



# Fire & Rescue Annex

<b>Primary Agency</b>	Local Fire & EMS Departments
<b>Support Agencies</b>	Hamilton County Urban Search & Rescue Ohio State Fire Marshall (OSFM) Task Force One (TF-1)

## I. Purpose, Scope, Situation and Assumptions

### A. Purpose

This purpose of this annex is to facilitate multi-agency and multi-jurisdictional coordination of emergency preparedness, response, and recovery amongst fire and emergency medical services (EMS) agencies during/following a significant natural, technological, or human caused disaster.

### B. Scope

This annex addresses the critical fire and EMS functions, including:

- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services
- Fire code enforcement
- Heavy rescue operations
- Hazardous material incident response
- Search and rescue operations
- Structural collapse / confined space rescue
- Decontamination
- Initial impact assessment
- Coordination of Evacuations

### C. Situation

The County is serviced by 16 Fire departments: 12 Township Departments, 1 Village Department, 1 Joint Fire District, and 2 Private Departments. Through the Homeland Security Grant Program, our region has focused on the enhancement of the decontamination and mass casualty incident response. The County has:

- One (1) mass casualty incident (MCI) trailers capable of treating 500 patients per trailer.
- One (1) self-contained breathing apparatus cylinder refill asset (Trailer) that can be deployed to assist with large incidents where multiple responders may require refills of the Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBAs).
- One (1) generator and light asset (truck) that can be deployed to assist with large incidents.
- One (1) command trailer for emergency operations and communications.

### D. Assumptions

- The political subdivisions have a designated fire/EMS agency. Fire/EMS agencies will perform tasks under their own authority and as outlined by Ohio Revised Code (ORC).
- Pursuant to 2 Ohio Administrative Code 1301:7-1-03(I) the Local Fire Chief may order the evacuation of persons when necessary to protect the health, safety, and well-being of such persons.
- Fire/EMS agencies have adopted National Incident Management System (NIMS) and will utilize a Hazard Zone Management system. The management and coordination of all resources, personnel, equipment, procedures, and communication will take place through the Hazard Zone Management system as per local standard operating guidelines (SOGs). The logistics' officer then will report this information, and any updates or changes to the County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), if it is activated.

- An emergency or other significant event may be of such severity and magnitude as to require mutual-aid response and recovery assistance to save lives and protect property. Mutual aid support is available from neighboring departments, regional partners, and the State of Ohio through the countywide mutual aid agreement and Ohio Intrastate Mutual Aid Assistance Compact (IMAAC).
- Local fire/EMS agencies have the ability to communicate via 800 MHz radios on Ohio Multi-Agency Radio Communication System (MARCS). Some agencies have Mobile Data Computers (MDC) / Mobile Data Terminals (MDTs) in their vehicles.
- Weather conditions such as temperature extremes, snow, rain, and high winds may pose additional hazards for Fire/EMS personnel.
- Access to an incident location may be limited by traffic, damaged/blocked road systems, bridge failures, landslides, etc.

## II. Concept of Operations

All incidents begin and end locally. Each Fire/EMS agency will perform tasks under their own authority as outlined by the ORC. Mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions and/or counties may be requested to provide additional equipment and resources to support the response and recovery operations.

The Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance has identified representatives to the EOC, if activated. The geographic area affected, scope, severity and type of disaster factor into who and how many representatives are necessary. The liaison(s) will coordinate, track and monitor fire/EMS issues in the field. As the incident escalates, additional agencies/organizations may assign representatives to the EOC to assist with the coordination of specific activities which may include:

- Fire suppression
- Emergency medical services
- Rapid damage assessment including injuries, missing, deaths, structural damage, environmental impacts
- Heavy rescue operations including: structural collapse / trench rescue
- Hazardous material incident response
- Search and rescue operations
- Evacuations
- Coordination of utility shut-off/restorations

### A. Mitigation

Agencies should:

