



# Annex B: Communications

## Executive Summary

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| Primary      | Information Technology Center, Sheriff's Office                     |
| Support      | County Judge's Office, Fire Marshal's Office, Public Infrastructure |
| Coordination | Office of Emergency Management                                      |

The purpose of Annex B is to provide information about communications services, procedures, equipment and services available during emergency operations to support the Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) and other Harris County Agencies under the Harris County Basic Plan. Annex B is a combination of the regional communications systems and the Harris County Sheriff's Office emergency dispatch/9-1-1 systems. The Director of Information Technology Center and the Sheriff of Harris County will be responsible for the Annex B development and maintenance insuring it is reviewed annually and updated as needed. All departments included in this Annex will develop and maintain separate SOP's.

### CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The existing County communications network consists of telephone, pager, cellular (portable & Telular), TLETS, TDD, facsimile and radio (portable, base & mobile), Mobile Command Posts (MCP), Communication on Wheels (COW), satellite and satellite video equipment to perform the initial and basic communications effort for emergency operations.

Also available are computer based software that allows for updates and/ distribution of information via email or webpage.

During emergency operations, all County departments will maintain their existing equipment and procedures for communications with their field operations.

### REFERENCES

- Annex A, Warning, Harris County Basic Plan.
- ITC Management Manual
- ITC Disaster Recovery Manual
- Departmental SOPs