

FIRE AND RESCUE

I. PURPOSE

This annex provides an organized presentation of Morgan County's firefighting and rescue capabilities in the event of an emergency. Responsibilities for radiological defense are also addressed. Hazardous materials response is addressed in the Morgan County HazMat Plan Annex O.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Fire and Rescue Organizations in Morgan County establish a primary command center when dealing with on-going emergencies. The purpose of the command center is to manage organizational resources and response personnel at the scene. Command center personnel coordinate their activities with their counterparts in the Emergency Operations Center.
2. Morgan County is vulnerable to various hazards, such as severe weather and failure of man-made structures, which have the potential to destroy property and cause loss of life.
3. There are major vehicle transportation routes, which pass through the county. Both auto and truck traffic transport hazardous materials. In addition, there are a number of sites within the county for hazardous material storage. Because of this, the potential exists for both accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials.
4. Morgan County is served by 6 volunteer Fire Departments.

B. Assumptions

1. Existing fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations through the use of existing mutual aid agreements. When additional support is required, assistance can be obtained from state and federal agencies.
2. Clearing roads to permit passage of emergency vehicles will be the responsibility of Public Works during and subsequent to any disaster. (See Annex G – Engineering, Utility & Public Works.)
3. Law Enforcement agencies will handle on-scene traffic and crowd control to permit access for emergency personnel and equipment.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. Ultimate responsibility for providing fire services lies with local government.
2. The responsibilities of fire services in disaster situations are basically the same as in daily operations. Disaster operations differ in that fire departments may be called upon to perform additional tasks. They may have to coordinate their operations with other disaster response forces and will have to coordinate and report their on-scene activities to the Fire Services Coordinator representing them in an activated county Emergency Operations Center.
3. Inquiries by the public regarding status of individuals injured or missing will be referred to the JPIC. Information concerning damage assessment, department status, resources, etc. will be reported to the EOC.

B. Mobilization of Fire Personnel

1. Volunteer Fire Departments within Morgan County are dispatched from the M&M Fire Department Dispatch Section.
2. Should the incident extend beyond the jurisdictional boundaries or beyond the capabilities of the local Fire Department, mutual-aid will be requested.
3. Written and verbal mutual aid agreements exist between all County volunteer fire departments.

C. Radiological, Hazardous Material, and Terrorism Response

1. Morgan County Volunteer Fire Departments have only austere specialized equipment for handling Hazardous Materials, to include a radiological or a terrorism incident. Fire personnel have received minimal hazardous material training and require additional training in Radiological Monitoring Procedures. A training program is currently in existence that provides four separate and distinct levels of Hazmat training. When this training has been completed, Morgan County Firefighters will be available to advise decision-makers about the risk associated with hazardous materials.
2. Protective clothing, respiratory devices, antidotes, equipment and monitoring equipment for hazardous chemical are addressed in the

Hazardous Materials Response Plan for Morgan county developed by the Local Emergency Planning Committee in accordance with SARA, Title III requirements.

3. The first fire department on the scene will alert other response organizations of the status at the site. The on-scene commander is responsible for advising decision-makers either directly or through the EOC Fire and Rescue Coordinator of the risks associated with the threat and of the methods for addressing the release to include use of water, foams, dispersants, extinguishing fogs, dilution and neutralization of hazardous materials. (See Annex O, Hazardous Materials.)
4. Additional support for radiological assistance may be obtained by calling the Ohio Emergency Management Agency at (614) 889-7150, 24 hours a day.
5. Fire Department personnel will assure that dosimeters are read at appropriate frequencies and that dose records are maintained for response personnel.
6. Procedures for addressing the radiological decontamination of response personnel, equipment, supplies, instruments and facilities are addressed in organizational SOPs.

B. Phases of Emergency Management

1. Mitigation

- a. Assess areas most vulnerable to fires and determine if present regulations adequately address hazard.
- b. Review, upgrade, and enforce fire codes.
- c. Present fire safety programs.
- d. Ensure that all new construction conforms to fire codes.

2. Preparedness

- a. Negotiate, coordinate and prepare mutual-aid agreements.
- b. Train response staff and volunteers to perform emergency functions.
- c. Develop a communications SOP in cooperation with the Morgan County Communications officer for interaction with the EOC during an emergency.

- d. Develop a listing of available equipment and shortfalls for county-wide fire/radiological, hazardous material, and terrorism response.
- e. Develop SOP for incident command to include coordination between the incident commander, the EOC and other response forces.
- f. Develop and participate in emergency preparedness exercise.

