



Annex V: Terrorist Incident Response Executive Summary

Primary	Sheriff's Office
Support	County Judge's Office, Fire Marshal's Office, Public Infrastructure, Public Health & Environmental Services, Medical Examiner's Office, County Attorney's Office
Coordination	Office of Emergency Management

The purpose of this annex is to establish procedures for responding to the threat of, or an actual occurrence of a terrorist event. Emphasis is placed on 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. This annex also outlines operational concepts and tasks and assigns responsibilities for preparing for and responding to terrorist incidents that may occur.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The HCSO has the lead role in terrorism crisis management, and will coordinate its' efforts with state and federal law enforcement agencies.

HCOHSEM will have the lead role in consequence management, taking measures to restore essential government services and provide relief to those affected by the consequences of terrorism. However, HCPHES, authorities may be assigned the lead local role in terrorism consequence management for incidents involving biological agents.

Responding to a threat or actual occurrence of terrorism will require involvement of other county resources and personnel, which may not normally respond to emergencies as part of their daily operations. The responsibilities of other county departments during emergency operations are identified in the Harris County Emergency Management Plan and in Annex V.

REFERENCES

For more expansion of information on response, recovery, mitigation and prevention during a terrorist incident, please refer to:

- Departmental Emergency Plans
- Jane's Information Group, *Jane's Chem-Bio Handbook*
- U. S. Department of Transportation *North American Emergency Response Guidebook*.
- Harris County Basic Plan
- State of Texas, Emergency Management Plan