed by the Morgan County EMA Director.
- c. Release any auxiliary forces and volunteers.
- d. Assist in damage assessment.
- e. Assist in return of evacuees to homes.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Morgan County Sheriff's Office:

- 1. Maintain law and order.
- 2. Coordinate all law enforcement activities in the county.
- 3. Provide for traffic control and monitor impediments to traffic flow.
- 4. Provide security for key facilities (EOC, jail, etc.)
- 5. Provide 24-hour communications and warning.
- 6. Limit access into controlled area.
- 7. May provide personnel for damage assessment.
- 8. Advise support agencies regarding road access and law enforcement activities within the county.

9. Coordinate use of signs, barricades, etc. with the County Engineer for perimeter control.
10. Coordinate use of Ohio National Guard personnel.

B. Considerations for local law enforcement (village)

1. Maintain law and order.
2. Provide traffic and crowd control.
3. Provide security and limit access to controlled areas.
4. Provide communications.
5. Assist in warning.
6. Assist other law enforcement agencies.

C. Considerations for County Engineer and Township and Village road crews

1. Position and/or provide traffic control devices, such as barricades, covers, and lights, as requested.
2. Provide personnel as available.

D. Considerations for Ohio National Guard

1. Support local law enforcement agencies, when requested.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

A. The County Sheriff is responsible for coordinating emergency law enforcement activities within the county. The McConnellsville Police Department will have the authority and responsibility within their village. The Sheriff, or a designated representative, will serve as the law enforcement coordinator in the EOC. Routine law enforcement procedures will be followed where feasible. The establishment of priorities and coordination between law enforcement units will be affected through the EOC. State and Federal support will be requested through the EOC, but only after local resources have been exhausted or deployed.

1. Local governments are responsible for coordinating law enforcement activities within other jurisdictions.
2. Routine law enforcement activities will be conducted according to standard operating procedures from usual locations when possible. The EOC Law Enforcement Coordinator will set priorities for resources and coordinate activities of the various forces.
3. Mutual aid forces will function under the supervision of their supervisors. Coordination of their use will be directed by the chief

law enforcement official at the EOC in the jurisdiction in which they are operating.

4. Auxiliary and volunteer forces will work under the supervision of the chief law enforcement official in the jurisdiction to which they are sent or activated. Certified officers shall be armed and have arrest powers.
5. Supporting military forces will work under the direct supervision of their superiors and will assist the chief law enforcement official of the jurisdiction to which they are sent.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

A. The line of succession for the Law Enforcement Coordinator shall be as follows:

1. Sheriff
2. Chief Deputy
3. Captain

B. Protection of Vital Records.

1. All records essential to the continuation of government and law enforcement functions will be secured and protected. Refer to Tab 11, Procedures for the Relocation and Safeguarding of Vital Records in the Basic Plan.

C. Protection of Government Resources

Refer to Tab 3, Procedures for the Protection of Government Resources, Facilities and Personnel, in Annex N, Resource Management.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. General

1. Emergency authority granted to law enforcement officials will be as described in the Ohio Revised Code.
2. The Morgan County Sheriff's Department maintains current maps and charts and current notification/recall rosters, which are implemented during emergencies.

B. Mutual Aid Agreements

Verbal mutual-aid agreements exist between law enforcement agencies of the county and with surrounding counties.

C. Logistical Support

1. Logistical support for food, water, emergency power and lighting, fuel, etc. for response personnel will be coordinated through the law enforcement coordinator within the activated EOC.
2. Resource lists will be developed and maintained by each law enforcement organization within the county.

D. Training

Auxiliary or interim personnel will be recruited through existing law enforcement channels on an “as needed” basis from county residents possessing previous public safety or military training.

Training for law enforcement personnel is provided by the Ohio Police Office Training Academy (OPOTA), London, Ohio, the Ohio State Patrol Academy, Middletown, Ohio, and the Federal Bureau of Investigation at Quantico, Virginia.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Law enforcement organizations in Morgan County do have countywide mutual aid. The Morgan County Sheriff can activate mutual aid. State aid can be requested in accordance with Tab 4 of the Basic Plan. Aid from the State Bureau of Criminal Identification and from the Federal Bureau of Investigation will be requested through the Morgan County Sheriff’s Office.
- B. The Morgan County Sheriff and McConnellsville Police Chief are responsible for developing SOPs that address in detail the assigned responsibilities to be performed during emergencies.
- C. The Morgan County Sheriff is responsible for making changes to this annex based upon deficiencies identified through drills, exercises, emergencies and changes in government function. The Morgan County Emergency Management Director will publish, distribute and forward all revisions to this annex to all organizations with implementation responsibilities.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

- A. Authorities

Not used. See Basic Plan.

B. References

Not used. See Basic Plan.

X. ADDENDUMS

Tab 1 – Law Enforcement Organizations in Morgan County.

Tab 2 – Morgan County Sheriff’s Department

XI. AUTHENTICATION

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Date

Morgan County Sheriff

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Date

McConnelsville Police Chief

LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONS IN MORGAN COUNTY

The following are law enforcement organizations providing services to the residents of Morgan County.

A. County

1. Morgan County Sheriff, 37 East Main Street, McConnelsville, OH 43756

B. Village

1. McConnelsville Police Department, 9 West Main Street, McConnelsville, OH 43756

C. Townships

1. None

D. State and Federal Organization

1. Ohio State Patrol, State Route 7, Marietta, OH 45750
2. Ohio State Highway Patrol, 3760 East Pike, Zanesville, OH 43701

E. Search and Rescue Organizations

1. Rescue 40, 6846 Low Road, Lisbon, OH 44432
2. Washington County Search & Rescue Team
3. Washington County K-9 Unit

Morgan County Sheriff's Office
McConnelsville, Ohio

