

ANNEX H: LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. SITUATION

A. Purpose

1. Protect life and property in Sheridan County in accordance with Statutes. Law Enforcement response includes:
 - a. Mass casualty
 - b. Fire
 - c. Destruction of property (other than fire)
 - d. Civil disorder
 - e. Aircraft hijacking
 - f. Emergency evacuation situations and associated traffic control problems
 - g. Honor mutual aid agreements/letters of understanding provisions
 - h. Hazardous materials incidents (cordon control)
 - i. Secure the area affected by disaster
2. Warn the public (See Annex A - Warning)
3. Support Reception and Care/Shelter Operations by providing security, traffic control and radiological monitoring capabilities
4. Provide a fixed and mobile communications capability (See Annex C - Communications)
5. Provide security and traffic control during disaster/emergency situations
6. Provide Search and Rescue capabilities

B. Assumptions

1. Emergency operations often require law enforcement activities on a scale exceeding the number of personnel that a local law enforcement agency has
2. Under major disaster conditions, additional law enforcement agencies will provide law enforcement resources to assist local efforts
3. Neighboring communities will assist under oral agreements and mutual aid agreements

C. Vulnerability to the Law Enforcement System:

1. Dependence on phone lines for communication
2. Power outages/surges
3. Facility evacuation as a result of:
 - a. Fire/damage to the facility
 - b. Bomb threat
 - c. Toxic fumes/hazardous materials incident
4. Need for a common communication frequencies among federal/state/county/town entities
5. Lack of needed mutual aid agreements and letters of understanding
6. Equipment failure
7. Weather
8. Insufficient planning/lack of planning

9. Lack of needed coordination/separation
 10. Lack of in-field communication network
- D. Resources:
1. Personnel – Refer to Basic Plan, Appendix 4: Law Enforcement Key Personnel Listing)
 2. Sheriff's Department
 3. Municipal Police Departments
 4. Search & Rescue Units
 - a. Sheridan County Search & Rescue
 5. Wyoming Highway Patrol/including Special Services Team
 6. Veterans Administration Medical Center Police
 7. Game & Fish Wardens
 8. State Forestry
 9. U.S. Forest Service
 10. Brand Inspectors
 11. Army National Guard
 12. Public Works Departments
 13. Mental Health Organizations
 14. Sheridan College Police
 15. Wyoming Girls School Security
 16. Sheridan County Horse Patrol
 17. Fire Departments/Districts
 18. State Division of Criminal Investigation (D.C.I.)
 19. Burlington Northern Railroad Special Agents
 20. Civil Air Patrol

II. EXECUTION

- A. Concept of Operations:
1. An Emergency may require the use of all or part of the various law enforcement agencies, equipment and manpower in Sheridan County
 2. Each law enforcement agency is responsible for providing law enforcement functions for its jurisdictional area and for assisting in providing similar functions outside its jurisdictional area as per oral agreements/mutual aid agreements/ letters of understanding or as directed by the Emergency Council
 3. If the emergency extends beyond the jurisdictional boundaries or beyond the capability of the local law enforcement agency, requests for assistance or additional law enforcement resources should be coordinated with the County Sheriff
 4. Requests for National Guard support must be made through Wyoming Emergency Management Agency
- B. Task Assignment & Implementation:
1. County Sheriff:
 - a. Responsible for the planning, coordination and operation of the law enforcement services in the County and Municipal Emergency Organization
 - b. Coordinates rescue planning and warning with fire services

- c. Coordinates with County Emergency Management Coordinator and Shelter Officer, the assignment of law enforcement personnel to temporary shelters and the provision of security for shelters and Temporary Lodging Facilities (emergency shelters)
 - d. Reviews communications capabilities for law enforcement and supporting agencies (See Annex C - Communications)
 - e. Establishes mutual aid agreements/letters of understanding for Law Enforcement/Fire Services/EMS
 - f. Maintains a law enforcement resource inventory for the County
 - g. Coordinates evacuation and contingency planning for law enforcement
2. Sheridan Police Chief:
- a. Responsible for assisting the Sheriff in major field operations that are required in an emergency
 - b. Ensures that a status record of assigned traffic controls, security locations, police and rescue manpower, vehicles and equipment is maintained
 - c. Makes recommendations regarding operation activity
 - d. Responsible for planning, coordination and operation of the municipal Police Department
 - e. Coordinates activity with County Sheriff
 - f. Participates in evacuation and special contingency planning
 - g. Maintains communications capabilities for law enforcement and supporting agencies Appendix III for checklist
- See Appendix III for Checklist.**
3. Highway Patrol Lieutenant:
- a. Responsible for assisting the Sheriff in major field operations that are required in an emergency
 - b. Ensures that a status record of assigned traffic controls, security locations, patrol and rescue manpower, vehicles and equipment is maintained
 - c. Makes recommendations regarding operation activity
 - d. Responsible for planning, coordination and operation of the Highway Patrol
 - e. Coordinates activity with County Sheriff
 - f. Participates in evacuation and special contingency planning
4. Other agencies with law enforcement responsibilities (State & Federal/B.N.R.R. special agents law enforcement resources)
- a. Responsible for assisting the Sheriff in major field operations that are required in an emergency, as appropriate
 - b. Responsible for planning, coordination and operation of their respective law enforcement agency/functions
 - c. Maintains law enforcement resources inventory of their agency
 - d. Coordinates activity and plan development with County Sheriff
 - e. Participates in contingency annex development

- B. The Sheriff will coordinate law enforcement activities from the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) in Sheridan during a national emergency or major disaster.
- C. In a local emergency, direction and control may be set up at the Communications Center of the Law Enforcement Center or at the emergency site with the Sheriff in charge
- D. If the emergency is only within one jurisdictional area (e.g., affects Sheridan only, U.S. Forest area only) the person responsible for that jurisdictional area shall provide direction and control of law enforcement activities either at the emergency site or from a Communications Center
- E. Line of succession for Sheridan County Law Enforcement is:
 - 1. County Sheriff
 - 2. Undersheriff
 - 3. Deputy
- F. Line of succession for City of Sheridan Law Enforcement is:
 - 1. Chief of Police
 - 2. Assistant Chief
 - 3. Lieutenant
- G. Line of succession for Story and Big Horn and the towns of Ranchester, Dayton and Clearmont law e enforcement Law Enforcement is:
 - 1. County Sheriff
 - 2. Undersheriff
- H. Chain of Command for Highway Patrol is:
 - 1. Lieutenant
 - 2. Sergeant
 - 3. Patrolman
- I. Communications (See Annex C)
 - 1. Use available communications resources
 - 2. Law enforcement communications system is the primary communication system for the county
 - a. Law Enforcement Communications Net
 - b. E.M.S./Local/Regional
 - c. County Net
 - d. CB Radios
 - e. ARES/RACES (Ham Radio)
 - f. 911
 - g. Mobile Communications/hand held radios
 - h. Mutual Aid
 - i. Game & Fish
 - j. City Fire
 - k. SALECS
 - l. Dome Communications

- m. US Forest Service
- n. V.A. Medical Center
- o. Sheridan College
- p. Wyoming Highway Patrol