3. Response

- a. Assist in the dissemination of warning to the public.
- b. Direct and/or support emergency search and rescue operations.
- c. Deploy equipment and personnel to sites in greatest need during an emergency.
- d. Provide fire protection in public shelters.
- e. Assign Fire and Rescue Coordinator to activated EOC.
- f. Establish on-going radio communications between the EOC and the site of the emergency.
- g. Develop a prioritized listing for response in county-wide disasters.
- h. Activate mutual aid.
- i. Designate staging areas for equipment and personnel.

4. Recovery

- a. Support cleanup and recovery operations.
- b. Designate and man decontamination centers.
- c. Identify and contain potential fire hazards, such as damaged gas lines and downed power lines.
- d. Replace/repair damaged and expended equipment.
- e. Compile record of events.
- f. Review laws, plans and SOPs utilized during an incident and recommend changes to the initiating authority.
- g. Monitor demolition operations.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Organization

- 1. During large-scale emergencies or incidents, the chief officer of the Fire Department having jurisdiction will implement the Incident Command System (ICS) to coordinate the rescue, fire suppression, ventilation, salvage and overhaul operations. An ICP (Incident Command Post) will be established by the IC. The IC will be in command of all aspects of the incident until termination.

2. A Fire Liaison from a Morgan County Fire Department will report to the EOC to coordinate the overall response of all departments within the county during large-scale emergency operations.
3. The Fire Liaison will also function as a coordinator between the Fire Departments and report to the activated EOC.
4. All fire departments within Morgan County are a part of this plan and will operate in accordance with day-to-day standard operating procedures while coordinating response and recovery activities through the EOC.
5. Fire Chief, Morgan County Fire Departments
 - a. Develop standard operating procedures and policies.
 - b. Coordinate and direct fire service personnel.
 - c. Coordinate fire inspections for homes or commercial buildings during or after a disaster to ascertain if the facility is safe for occupancy.
 - d. Coordinate and direct the level of response, request mutual-aid or other assistance, and make all decisions concerning the fire department's actions and policies during emergency operations.
 - e. Direct search and rescue operations.
 - f. Authorize fire department and equipment to respond to mutual-aid requests.
6. Law Enforcement Agencies
 - a. Assist in perimeter control.
 - b. Coordinate traffic and crowd control.
 - c. Assist in Search and Rescue.
7. A list of fire departments with jurisdictions in Morgan County appears in Tab 1 to this annex.

B. Fire Service Organizations within Morgan County will:

1. Coordinate all fire services activities with other emergency response organizations at the scene and within an activated EOC.
2. Conduct response activities in accordance with written Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs)
3. Operate warning sirens and conduct door-to-door notification, if required.
4. Direct evacuation efforts in coordination with elected officials of the affected jurisdiction and law enforcement officers. (See Annex I, Evacuation)
5. Direct radiological response and hazardous material response in coordination with appropriate state/federal organizations.
6. Supply initial damage assessment reports to the Morgan County Emergency Management Director as requested.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

The Fire and Rescue Coordinator/Fire Liaison will be responsible for coordinating county-wide fire services efforts from the Morgan County EOC. Fire Service Organizations are responsible for operations within their respective jurisdiction. Routine operations will be handled by standard procedures. State and federal support will be requested by the on-scene commander through the Fire and Rescue Coordinator/Fire Liaison in the activated EOC.

A. EOC

1. The County Fire and Rescue Coordinator/Fire Liaison will relocate to the EOC upon its activation. From this location he will advise decision-makers and coordinate fire and rescue activities with the on-scene commander and act as liaison between fire organizations and EOC representatives for material and personnel support.
2. Internal resources of all operating departments will be managed by individual departmental procedures and policies.
3. Each operating department will communicate directly with its own field forces and in turn will update their activities with the on-scene commander.
4. Inquiries as to individuals injured or missing and casualties will be handled by the JPIC.
5. Information concerning assessment, fire service, response, etc., will be reported to the EOC.

