

AGENDA

Cherry County Board of Commissioners

Cherry County Courthouse – 365 N Main St, Valentine, NE
Commissioners Meeting Room

DATE: December 26, 2023

TIME: 10:00 a.m.

1. Opening of meeting by the Chairman
2. Roll call
3. Open Meetings Act Notice Announcement
4. Pledge of Allegiance
5. Discuss/Act – Approve Minutes
6. Discuss/Act – Approve Claims
7. New and Miscellaneous Business
 - a. Cherry County Roads Update
 - b. Cherry County Emergency Management Update
 - c. Discuss/Act – Interlocal Agreement for Emergency Management Services
between Keya Paha and Cherry County
 - d. Discuss/Act – Adopt Resolution #2023 – 15 Approve Cherry County Local
Emergency Operations Plan
 - e. Discuss/Act – Approve Request for Funds CDBG 21-TD-001
 - f. 10:15 a.m. Kyle Arganbright, Valentine City Council – Convention Center Update
 - g. 11:00 a.m. Discuss/Act – Construction of Cherry County Courthouse South
 - h. 1:00 p.m. Public Comment
 - i. 1:15 p.m. **Board of Equalization**
 1. Discuss/Act – Tax List Correction(s)
 - j. 1:30 p.m. **Board of Corrections**
 1. Staff & Census Update
 2. Discuss/Act – Dispatch Sergeant Wage Adjustment
 3. Discuss/Act – Authorize Purchase of a Transport Van
8. Adjournment

This is an open meeting of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners. Cherry County abides by the Nebraska Open Meetings Act in conducting business. If necessary, Cherry County reserves the right to adjust the order of items on the agenda and to modify the agenda to include items of an emergency nature. The agenda shall be kept continually current and is available for public inspection at the Cherry County Clerk's Office during normal business hours.



Request for Funds (Drawdown/Payment Request)
Community Development Block Grant Program
Nebraska Department of Economic Development

Name of Subrecipient (Local Unit of Government)			Mailing Address		City	State	ZIP
CDBG Agreement Number	Federal Identification Number	DUNS Number	UEI Number	SAM Expiration Date	Number sequence order of funds	Final Drawdown	DED Program Representative

Part I – STATUS OF FUNDS

1. CDBG Funds Received to Date	
2. Add: Program Income Received to Date (exclude RLF)	
3. Subtotal	
4. Less: Federal Funds Disbursed To Date (Must Agree To Total Of Part II, Line 3)	
5. Total: Federal Funds On Hand (Must Agree To Part II, Line 6)	

Part II – CASH REQUIREMENTS (Identify all activities listed in the CDBG Agreement, even if funds are not being requested.)

Activity/Budget Category							TOTAL
1. Total Cash Requirements To Date							
2. Less: Local Funds Disbursed (includes RLF) (exclude Program Income)							
3. Less: Federal Funds Disbursed (include Program Income) Total Must Agree To Part I, Line 4 (exclude RLF)							
4. Total Current Cash Requirements							
5. Less: Unpaid Previous Request.							
6. Less: Federal Funds On Hand (Must Agree To Part I, Line 5)							
7. Net Amount of Federal Funds Requested							

By signing this report, I certify to the best of my knowledge and belief that the report is true, complete, and accurate, and the expenditures, disbursements and cash receipts are for the purposes and objectives set forth in the terms and conditions of the Federal award, I am aware that any false, fictitious, or fraudulent information, or the omission of any material fact, may subject me to criminal, civil or administrative penalties for fraud, false statements, false claims or otherwise. (U.S. Code Title 18, Section 1001 and Title 31, Sections 3729-3730 and 3801-3812). I also certify that the amount of the request for federal funds is not in excess of current needs.

Signature of Authorized Official (Mayor/Board Chairman)	Typed Name of Authorized Official		Date
Signature of Authorized Official (Clerk/Treasurer)	Typed Name of Authorized Official		Date
Person Preparing Request for CDBG Funds Form Name:	Organization:	Telephone Number:	Email:

PLEASE REFER TO INSTRUCTIONS FOR ADDITIONAL GUIDANCE. INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED

***To update calculations, either tab two (2) fields or click on a different field with your mouse.

Instructions: CDBG Request for Funds (Drawdown/Payment Request)

If a subrecipient has more than one CDBG agreement, funds must be requested separately. Carefully enter all requested information. Double check addition and subtraction. Funds requested must reflect actual eligible cost incurred. Claim exact amounts on each reimbursement down to the penny on the reimbursement request. Requests for funds are to be submitted only as funds are needed for immediate disbursement. Refer to the CDBG Administration Manual, Chapter 12 for more information.

With the exception of the final draw, or requested by DED, there is a **minimum to be drawn** as described below:

- **\$500:** Request for general administration expenditures only.
- **\$1,500:** Request amount for general administration and project expenditures
- **\$1,500:** Request amount for project expenditures only

Identifying Information

The top portion of the Request for CDBG Funds will be completed with the appropriate identifying information.

