



Annex N: Direction & Control

Executive Summary

Primary	County Judge's Office, Office of Emergency Management
Support	Sheriff's Department, Fire Marshal's Office, Public Infrastructure, Public Health & Environmental Services, Medical Examiner's Office
Coordination	None

The purpose of this annex is to define the organization, operational concepts, responsibilities and procedures necessary to accomplish direction and control for this jurisdiction. This annex describes our concept of operations and organization for direction and control of such operations and assigns responsibilities for tasks that must be carried out to perform the direction and control function.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

During major emergencies, disasters or catastrophic incidents, a Multi-agency Coordination System may be advisable. Central to this system is the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), which is the nucleus of all coordination of information and resources. The Incident Commander will manage and direct the on-scene response from the ICP. The EOC will mobilize and request deployment of resources for use by the Incident Commander, coordinate external resource and technical support, research problems, provide information to senior managers, disseminate emergency public information and perform other tasks to support on-scene operations.

The EMC and Deputy EMC, or their designee, will serve as EOC Managers. The Harris County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for EOC security during activations

REFERENCES

- DEM, *Local Emergency Management Planning Guide* (DEM-10)
- FEMA, *Guide for All-Hazard Emergency Operations Planning* (SLG-101)
- Annex I, Public Information, Harris County Basic Plan.
- Annex B, Communications, Harris County Basic Plan