

## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION - SEVEN** **RESOURCE SUPPORT**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Kittitas County Emergency Management

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Kittitas County Board of Commissioners  
City Mayors / Councils  
Public Works/Street Departments  
R.A.C.E.S Amateur Radio Operators  
American Red Cross

### **INTRODUCTION**

**A. Purpose**

Ensure efficient utilization of resources during an emergency or disaster situation.

Provide for the effective conservation and/or allocation of existing and requested resources during and after local major emergencies or disasters.

**B. Scope**

This ESF is to assist in the obtaining of resources and the coordination of resources during an incident. This ESF applies to all agencies that have resources that could be utilized during a situation.

### **SITUATION**

**A. Emergency/Disaster Hazards and Conditions**

Resource support could be affected by several disaster scenarios, such as earthquake, flood and/or wildfire. The main focus would be on a disaster situation that would isolate the County or certain areas of the County, which would prevent timely arrival of resource support. Due to this, the County as a whole and the Cities must be able to coordinate local resources for a period of time prior to the arrival of additional resources.

The following are infrastructures and facilities that are considered vital to the resource capabilities of the Kittitas county area:

- a. Interstate 90 (Main route east and west - winter storms, slide and fires could close this route and the link with western Washington.)
- b. State Route 97 & I-82 (Main link with I-90)
- c. Yakima and Cle Elum River bridges
- d. Columbia River Bridge
- e. Teanaway Bridge
- f. Bowers Field Airport
- g. Kittitas County fair grounds (staging area)
- h. South Cle Elum Ball Park (staging area)

- i. Burlington Northern Railroad main line
- j. Domestic water systems:
  - 1. City of Ellensburg.
  - 2. City of Kittitas.
  - 3. City of Cle Elum
  - 4. Snoqualmie Pass water district
  - 5. City of Roslyn

## **B. Planning Assumptions**

- 1. Each responding organization has an established system for managing their own resources.
- 2. Public safety agencies and Public Works agencies are familiar with and utilize the Incident Command System (ICS).
- 3. Generally, sufficient resources necessary for an emergency operation are found locally.
- 4. Requests for and utilization of outside resources will often become necessary in a large scale emergency or disaster situation.
- 5. The State Fire Mobilization plan can be utilized to obtain additional resources upon the depletion of local and mutual aid resources.

## **CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **A. General**

- 1. In the event of a proclaimed disaster or a major emergency impacting Kittitas County, use of local resources will be the first priority (RCW 38.52).
- 2. In a large scale multi-agency response a coordinating group of policy level officials will determine resource allocation, if necessary. This group may include, but not limited to the following: Legislative authorities; Public Utility Districts; Public Transit (KCAC); National Guard; Law Enforcement; Fire Services, and Emergency Management.
- 3. In an emergency operation, each responding entity will be responsible for conserving and controlling its own resources. Multi-agency response will follow the concepts of the Incident Command System (ICS).
- 4. Requests for additional outside equipment or other assistance must be a coordinated effort. Responding agencies should notify Kittitas County Emergency Management or the EOC, if activated, all outside requests made for emergency resources. Resource coordination will be from either

the Emergency Management office or EOC. The Emergency Management Specialists will act as resource coordinators.

5. Staging of incoming resources will be determined on a case by case basis, depending upon the situation.
6. Kittitas County Emergency Management Specialists, or designees have overall responsibility for the coordination and allocation of existing and requested resources. A resource inventory list will be kept current by Emergency Management
7. The appropriate Board of County Commissioners, Mayor or City Commission has executive responsibility and authority to place economic controls, within legal constraints, into effect as the situation demands, or if contact with the state government is lost. If necessary, voluntary controls will be the preferred method of resource management, although mandatory controls may be required as a temporary measure.
8. When applicable, private agricultural, industrial, commercial, financial, or other service enterprises shall assist local government in an advisory capacity with development and support of emergency resource redistribution and mobilization policies or subsequent control programs.
9. Donated goods/money will be handled by local Community Service organizations with the American Red Cross being the lead agency. Receiving points for donated goods will be determined by the American Red Cross.
10. Kittitas County R.A.C.E.S. organization will assist with communications for the coordination of resources, as appropriate.

