

# **PUEBLO COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN**

## **ANNEX E - TERRORISM**

### **I. PURPOSE**

To provide for an orderly and coordinated response to acts of terrorism or incidents involving weapons of mass destruction (WMD) in the Pueblo County area; and to establish a procedure for disseminating information to responders and the general public in the event of acts of terrorism in Pueblo County or elsewhere.

### **II. SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS**

#### **A. Situations**

1. Terrorist or WMD attacks place Pueblo County and its citizens at grave risk as follows:
  - a) Mass Casualties and fatalities;
  - b) Catastrophic damage to buildings or other property;
  - c) Psychosomatic responses from non-affected citizens; and,
  - d) Major Contamination.
2. Targeting of first responders will have a major impact upon the county's capabilities; and will place a major burden upon emergency services including, fire, law enforcement, public health, Emergency Medical Service (EMS), other medical and mass care providers.
3. The scope of the incident may expand geometrically and may affect mutual aid jurisdictions. Airborne chemical, radiological and biological agents flow with the air current and may disseminate WMD agents far from their initial source.
4. Contagious biological agents may affect large and diverse populations with little or no obvious connection. Time delays may occur in recognizing the disease or offending organism because of similar innocuous diseases.

5. Mass evacuation could be required in the event of major flooding or fire, a major hazardous materials accident or a terrorist attack.
6. Specific events may require the appropriate health agency to establish a quarantine of citizens, domestic and wild animals and/or food supplies.
7. The potential for threats of terrorism is monitored at levels ranging from local to international. The *Threat Condition Advisory System* has been adopted for use nationally by the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and in Colorado by the Colorado Department of Public Safety – Office of Preparedness, Security & Fire Safety (OPSFS). The *System* incorporates five threat levels (Green, Blue, Yellow, Orange and Red) which represent a threat range from low to extremely high respectively. Recommended actions for citizens, business and state/local governments are given at each threat condition. Specifics of the *Threat Conditions Advisory System* are included in Appendix 1 of this Annex. Notice of changes in the threat condition is provided by OPSFS to state and local emergency management agencies via e-mail. It is also given directly to the media. For various reasons, initial notification of a change in threat level may reach the local level faster via the media than through formal emergency management channels. It is advisable to cross check this information, as confusion between colors and language associated with the threat conditions has occurred. Also, conditions occurring locally may result in a higher level being selected than has been applied regionally or nationally.

B. Assumptions

1. The situation may not be immediately recognizable as a terrorism event.
2. Once recognized as a terrorism/WMD event, the incident(s) will be treated as crime scene(s), and established guidelines and policies shall be followed in preserving the crime scene(s). Conditions may dictate the need for and establishment of martial law.
3. There may be multiple events within this and other jurisdictions.
4. Responders are placed at a higher risk of becoming casualties.

5. Contamination of critical facilities and large geographic areas may result.
6. Official information related to evacuation will be disseminated to the public in a timely manner and will be in a format that may be easily understood by all citizens.
7. The public will act in its own interest and evacuate dangerous areas spontaneously or when advised to do so by local government authorities.
8. People who refuse to follow evacuation recommendations and are unwilling to leave will not be forced to evacuate. If and when any such persons wish to evacuate, on a time and condition permit basis, efforts will be made to assist with their evacuation.
9. Under certain conditions, authorities may order an evacuation. Compliance with that order will not be optional.
10. If a local act of terrorism is anticipated, suspected or confirmed relative to a local incident, that information will be passed from local to state authorities as soon as possible. That information can be critical in updating the threat condition and in obtaining assistance in a timely fashion.

### **III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

#### **A. Mitigation**

Authority having jurisdiction shall:

1. Identify key areas and facilities that are potentially at risk;
2. Identify means for prevention of the spread of contaminants;
3. Identify shelters;
4. Ensure that the evacuation plans of facilities storing reportable quantities of hazardous materials are in compliance with SARA/Title III regulations; and
5. Identify population groups requiring special assistance during evacuation, e.g., senior citizens, disabled, etc.