B. On-scene Command

1. The highest-ranking officer of the first fire department to arrive on-scene shall be in charge of the fire and rescue field operations unless and until relieved of duty by a higher-ranking fire official.
2. When more than one public safety agency (i.e., law enforcement and fire) responds to the scene of the incident, the fire chief shall be the on-scene commander for the direction of the response effort.
3. The on-scene commander will relay reports on the status of the emergency to include the number of casualties, injuries, extent of damage potential for evacuation, radiation/chemical exposure levels and support requirements to the Fire and Rescue Coordinator/Fire liaison in the EOC.
4. In the event of the activation of mutual aid, the on-scene commander will establish a chain of command to integrate and manage fire and rescue resources from other responding jurisdictions.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

A. Line of Succession

1. The Fire and Rescue Coordinator/Fire Liaison and his successors will be designated by the on-scene commander at the initiation of an emergency requiring the activation of the Morgan County EOC.
 2. The President of the Morgan County Fire Fighter's Association will be the primary contact for planning and mitigation efforts.
 3. The lines of succession for Morgan County Fire Departments are as follows:
 - a. Fire Chief
 - b. Assistant Chief
 - c. Battalion Chief
 - d. Captain
 4. The line of succession for the fire liaison shall be determined by the County Fire Association.
- B. Refer to Tab 11, Procedures for the Relocation and Safeguarding of Vital Records in the Basic Plan and Tab 3, Procedures for the Protection of Government Resources, Facilities, and Personnel, in Annex N, Resource Management.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. A listing of the equipment, trucks and supplies for fire and rescue services located in Morgan County will be found in the Morgan County Resource Manual and in the SOPs of each Fire Department.
- B. Reports and records of fire services activities during an emergency/disaster will be collected and maintained by the Fire and Rescue Coordinator or Morgan County EMA Director. Protection of these and other records deemed essential for continuing function and conduct of emergency operations is the responsibility of the Fire and Rescue Coordinator.
- C. Mutual-Aid Agreements between fire and related organizations are kept on file at the respective Fire Departments and at the Morgan County EMA and OHS. Mutual Aid will be activated in accordance with procedures set down in the agreements between the fire/rescue organizations.
- D. Each fire service organization in Morgan County maintains up-to-date internal personnel notification and recall rosters, including communications to implement call down for personnel assigned to the EOC, dispatch centers and response teams.

Standard Operating Procedures written for each department include specific methods for assigning personnel during an emergency, and detail assigned responsibilities, which support this planning document.

- E. Each fire/rescue organization is responsible for providing necessary support to this response personnel for food, water, fuel and emergency power. Requests and support for necessary items may be coordinated through the EOC.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. This annex will be reviewed annually and tested in exercises by the President of the Morgan County Fire Association and by the Director of the Morgan County Emergency Management Agency and Office of Homeland Security. Based on identified deficiencies changes to this annex will be prepared by the President of the County Fire Association/M&M Fire Chief and given to the Morgan County EMA & OHS Director.
- B. This annex will be updated at that time or when any deficiencies are identified through drills, exercises, emergencies, or changes in governmental/organizational structure. The Morgan County EMA & OHS Director is responsible for ensuring that all necessary changes to this annex are coordinated, published and distributed. Revisions to this annex will be distributed to all involved organizations by the Morgan County Emergency Management and Office of Homeland Security Director.
- C. This annex will be updated to meet state and federal requirements every four years.
- D. Fire department within the county shall maintain current maps and charts, and current notification/recall rosters.
- E. Each fire department shall develop SOPs and/or other plans, as needed, which address how that department will accomplish its assigned tasks.
- F. Resources will be inventoried annually to include personnel, equipment, supplies and shortfalls.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

A. Authorities

Not used, see Section IX.A. of the Basic Plan.

B. References

Not used, see Section IX.B. of the Basic Plan.

X. ADDENDUMS

Tab 1 – Fire Departments in Morgan County

Tab 2 – State Assistance for Radiological Response
Tab 3 – State Assistance for Hazardous Materials Response
Tab 4 – Morgan County Fire Department Training Levels

XI. AUTHENTICATION

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11/30/00	Terry Bragg
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12/22/00	Richard Welsh
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12/22/00	Larry Clark
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12/13/00	Robert Beck
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Fire Departments in Morgan County

