

PUEBLO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

ANNEX P - LAW ENFORCEMENT

I. PURPOSE

To provide guidelines for utilizing state and local law enforcement agencies to mitigate affects of a disaster or accident.

II. SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS:

A. Situation

During disaster situations, the need for law enforcement services increases quickly. Additional duties such as evacuation, traffic control and facility security may develop.

B. Assumptions

Adequate law enforcement resources are available locally or within the State. Existing mutual aid agreements and the Colorado National Guard will provide backup.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. The Pueblo County Sheriff's Office will be the primary response agency for incidents beyond the city limits of Pueblo. The Pueblo Police Department will respond to incidents within the city limits. The Colorado State Patrol will provide assistance, as resources are available. All state highway traffic accidents outside of Pueblo city limits are investigated and reported by Colorado State Patrol by responding to the scene, or through alternate reporting procedures. Each department involved in the operations of the disaster will maintain and follow their individual chains of command as established in each department's standard operating procedures, and will cooperate to the fullest extent with other law enforcement agencies. The Incident Command System will be utilized for all mutual aid incidents.

- B. When directing a response to an incident or accident, use the following guidelines:
1. Within Pueblo City limits contact "911" or 553-2502. Provide nature and exact location of incident or accident.
 2. Outside City limits, call "911" or 583-6250. Provide nature and exact location of incident or accident.
 3. Do not permit questions of jurisdiction to hinder response to an incident or accident. Once an officer has responded to the scene, jurisdictional problems can be quickly resolved.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Law enforcement requirements during an incident or accident may include, but are not limited to:
1. Traffic and crowd control;
 2. Prevention of looting;
 3. Security, control, and preservation of facilities and potential crime scenes;
 4. Safeguarding and securing prisoners;
 5. Search and rescue;
 6. Enforcement of emergency proclamations and freeze orders on consumer commodities;
 7. Mutual aid commitments;
 8. Bomb threats and arson investigation (joint responsibility with fire services)
- B. During emergencies, appropriate authority will activate police and sheriff reserve personnel to augment full-time law enforcement personnel.

V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. Emergency authority - See basic plan
- B. Communications - Utilize existing resources. Radio frequencies are listed in warning annex. Additional communication means will be employed as necessary.
- C. Security - Law enforcement agencies may provide security for designated facilities. Examples of facilities requiring security are Pueblo EOC, Pueblo Community Joint Information Center, and all Emergency Communications Centers.
- D. Reports and Records – Usual reporting requirements will remain in effect. Reports are critical to establish historical records, to determine extent of damage and verify reimbursement requests.

VI. ANNEX DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The primary responsibility for development and maintenance of this annex is that of Department of Emergency Management (DEM) with support from law enforcement agencies. The annex will be reviewed annually unless significant change warrants an earlier revision.