## B. Preparedness

1. Responsible agencies, which include, but are not necessarily limited to, law enforcement, fire, EMS, public health, utilities, transportation, public works, mass care, and hospitals, will maintain a staffed, trained and equipped response team within available appropriations.
2. Agencies with authority to respond may utilize any and all available resources in carrying out their respective duties. Such resources include but are not limited to response equipment consisting of detection devices, personal protective clothing, containment devices, etc.
3. Emergency Management and other local agencies will monitor the *Threat Conditions Advisory System*, share updates and consider following recommendations associated with the current threat level.
4. The Authorities having jurisdiction shall:
  - a) Determine evacuation routes from at risk facilities, based upon the nature of the specific threat(s) and communicate clearly those routes to an authorized representative of each of the subject facilities.
  - b) Conduct terrorism exercises to test plans and procedures.
  - c) Update plans and procedures as needed.
  - d) Educate responders and the general public as to how they may recognize signs of potential terrorist activity and how and to whom they should report them.

## C. Response

Authority having jurisdiction shall:

1. Identify affected area; take reasonable measures to render area safe and secure from additional hazards.
2. Provide timely and accurate alert and notification to affected jurisdictions and the general public.

3. Implement the Incident Command System (ICS), including unified command system when appropriate.
4. Activate the Pueblo County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) and Joint Information Center (JIC), if needed.
5. Rescue entrapped victims, provide medical care to the injured.
6. Evacuate immediately affected area.
7. Determine presence of radiological, chemical or biological agents.
8. Establish “hot zone”, if needed, for radiological, chemical or biological incident.
9. Decontaminate victims exposed to any radiological, chemical or biological agents.
10. Contain hazards when appropriate.
11. Suppress fires.
12. Preserve evidence in accordance with the most recent guidelines, policies and procedures.
13. Secure the vacated area in accordance with appropriate guidelines and regulations.
14. Designate, open and support reception centers and shelters, as needed.
15. Request mutual and/or extra-jurisdictional (local, state and federal) aid, as needed.
16. Establish traffic control points.
17. Establish quarantine in accordance with the appropriate guidelines and regulations, when appropriate.

D. Recovery

Authority having jurisdiction shall:

1. Follow the process described in the Recovery Annex (W).

2. Take reasonable measures to coordinate appropriate decontamination of properties within affected areas.
3. Reevaluate and lift quarantine when appropriate.
4. Notify the public when it is safe to return to the area.
5. Protect and preserve the vacated area until the return of occupants.

#### **IV. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES**

- A. In addition to the responsibilities outlined in the Basic Plan, the Executive Policy Group has duties and powers as follows:
  1. To initiate and ensure the orderly evacuation of the community;
  2. To issue evacuation recommendations and/or orders, as needed; and
  3. To exercise any other authority as may be provided by Federal, State, or Local laws.
- B. Law Enforcement will:
  1. Act as the lead agency. Law enforcement officers may resolve on scene suspect threats and when necessary conduct sweeps for additional devices or other situations of a threatening nature prior to the response of other agencies or resources;
  2. Participate in Unified Incident Command System with notification to appropriate agencies;
  3. Participate in warning and alerting the public;
  4. Coordinate law enforcement activities with activities of other agencies;
  5. Provide scene security and integrity for the incident in accordance with the most recent guidelines, policies and procedures;
  6. Provide a “Command Staff” Officer for the Federal Joint Operations Command Center as needed;
  7. Establish and maintain traffic and access control;

8. Coordinate evacuation of prisoners, if required; and
  9. Collect, process and preserve evidence in accordance with established policy and procedures.
- C. Pueblo County Department of Emergency Management will:
1. Act as the Designated Emergency Response Authority (DERA) for all hazardous materials incidents in unincorporated Pueblo County outside of the right of way of public roads, except on Fort Carson and the Pueblo Chemical Depot.
  2. Provide technical assistance and incident command support to field operations.
  3. Participate in Unified Incident Command System.
  4. Activate and support the EOC and JIC when appropriate.
  5. Monitor the *Threat Conditions Advisory System* and forward changes in the threat level to local government and response representatives.
- D. The Pueblo City / County Health Department will:
1. Act as lead medical and public health agency, as appropriate;
  2. Participate in Unified Incident Command System with notification to appropriate agencies;
  3. Provide environmental health specialists to aid Incident Commander (IC), as needed;
  4. Assist in hazard assessment and monitoring; assist appropriate DERA in overseeing cleanup operations;
  5. Provide a “Command Staff” Officer for the Federal Joint Operations Command Center as needed;
  6. Participate in educating, warning and alerting the public; and,
  7. Provide guidance for quarantine and embargoing food supplies.

