



Annex G: Law Enforcement Executive Summary

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| Primary | Sheriff's Office |
| Support | County Judge's Office, Public Infrastructure |
| Coordination | Office of Emergency Management |

The purpose of this annex is to define the organization, operational concepts, responsibilities, and procedures to effectively perform emergency law enforcement requirements. This annex is applicable to all agencies, organizations, and personnel assigned law enforcement functional responsibilities. These responsibilities include the protection of life and property, enforcement of criminal laws, and coordination of or assistance in the movement of people and resources in and around the affected area.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Harris County law enforcement agencies have the primary responsibility for enforcing laws and protecting lives and property during emergencies. Local law enforcement resources include:

- a. The Sheriff's Office and its' reserves.
- b. The Constables of Harris County, who shall, when requested by the Sheriff, augment the Sheriff's Office during emergencies.

Many of the tasks required of law enforcement during emergency operations are simply an expansion of normal daily responsibilities. During severe emergencies, the scope and priorities of police service may shift, drawing upon less vital components in an effort to supplement the primary mission of protection of life and property. Such emergencies may require law enforcement to undertake a number of tasks not typically performed on a daily basis, including protection of key facilities, enforcing curfews and restrictions on the sales of certain products, and controlling access to damaged areas.

The Harris County Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management has the lead local role in consequence management and will coordinate its' effort with other local, state, and federal agencies, as appropriate. The HCSO will typically play a significant supporting role in the conduct of consequence management activities.

REFERENCES

- Harris County Basic Plan
- Internal Departmental Policies