

ESF 1: Transportation

Primary Agency

Pacific Transit System
Naselle-Grays River School District
North River School District
Ocean Beach School District
Raymond School District
South Bend School District
Willapa Valley School District
Pacific County Department of Public Works (DPW)

Support Agencies

Pacific County Emergency Management Agency (PCEMA)
Pacific County Sheriff's Office (PCSO)
Washington State Patrol (WSP)
Municipal Police
Washington State Emergency Management Division (WSEMD)

I. Introduction

A. Purpose

1. To provide for the coordination of transportation and traffic management and to ensure effective utilization of available transportation resources during an emergency or disaster.

B. Scope

1. This ESF addresses transportation emergency activities including buses, vans, and/or aircraft as necessary for relief services and supplies.
This ESF provides for guidance to agencies, citizens, and visitors during an emergency or disaster.

C. Policies

1. Primary emergency transportation responsibilities will be addressed within the Operations Section of the Pacific County EOC with support from Pacific Transit, Pacific County School Districts, and Pacific County DPW.
2. In accordance with RCW 38.52.110 (1), and the Pacific County Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services the Sheriff is authorized to

utilize the services, equipment, supplies, and facilities of existing departments, offices, and agencies of the state, political subdivisions, and all other municipal corporations thereof, including but not limited to, districts and quasi municipal corporations organized under the laws of the state of Washington to the maximum extent practicable in responding to a disaster. The officers and personnel of all such departments, offices, and agencies may be directed to cooperate with and extend such services and facilities upon request notwithstanding any other provision of law.

3. All county owned vehicles (not otherwise involved in the emergency response) will be available for use by the transportation supervisor.

II. Situations and Assumptions

A. Situations

The Revised Code of Washington chapter 38.52.110(1) provides for the utilization of transportation assets of various jurisdictions and districts at the direction of the PCEMA Council.

Transportation infrastructure may sustain significant damage in a disaster. The damage, dependent upon the transportation network, will influence the means and accessibility level for evacuation, relief services, and supplies.

B. Assumptions

1. Disaster response that requires significant transportation capacity may be difficult to coordinate effectively during the immediate post-disaster period.
2. The requirement for transportation capacity during the immediate lifesaving response phase may exceed the availability of Pacific County or readily obtained assets.
3. Where the local ground, water, or air transportation systems have been severely disabled, local political subdivisions will act to restore transportation systems and equipment on a priority basis.

III. Concept of Operations

- A. This ESF will be activated within the Operations Section of the Pacific County EOC. The transportation group supervisor will be staffed according to the EOC organization chart.
- B. When transportation assets are obtained, every attempt will be made to obtain drivers that are familiar with those vehicles.
- C. As appropriate, Pacific County may provide emergency transportation, within its capability, in an emergency or disaster. If transportation requirements exceed the

capabilities of the County, other public and private sources may be utilized as a secondary transportation means.

- D. If local capabilities are exceeded in meeting transportation needs, PCEMA may request assistance from Washington State.

IV. Organization

The Pacific County EOC operates under principles of the incident command system. The Liaison position will be filled upon activation of the EOC in coordination with an emergency relating to energy or utilities. The Liaison will be the primary contact for energy and utility agencies and jurisdictions.

V. Actions

A. Initial

1. Coordinate ESF 1 within the Operations Section of the Pacific County EOC and/or at other locations as required.
2. Coordinate needs and response actions with each transportation agency.
3. Establish and maintain of a system to support on-scene direction/control and coordination with the State EOC or other coordination entities as appropriate.
4. Utilize evacuation, deployment, or demobilization routes to the extent possible.
5. Coordinate with support agencies to develop, prioritize, and implement strategies for the initial response to EOC requests. Emergency Medical Services may provide transportation for medically critical or other special needs persons.
6. Establish communications with appropriate field personnel to ensure readiness for timely response.
7. Maintain situational awareness regarding transportation support for threatened and/or impacted areas to determine post-event effect on emergency services.
8. Monitor and direct transportation resources and response activities to include pre-positioning for response/relocation due to the potential impact(s) of the emergency situation.
9. Participate in EOC briefings, development of Incident Action Plans, and Situation Reports, and meetings.
10. Coordinate with support agencies, as needed, to support emergency activities.
11. Obtain other resources through state or regional Mutual Aid and Assistance Agreements.