## **B. Organization**

Kittitas County Emergency Management:

1. Is coordination point for resource support. This coordination will be done from the EOC or other established point, as appropriate.
2. Is responsible for maintaining inventory listings of local resources.

## **C. Procedures**

The management of local resources not regulated by federal or state law is the responsibility of local government.

The legislative authorities of the political sub-division are empowered to invoke controls on resources and establish resource allocation priorities during a state of

emergency. Even though the legislative authority has the power to invoke controls during an emergency, continued operations of a free market economy and existing distribution systems should be utilized to the maximum extent possible.

#### **D. Mitigation Activities**

All Agencies:

1. Ensure that resources are kept in working order.
2. Ensure resources are provided with protection from being damaged due to a disaster event, to the extent possible.

#### **E. Preparedness Activities**

Kittitas County Emergency Management

1. Develop and keep current a resource inventory list.
2. Assist other agencies in the maintenance of their resource plan.

All Agencies

1. Develop Suggested Operating Procedures for Resource Support.
2. Ensure that all personnel are familiar with their roles during an incident.
3. Conduct training, at least on an annual basis.
4. Develop call up system for after hours contact needs.

#### **F. Response Activities**

Kittitas County Emergency Management

1. Activates EOC or other location for coordination of resources, as appropriate.
2. Establishes communications to organize resource support.

Kittitas County Board of Commissioners

1. Makes themselves available to the EOC or other coordinating location for duration of incident.
2. Establish price controls and/or rationing, as appropriate.
3. Prioritizes resource use, in cooperation with Emergency Management.

4. Ensures necessary funding for resource support is available, as appropriate for county resources.
5. Performs all responsibilities as required by RCW.

#### City Mayors/Councils

1. Makes themselves available to the EOC or other coordinating location for duration of incident.
2. Prioritizes resource use, in cooperation with Emergency Management.
3. Ensures necessary funding for resource support is available, as appropriate for county resources.
4. Performs all responsibilities as required by RCW.

#### Public works/Street Departments

1. Ensure coordination with the EOC or other appropriate location.
2. Make available all necessary resources, to maximum extent possible.

#### R.A.C.E.S. Amateur Radio

Provide communications support for the EOC and/or other coordination locations, as appropriate.

#### Red Cross

1. Activates their disaster plan, as appropriate.
2. Coordinates community resources needs with other service organizations.
3. Coordinates donated resources.

### **G. Recovery Activities**

#### Kittitas County Emergency Management

1. Obtains and coordinates damage assessments.
2. Supplies damage assessment figures to appropriate agencies, this includes any potential activities under the Stafford Act.

#### Kittitas County Board of Commissioners

1. As necessary, establish priorities in the assignment and use of all resources including personnel, food, water, health resources, fuel, electric power, transportation, communications, and other survival items and services needed to provide effective recovery.

2. Coordinate recovery activities through Emergency Management and direct all county departments to cooperate with Emergency Management.

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#### American Red Cross

1. Provide care and support to affected population as prescribed in their disaster plan.
2. Perform damage assessment, per Red Cross policies, and coordinate information with Emergency Management.

#### Public Works/Utilities

1. Perform damage assessment and determine priorities in order to reestablish "normal" conditions as soon as possible.
2. Ensure that vital "systems" are prioritized in order that they are restored in the quickest manner.
3. Coordinate with Emergency Management actions taken in order that recovery efforts are done to meet the needs of the public.

### **RESPONSIBILITIES**

#### **A. Primary Agency - Kittitas County Emergency Management**

1. Responsible for ensuring that local resources are inventoried and that this inventory is updated on an annual basis.
2. Responsible for coordination local resources through use of the EOC or other coordination points during an emergency or disaster event.
3. Responsible for coordinating requests for out of area resources, such as activation of the State Fire Mobilization Plan.

#### **B. Support Agencies - All support agencies are responsible for:**

1. Ensuring that their resources are kept in operating condition.
2. Providing updates of resources to Emergency Management, when appropriate.