E. Fire Departments will:

1. Resolve hazardous material issues prior to response of other agencies/resources, if necessary; except that care shall be taken to preserve evidence and crime scenes.
2. Participate in Unified Incident Command System with notification to appropriate agencies;
3. Perform hazard identification, confinement and mitigation operations;
4. Coordinate fire department mutual aid resources;
5. Provide a “Command Staff” Officer for the Federal Joint Operations Command Center as needed;
6. Coordinate fire, hazardous materials, decontamination, rescue and emergency medical response; and
7. Participate in warning, alerting and evacuating the public;
8. The Rye Fire Protection District shall, in addition to the above tasks, act as the DERA for all hazardous materials events within the town limits of Rye;
9. The City of Pueblo Fire Department shall, in addition to the above tasks, act as the DERA for all hazardous materials events within the city limits of Pueblo; and
10. The Boone Fire Department shall, in addition to the above tasks, act as the DERA for all hazardous materials events within the town limits of Boone.

F. Hospitals and health care providers shall:

1. Operate within the scope of their own internal plans and established procedures for maximum effort conditions.
2. Inform the Medical Coordinator at the EOC of capabilities and limitations.
3. Provide triage and decontamination (if capable).

4. Individual health care organization will handle news media personnel in accordance with their own policies and procedures.
5. Adjust the patient population in their facility and coordinate with other health care facilities to prepare for a disaster related patient load or evacuation if necessary, while continuing medical care for those that cannot be evacuated.

G. Emergency Medical Services will:

1. Operate according to Pueblo County's standing Orders and Protocols Manual.
2. Coordinate and participate in triage and transportation of victims.
3. Report the number of casualties to be transported and those that may otherwise arrive to the hospitals, to the Medical Coordinator at the EOC.
4. Request additional transportation resources as needed.

H. The Pueblo County Coroner will:

1. Collect evidence in post mortem examinations, as required by law and as requested by law enforcement agencies;
2. Assist in the decontamination of any fatalities that may occur;
3. Isolate fatalities, as needed, prior to and following decontamination; and,
4. Provide for the logistics of transportation and storage of fatalities.

I. To the extent that resources are available, Public Works Departments will:

1. Provide heavy equipment and trained operators to assist in emergency rescue/mitigation measures as determined by IC;
2. Provide current maps and blue prints of storm water and sanitary sewer lines for the affected area.
3. Provide waste water specialists to aid the IC, as needed;

4. Provide dirt or aggregates for use in runoff control;
5. Assist with coordination of other resources;
6. Provide barricades and traffic control devices, as needed;
7. Conduct damage assessment of publicly owned facilities; and
8. Perform other duties as necessary.

J. Utilities will:

1. Provide current maps and blue prints of all communications, electrical and natural gas infrastructure for the affected area;
2. Control electrical, natural gas and water service in the affected area, as needed;
3. Provide heavy equipment and operators as needed and available;
4. Provide adequate water flow for emergency use;
5. Provide temporary service to affected areas, as needed and available;
6. Perform other duties as necessary.

K. American Red Cross and Salvation Army will establish shelters and provide mass care, as needed and available.

L. City of Pueblo Transportation Department will:

1. Provide buses and drivers for evacuation within its jurisdiction; and
2. Coordinate with other agencies (e.g., SRDA and School Districts) for extra or special vehicles.

## V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. The Executive Policy Group will support administration and logistics through the implementation of the Unified Incident Command System.
- B. Normal practices and procedures will be continued under emergency conditions to the extent possible.

- C. During emergency operations, efforts will be made to document each transaction so that records can be reconstructed and claims properly verified, after the emergency period has passed.
- D. To the extent consistent with law, no administrative process will be permitted to interfere with operations essential to preventing injury, loss of life and significant property damage.