12. Upon request, coordinate all resources into the affected areas from designated staging areas.
13. Relay all emergency traffic conditions/regulations to all affected personnel.
14. Report to the EOC any traffic control signs/signals needed at locations for general navigation through and around the disaster area.
15. Coordinate with ESF 3 (Public Works and Engineering) for equipment and manpower required to clear roads.

B. Continuing

1. Contact each transportation agency for initial damage assessment of personnel, equipment, and supplies.
2. Maintain documentation of all reported damage by transportation agencies.
3. Continue to provide support as required until response activities are concluded or until they can be managed and staffed by the primary incident agency or Jurisdictions.
4. Initiate financial reimbursement process for recovery activities when such support is available.
5. Assist in recovery operations of the EOC.
6. Support agencies will continue to provide necessary emergency transportation, transportation of persons with special needs, transportation of emergency personnel, and transportation of emergency goods and services.
7. Coordinate with the All Hazards Mitigation Committee to identify potential hazards and their impacts, include in the All Hazards Mitigation Plan and seek funding.
8. Provide personnel with the appropriate expertise to participate in activities designed to reduce or minimize the impact of future disasters.
9. Conduct planning with ESF 1 support agencies and other emergency support functions to refine transportation operations.
10. Provide rapid damage assessment reports per field surveys.
11. Prepare and maintain emergency operating procedures, resource inventories, personnel rosters, and resource mobilization information necessary for implementation of the responsibilities of the lead agency.
12. Manage inventory of equipment and other pre-designated assets that are essential to meet transportation of special needs groups.

13. Maintain a list of ESF 1 assets that can be deployed during an emergency; refer to the NIMS Resource Typing in organizing these resources.
14. Assign and schedule sufficient personnel to implement ESF 1 tasks for an extended period of time.
15. Ensure lead agency personnel are trained in their responsibilities and duties.
16. Develop and implement emergency response and transportation strategies.
17. Maintain liaison with support agencies, conduct All Hazards training and exercises involving the Operations Section.

VI. Responsibilities

1. Primary Agency
 - a. Pacific Transit
 - i. Coordinate the emergency transport of people.
 - ii. Coordinate transportation asset availability with applicable public and private resource providers.
 - iii. Send a representative to the EOC to serve in the Operations Section upon request of the PCEMA EOC.
 - b. School Districts
 - i. Coordinate with the Operations Section Chief for the provision of District transportation assets to assist in meeting emergency transportation needs.
 - c. Pacific County DPW
 - i. Coordinate the emergency transport of material and equipment.
 - ii. Send a representative to the EOC to serve in the Operations Section upon request of the PCEMA EOC.
 - iii. Determine the usable portions of the local street and road network.
 - iv. Provide for removal of wreckage and debris to permit vehicle access or movement, and temporary repair of lightly damaged roads and bridges on county roads.
 - v. Recommend priorities for restoration of local streets and roads.
2. Support Agencies

- a. Pacific County Sheriff's Office, Washington State Patrol, and Municipal Police
 - i. Establish and coordinate routing for evacuation, resources and emergency material, and equipment related traffic.
- b. Pacific County Emergency Management Agency
 - i. Activate and operate the EOC, supporting all transportation activities.
 - ii. Notify appropriate agencies of the potential need for emergency transportation and request vehicles.
 - iii. Assign transportation resources.
 - iv. Arrange for emergency fuel sources.
 - v. Arrange for vehicle maintenance and support.
 - vi. Provide record keeping of transportation expenses incurred under emergency conditions.
 - vii. Request supplemental transportation resources from the State EOC if local emergency transportation capabilities are exceeded.
- 3. Washington State Emergency Management Division
 - a. Coordinate state and federal response for transportation assistance when requested by local government.

VII. References

- A. PCEMA EOC Activation Guide
- B. Pacific County All Hazards Evacuation Plan
- C. *Washington State Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan*
- D. Washington State Department of Transportation Earthquake/Tsunami Plan – SWR Area 3

VIII. Attachments