- Review and update mutual-aid agreements to ensure their viability. The Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance routinely reviews the countywide Fire/EMS mutual aid agreement
- Review and enforce fire codes
- Provide a fire and life safety program in their respective jurisdiction
- Ensure that all new construction conforms to the Ohio Fire Code
- Identify areas that may be vulnerable to high consequence life safety hazards and determine if the present regulations address the hazards in their respective jurisdiction
- Identify a public information officer (PIO) for training, planning and public information purposes.
- Identify resources such as vehicles and equipment available to respond to potential incidents
- Participate in the County hazard mitigation planning effort to identify mitigation strategies to reduce or eliminate risk

### B. Preparedness

Agencies should:

- Maintain standard operating procedures (SOPs) to handle daily situations and larger scale emergencies.
- Maintain emergency call-out lists of critical personnel and specialized resources
- Train personnel on NIMS and ICS/UCS

- Train personnel and volunteers to perform assigned emergency functions
- Maintain viable communication equipment and appropriate policies and procedures for the use of equipment to ensure the ability to communicate internally and externally with partner organizations
- Participate in emergency preparedness exercises

## C. Response

Agencies should:

- Maintain essential functions as much as possible in emergency situations. Non-life threatening issues may need to be reprioritized
- Coordinate with responding public safety agencies to establish command and control of on-scene incident operation using NIMS principals
- Establish Incident Command/Unified Command depending on the scope, severity and tactical priorities.
- Coordinate with the appropriate response agencies to establish a process for disseminating emergency public information. Assist in the dissemination of warnings to the public.
- Direct/support emergency search and rescue operations.
- Direct/support structural collapse/confined space rescue operations
- Direct/support decontamination operations, if necessary
- Direct/support triage, treatment, transport, and tracking of injured
- Coordinate with utility providers to secure/shut-off/repair impacted equipment
- Providing fire protection to key facilities, such as shelters
- In large scale incidents, identify and assign appropriate personnel to key roles (e.g. PIO, Ops Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, Finance Section Chief, EMS Transport Officer, Staging Unit Leader, etc.)
- Identify and assign appropriate personnel to the EOC. Establish communications between the EOC and the Incident Command.
- For incidents involving widespread power outage, identify a liaison to the designated Duke Energy Staging Area
- Develop an incident action plan with tactical priorities for future operational periods
- Activate mutual aid, if necessary
- Designate staging areas for equipment and personnel.
- Provide support for radiological monitoring
- Alert all emergency services to the dangers associated with hazardous materials and fire during emergency operations.

## D. Recovery

Agencies should:

- Support cleanup and recovery operations
- Track/update road closures as transportation corridors reopen
- Coordinate a phased demobilization process as resources are no longer needed
- Assist in damage assessment by identifying and reporting damaged structures
- Coordinate with utility providers to restore services
- Assist in the safe reentry of evacuees to local communities
- Monitor demolition operations.
- Inspect all repairs made to existing facilities, and any new facility construction for fire prevention safety.
- Determine cause and origin of event if possible. Incidents involving arson or bombing should be investigated for terrorist activities.
- Maintain records and documentation for all expenses related to the response and recovery activities
- Replace or repair damaged and expended equipment.
- Participate in post-incident after action meetings to identify lessons learned and update emergency plans

- Review fire codes, plans and SOPs utilized during an incident and recommend changes to the initiating authority.

### III. Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities

#### A. Local Fire/EMS Agencies

- Maintain roster of primary and support agencies, make appropriate notifications, activate agencies as necessary, and maintain on-going communications
- Provide reports to the Fire/EMS liaison(s) in the EOC.
- Coordinate mutual aid and private vendor resources through the resource request process
- Assist with the impact assessment in order to prioritize the impacted areas and resource needs
- Provide personnel and equipment for emergency activities including: incident command/unified command, scene size-up, fire suppression, search and rescue, hazardous materials response, triage, treatment, transport and tracking of injured, communication of population protective actions, evacuation/shelter-in-place notification, decontamination, coordination of staging area, etc.
- Maintain documentation of personnel, equipment, and expenses
- Direct radiological and hazardous material response in coordination with appropriate organizations.
- Supply initial damage assessment reports to the EOC/EMA as requested.

