

## **V. Direction, Control, and Coordination**

### **A. Direction and Control**

#### **1. Field Operations**

- a. Whenever an emergency or disaster occurs, the affected jurisdiction's most qualified official, will assume on-scene operational command and establish an incident command post, until a transfer of command is completed to a more qualified official.
- b. The Incident Commander will immediately perform size-up and report the findings and additional resource needs to the PCEMA Director and/or the Pacific County EOC.

#### **2. EOC/Incident Command Operations**

- a. The determination of which jurisdiction, agency, or department is responsible for assuming command for a particular hazard is codified by law. Under certain circumstances, such as countywide flooding or wide-spread severe windstorms, the Pacific County EOC will serve as the Incident Command Post in order to maximize use of limited resources and prioritize response efforts.
- b. In all instances, unless otherwise legislated, the BOCC, the Sheriff and the Mayors of the cities will serve as a policy making group in regard to the effects of disasters and emergencies within their respective jurisdictions.
- c. The PCEMA Director or Deputy Director will function as the EOC Manager/Incident Commander (IC), providing overall leadership, upon activation of the EOC. The functional areas reporting to the EOC Manager include the Deputy Director, Public Information Officer, Operations Section Chief, Logistics Section Chief, Planning Section Chief, and Finance and Administrative Section Chief.
- d. When disaster strikes without warning the first staff person arriving at the EOC will assume the duties of the EOC Manager/IC until relieved by the Sheriff, Director, or Deputy Director.

3. Emergency Operations Center

- a. Direction and control of emergency management response rests with the EOC Manager in the Pacific County EOC (reference: ESF #5, Emergency Management, Pacific County EOC Activation Guide).
- b. Requests for assistance from the cities and Pacific County agencies should be directed to the Pacific County EOC.
- c. Overall direction, coordination, and control to support community response to a disaster will be established through the EOC which will be equipped and staffed to:
  - i. Collect, record, analyze, display, and distribute information.
  - ii. Coordinate public information and warning.
  - iii. Coordinate governmental emergency activities.
  - iv. Support first responders by coordinating the management and distribution of information, resources, and restoration of services.
  - v. Conduct appropriate liaison and coordination activities with all levels of government, public, volunteer, and civic organizations.