



Annex F: Firefighting Executive Summary

Primary	Fire Marshal's Office
Support	County Judge's Office, Sheriff's Office
Coordination	Office of Emergency Management

The purpose of this annex is to outline operational concepts and organizational arrangements for firefighting during emergency situations in our community. In addition to firefighting, the fire service has the responsibility for rescue, warning, and radiological protection operations as addressed in Annexes R, A, and D, respectively.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Harris County Fire Marshal's Office is responsible for coordinating fire protection efforts in unincorporated areas of the County. Actual firefighting service will be provided by local fire departments. Local Fire Departments (FDs) are independent from Harris County and from each other. The fire service has the primary responsibility for protecting our community from fire hazards, hazmat spills, and radiological incidents. There are twenty-nine (29) Fire Zones in the unincorporated areas of the county.

During emergency operations, local FD's may require assistance from the following agencies:

- a. Law enforcement – Harris County Sheriff's Office, or Constables
- b. EMS – local EMS provider
- c. Public works – local MUD or FWD
- d. IC and specialized hazmat support -- HCFMO
- e. Additional resource support – mutual aid partners, HCFMO, HCOHSEM, and Texas Forest Service
- f. Medical Examiner
- g. County Attorney

Each FD will maintain a list of available resources and post it to the TRRN. A listing of local fire department resources is found in Annex M, Resource Management.

FD's are encouraged to participate in the Texas Interoperability Channel Plan (TICP). During routine operations, FD's and other first responders should communicate on their local frequencies. During a disaster, all agencies should have functional interoperable communications.

REFERENCES

- State of Texas Emergency Management Plan
- Texas Fire and Rescue Mutual Aid Plan
- State of Texas Emergency Management Plan, Annex F, Section IV.H)
- Local Fire Departments and Fire Zone Assignments
- HCFMO Policies and Procedures Manual
- Annex M, Resource Management, Harris County Basic Plan