#### B. Hamilton County USAR

- Coordinated by the Hamilton County Fire Chiefs' Association, the team is a Type I Collapse Search and Rescue Team that can be deployed throughout the southwest Ohio region
- Possesses specialized capabilities and resources to initiate urban and rural searches, structural collapse rescue, confined space rescue, and trench rescue

#### C. Ohio State Fire Marshal (OSFM)

- Lead agency for coordinating the state's firefighting response.
- Provides information on the availability of fire/EMS resources throughout the state
- Gathers information on casualties, injuries, damages, and evacuations from fire/EMS organizations
- Provides trained investigators to support local fire and law enforcement in combating arson
- Serves as advisors and SMEs in support of EOCs and Incident Command.

#### D. Task Force One (TF-1)

- Coordinated by the Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, this special operation team provides region response to underwater search, rescue, recovery, and tactical emergency medical support in southwest Ohio. Comprised of members from Butler County Sheriff's Office, Central Joint Fire & EMS District, Clermont County Sheriff's Office, Hamilton County Sheriff's Office, Loveland-Symmes Fire Department, Miami Township Fire Department, Saint Bernard Fire Department, and Union Township Police and Fire Departments.
- Type 1 Dive Team

### IV. Administration and Logistics

#### A. Administration

- The Clermont County Fire Chiefs' Alliance will designate appropriate representatives to the EOC to coordinate fire/EMS operations in the field.
- A written mutual-aid agreement exists among the county Fire/EMS agencies

- A list of equipment, including apparatus and supplies for fire/EMS services can be found in the Computer Aided Dispatch (CAD) system

## B. Logistics

- Fire/EMS agencies will maintain internal personnel notification and recall rosters
- Fire/EMS Agencies will document all decisions made, resources needed/used, actions taken, and other important information
- Fire/EMS agencies are encouraged to track time and resources expended during a disaster. These costs may be eligible for reimbursement for state or federal reimbursement if a disaster declaration is awarded

## V. Tabs

- Tab 1 – Fire Departments in Clermont County

## VI. Authentication

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**Tab 1: Clermont County Fire Departments**

<b>Bethel Tate Fire Department &amp; EMS</b> 149 N. East Street Bethel, Ohio 45106 Phone: (513) 734- 4444	<b>Monroe Township Fire &amp; EMS</b> 1963 Laurel-Lindale Rd. New Richmond, Ohio 45157 513-553-3033
<b>Central Joint Fire &amp; EMS District</b> 2401 Old State Route 32 Batavia, OH 45103 Phone: 513-732-3876	<b>New Richmond Fire &amp; EMS</b> 300 Hamilton St. New Richmond, Ohio 45157 513-553-2117
<b>Franklin Township Fire &amp; EMS Department</b> 718 Market St. Felicity, Ohio 45120 Phone: 513-876-2200	<b>Pierce Township Fire Department</b> 950 Locust Corner Road Cincinnati, Ohio 45245 513-752-6273
<b>Goshen Township Fire &amp; EMS Department</b> 1849 State Route 28 Goshen, Ohio 45122 513-722-3473	<b>Stonelick Township Fire Department</b> 2541 U.S. 50 Batavia, Ohio 45103 513-732-1136
<b>Jackson Township Fire &amp; Rescue</b> 3261 U S 50 Williamsburg, Ohio 45716 513-625-1333	<b>Union Township Fire Department</b> 860 Clough Pike Cincinnati, Ohio 45245 513-528-4446
<b>Loveland-Symmes Fire Department</b> 126 S. Lebanon Road Loveland, Ohio 45140 513-583-3001	<b>Washington Township Fire &amp; Rescue</b> 2817 Mill St. Moscow, Ohio 45153 513-553-6702
<b>Miami Township Fire &amp; EMS</b> 5888 McPicken Dr. Milford, Ohio 45150 513-248-3700	<b>Wayne Township Fire &amp; Rescue</b> P. O. Box 262 Newtownsville, Ohio 45158 513-625-6212
<b>Milford Community Fire Department</b> 687-B US 50 Milford, Ohio 45150 513-831-7777	<b>Williamsburg Township Emergency Services</b> 915 West Main Street Williamsburg, Ohio 45176 513-724-7744