The following fire departments respond to emergencies in Morgan County

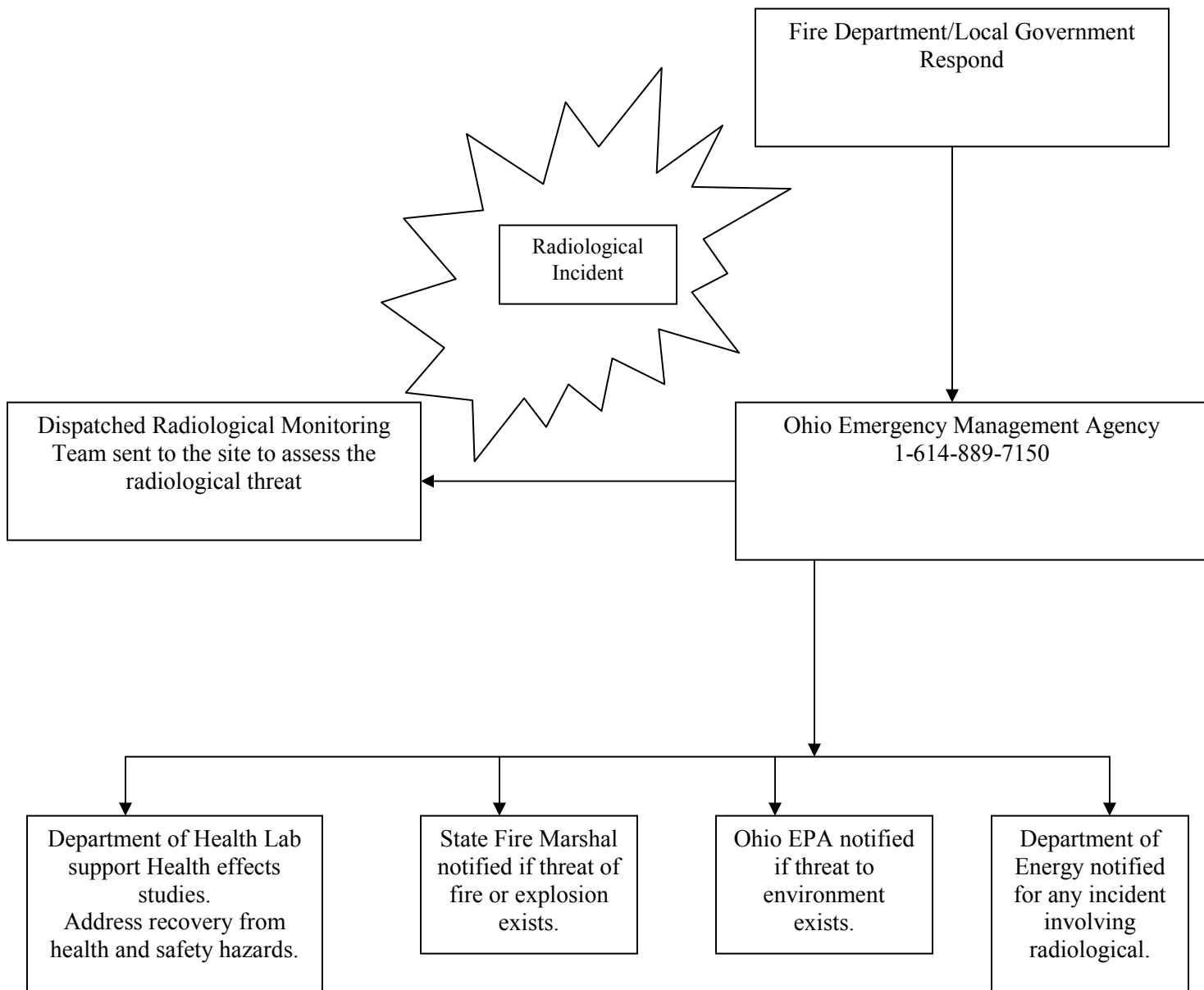
A. Village/Township

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| 1. Center Township Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 2. Chesterhill Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 3. M&M Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 4. Reinersville Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 5. Pennsville Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 6. Stockport Fire Department | Volunteer |