## **VI. ANNEX DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE**

The primary responsibility for development and maintenance of this annex is that of DEM with support from law enforcement, fire departments, public health, EMS, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Transportation and other agencies as needed. The annex will be reviewed annually unless significant change warrants an earlier revision.

## **VII. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES**

- A. Colorado Revised Statutes - Title 25, Article 1, Section 506 - Powers and duties of county and district health departments.
- B. For Hazardous Substances Incidents and associated laws please see Annex F - Hazardous Materials.
- C. Colorado Revised Statutes – Title 30, Article 10, Section 516 – Sheriff’s to preserve peace – command aid.



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<b>1</b>	<b>SEVERE (Red) Threat Condition</b>		
<p>A <b>SEVERE</b> (Red) Threat Condition is declared by the Department of Homeland Security when it has been determined that there is a <u>extremely high risk of terrorist attacks</u>.</p> <p>The following protective actions are recommended when the nation and/or state is placed at a <b>SEVERE</b> (Red) Threat Condition:</p>			
<b>Citizens:</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>State/Local Government:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Listen to radio/TV for current information/ instructions.</li> <li>• Continue normal activities but expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor world and local events as well as local government threat advisories.</li> <li>• Report suspicious activities at or near critical facilities to local law enforcement agencies by calling 9-1-1.</li> <li>• Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas.</li> <li>• Inventory and organize emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family members.</li> <li>• Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings and avoid placing yourself or other members of your family in a vulnerable situation.</li> <li>• Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Monitor news reports and communicate with employees regarding threat level and actions to be taken.</li> <li>• Ensure that security personnel are alerted and that security systems are functioning properly.</li> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report it to proper authorities.</li> <li>• Review and be prepared to implement your emergency preparedness plans.</li> <li>• Have appropriate media materials on hand.</li> <li>• Control building entrances to prevent unauthorized persons from entering.</li> <li>• Contact vendors/suppliers to confirm their emergency response plan preparedness.</li> <li>• Take steps to ensure the security of all computer and electronic communication systems, to include possible off site storage.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce Threat Level High to employees and the public and explain protective actions to be taken.</li> <li>• Take appropriate actions to protect critical infrastructures and key assets.</li> <li>• Take additional precautions at public events. Consider alternate venues or even cancellation.</li> <li>• Erect outside barricades, security checks to deny access to underground parking areas, loading docks and building entrance.</li> <li>• Restrict or control access to government buildings, critical facilities and infrastructure (i.e., require identification, sign-in and escorts).</li> <li>• Consider restricting parking areas located close to buildings or critical facilities.</li> <li>• Consider removing trash and newspaper containers, dumpsters and mailboxes located near government buildings and facilities.</li> <li>• Closely monitor available security and intelligence information from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.</li> <li>• Instruct employees to be especially watchful for suspicious or unattended packages and articles.</li> <li>• Secure and regularly inspect all buildings, vehicles, and parking and storage areas for intrusion.</li> <li>• Disseminate information to prevent rumors and to avoid creating public panic.</li> <li>• Consider employment armed security at airports, dams, public utilities and critical facilities.</li> <li>• Test communication plans.</li> <li>• Conduct 100% verification of deliveries and restrict shipments.</li> <li>• Remind employees to expect delays and baggage searches.</li> </ul>	
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<b>2</b>	<b>HIGH (Orange) Threat Condition</b>		
<p>A <b>HIGH</b> (Orange) Threat Condition is declared by the Department of Homeland Security when it has been determined that there is a <u>high risk of terrorist attacks</u>.</p> <p>The following protective actions are recommended when the nation and/or state is placed at a <b>HIGH</b> (Orange) Threat Condition:</p>			