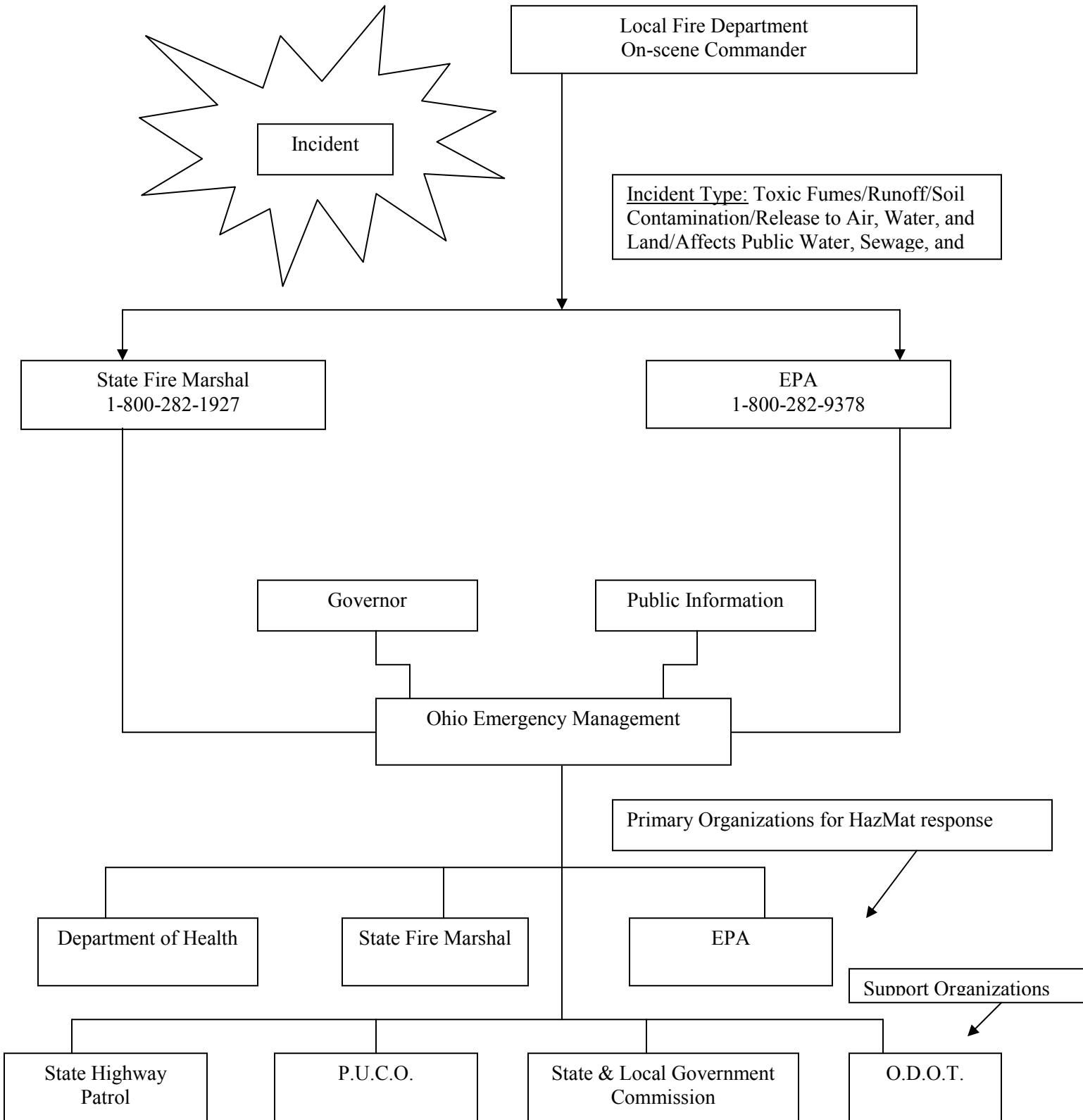
B. Mutual-Aid Department Outside of Morgan County

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| 1. Caldwell Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 2. Beverly Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 3. Corning Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 4. Crooksville Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 5. Harrison Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 6. Wayne Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 7. Watertown Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 8. Wesley Fire Department | Volunteer |
| 9. Trimble Fire Department | Volunteer |

STATE ASSISTANCE FOR RADIOLOGICAL RESPONSE



STATE ASSESTANCE FOR HAZMAT RESPONSE



MORGAN COUNTY
FIRE DEPARTMENT TRAINING LEVELS

- LEVEL 1 FIRST RESPONDER AWARENESS LEVEL
Sufficient Training
(Recommended: Recognition & Identification of Hazardous Materials)
- LEVEL 2 FIRST RESPONDER OPERATIONS LEVEL
8 hours training
- LEVEL 3 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TECHNICIAN
24 hours training
- LEVEL 4 HAZARDOUS MATERIALS SPECIALIST
24 hours training

NOTE: Training levels are in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR 1910.120 and NFPA Standard 472.

Morgan County

Firefighter Association

**Inventory List
(On file at the EMA Office)**

1998/1999

NOTE: The Morgan County Firefighters Association elects a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and three (3) Trustees annually.