<b>Citizens:</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>State/Local Government:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue normal activities but expect some delays, baggage searches and restrictions as a result of heightened security at public buildings and facilities.</li> <li>• Continue to monitor world and local events as well as local government threat advisories.</li> <li>• Avoid leaving unattended packages or brief cases in public areas.</li> <li>• Inventory and organize emergency supply kits and discuss emergency plans with family members.</li> <li>• Consider taking reasonable personal security precautions. Be alert to your surroundings and avoid placing yourself or other members of your family in a vulnerable situation.</li> <li>• Maintain close contact with your family and neighbors to ensure their safety and emotional welfare.</li> <li>• Look for people wearing clothing that is inappropriate to the weather, people who seem out of place in their surroundings, or people who are unusually nervous and report them to law enforcement or security authorities.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Review and be prepared to implement your emergency preparedness plans.</li> <li>• Take steps to ensure the security of all computer and electronic communications systems.</li> <li>• Control building entrances to prevent unauthorized persons from entering.</li> <li>• Monitor news reports and communicate with employees regarding threat level and actions to be taken.</li> <li>• Ensure that security personnel are alerted and that security systems are functioning properly.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Take appropriate actions to protect critical infrastructures and key assets.</li> <li>• Take additional precautions at public events. Consider alternate venues or even cancellation.</li> <li>• Announce High Threat Condition to employees and the public and explain protective actions to be taken.</li> <li>• Restrict or control access to government buildings, critical facilities and infrastructure (i.e., require identification, sign-in and escorts).</li> <li>• Consider restricting parking areas located close to buildings or critical facilities.</li> <li>• Consider removing trash containers, dumpsters and mailboxes located near government buildings and facilities.</li> <li>• Closely monitor available security and intelligence information from federal, state, and local law enforcement agencies.</li> <li>• Instruct employees to be especially watchful for suspicious or unattended packages and articles.</li> <li>• Inspect buildings and parking areas for suspicious packages.</li> <li>• Disseminate information to prevent rumors and to avoid creating public panic.</li> <li>• Secure and regularly inspect all buildings, vehicles, and parking and storage areas for intrusion.</li> <li>• Closely monitor ALL deliveries and shipments.</li> </ul>	
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<b>3</b>	<b>ELEVATED (Yellow) Threat Condition</b>								
<p>A <b>ELEVATED</b> (Yellow) Threat Condition is declared by the Department of Homeland Security when it has been determined that there is a <u>moderate risk of terrorist attacks</u>.</p> <p>The following protective actions are recommended when the nation and/or state is placed at a <b>ELEVATED</b> (Yellow) Threat Condition:</p>									
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<p>A <b>GUARDED</b> (Blue) Threat Condition is declared by the Department of Homeland Security when it has been determined that there is a <u>low risk of terrorist attacks</u>.</p> <p>The following protective actions are recommended when the nation and/or state is placed at a <b>GUARDED</b> (Blue) Threat Condition:</p>			
<b>Citizens:</b>	<b>Business:</b>	<b>State/Local Government:</b>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Continue normal activities but be watchful for suspicious activities. Report criminal activity to local law enforcement.</li> <li>• Review family emergency plans.</li> <li>• Ensure that your 72-hour kit is up to date.</li> <li>• Be familiar with local natural and technological (manmade) hazards in your community.</li> <li>• Monitor local and national news for terrorist alerts.</li> <li>• Update immunizations.</li> <li>• Volunteer to assist and support the community emergency response agencies.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Be alert to suspicious activity and report to proper authorities.</li> <li>• Discuss with community leaders, emergency management, government agencies, community organizations and utilities about disaster preparedness.</li> <li>• Ensure communications plan is updated for contacting employees.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Announce Threat Level Guarded.</li> <li>• Estimate the threat vulnerability of each critical facility and the countermeasures required to protect them.</li> <li>• Ensure that each department is familiar with their assigned responsibilities during a disaster and are prepared to respond.</li> <li>• Review communications plans and ensure the call-down procedures are current and accurate.</li> <li>• Conduct emergency management training and exercise emergency response plans.</li> <li>• Ensure all emergency management and response functions are adequately staffed. Recruit and train volunteers to augment full time staff.</li> <li>• Actively support the Neighborhood Watch, CERT, and Amateur Radio Emergency Service programs.</li> <li>• Remind citizen and employees to be alert for suspicious packages, activities, vehicles and to report these occurrences to the proper authority.</li> <li>• Secure buildings, unused rooms, storage areas, equipment and vehicles to prevent theft, tampering or destruction.</li> <li>• Evaluate information available on public websites that could compromise security.</li> <li>• Encourage all citizens and employees to have necessary immunizations.</li> </ul>	
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