- **Name of Subrecipient:** Input name of local unit of government who entered into the Agreement with DED.
- **Mailing Address:** Input the mailing address of the subrecipient
- **CDBG Agreement Number:** the number assigned to the contractual agreement between DED and the subrecipient.
- **Federal Identification Number:** Input the subrecipient's federal identification number.
- **DUNS Number:** Input the subrecipient's DUNS Number. If submitting a request after April 4, 2022, this can be left blank.
- **UEI Number:** Input the Unique Entity Identifier number for the subrecipient. This can be located on sam.gov.
- **SAM Expiration Date:** System for Awards Management (SAM) registrant expiration date to receive payment of federal funds. All entities receiving federal funds are required to have an active status within SAM.
- **Number Sequence Order of Funds:** Each request must be sequentially numbered by the subrecipient. Number each request for funds in sequence based on the signature date by the authorized officials.
- **Final Drawdown:** Input "yes" if this is the last request for CDBG; Input "no" if this is not the last request for CDBG funds.
- **DED Program Representative:** Identify the DED Representative who is the main contact associated with the CDBG Agreement.

PART II: Cash Requirements

Part II provides information on the subrecipient's cash requirements. In the row labeled "Activity/Budget Category", identify all the activity code and activity name (as shown in the Sources and Uses Section of the CDBG agreement) above each column. Be sure to complete Part II for all approved activities even if funds are not requested for all activities.

- Line 1** Enter the total of all cash requirements to date for each activity/budget category. This amount should be equal to all expenditures paid to date plus cash needed to meet immediate cash obligations.
- Line 2** Subtract all local matching or other funds disbursed. (Include program income designated for revolving loan funds from prior CDBG agreements for same activities.) This will include local funds already expended and local funds, which will be expended to meet Line 1.
- Line 3** Subtract federal funds applied (include program income). The total of this row must equal the amount shown on Part I, Line 4.
- Line 4** Subtotal by subtracting Lines 2 and 3 from Line 1. This amount should be equal the amount of federal funds needed for immediate cash obligations.
- Line 5** Subtract the amount of any previous Request for CDBG funds, which has not yet been received.
- Line 6** Subtract the amount of federal funds on hand. This amount must equal the amount on Part I, Line 5.
- Line 7** The net amount of federal funds requested is determined by subtracting Lines 5 and 6 from Line 4. This should be the amount of CDBG funds needed (when added to CDBG funds on hand and CDBG funds requested but not yet received) to meet immediate cash obligations.

PART I: Status of Funds

Part I of the form will provide the status of CDBG funds for the related CDBG agreement.

- Line 1** List all CDBG funds received to date.
- Line 2** Add program income received from activities related to the CDBG agreement (exclude program income designated for revolving loan funds).
- Line 3** Subtotal Lines 1 and 2.
- Line 4** Subtract all disbursements of CDBG funds to date (MUST agree to total of Part II, Line 3).
- Line 5** Federal funds on hand should reflect CDBG funds which have not been disbursed.

Signatures

Signatures of both the Mayor/Board Chairperson and the Clerk/Treasurer are necessary to process the Request for CDBG Funds. Signatures must agree to authorization signatures submitted to DED on the Authorization to Request Community Development Block Grant Funds. After signing and dating the Request for CDBG Funds, the subrecipient should retain a copy of the form and upload within AmpliFund.

INCOMPLETE OR INCORRECT FORMS WILL NOT BE PROCESSED.

INTERLOCAL AGREEMENT FOR EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES

This agreement is made by and between the counties of Keya Paha and Cherry, a body politic and corporate and a political subdivisions of the State of Nebraska, hereinafter referred to as "Keya Paha" and "Cherry".

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, Neb. Rev. Stat. 13-804 provides that any power or powers, privileges or authority exercised or capable of exercise by a public agency of the state may be exercised and enjoyed jointly with any other public agency of this State and that any agency of state government, when acting jointly with any public agency, may exercise and enjoy all the powers, privileges, and authority conferred by the Interlocal Cooperation Act upon a public agency; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of this agreement is to make the most efficient use of each counties taxing authority and other powers by enabling them to cooperate with each other on a basis of mutual advantage and thereby to provide services and facilities in a manner and pursuant to forms of governmental organization that will accord best with geographic, economic, population, and other factors influencing the safety and wellbeing of the residents of Keya Paha and Cherry.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants and promises contained herein, the parties hereto agree as follows,

1. Purpose. The purpose of the agreement is to establish an agreement between Keya Paha and Cherry in regards to a contract for Emergency Management Services, and employment of Emergency Management Director, hereinafter referred to as "emergency manager" to serve both counties.
2. Duration. This contract will begin June 1, 2021 and remain in effect until such time as the parties hereto agree in writing to modify, or terminate said agreement.

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3. Organization. There shall be no separate legal or administrative agency created pursuant to this Interlocal Cooperation Agreement, but rather it is the Intent of the parties to cooperate in employing an emergency manager to serve the needs of the Keya Paha and Cherry Counties.
4. Employment. The Cherry County Board of Commissioners will oversee the hiring of the emergency manager and agree on the emergency manager's salary. The emergency manager shall be a non-exclusive employee of Cherry County, and shall be subject to the rules outlined in the Cherry County Employee Handbook and shall be entitled to the benefits of health insurance, vacation, holidays, sick leave, funeral leave, etc. as outlined therein and as accorded to other Cherry County employees. The emergency manager shall perform all necessary administrative functions between Keya Paha and Cherry Counties. The emergency manager shall keep records of hours worked for purposes of grant applications.
5. Consideration. The Emergency manager will be expected to develop a budget which shall be part of the Cherry County budget. Cherry County agrees to provide the emergency manager office space and necessary supplies. Keya Paha County agrees to pay Cherry County \$15,000.00 per year for emergency management.
6. Supplemental Employment. The emergency manager shall also be an employee of Keya Paha County, Nebraska and shall be subject to the rules outlined in the Keya Paha County Employee Handbook. The emergency manager shall be compensated, as other employees, directly by Keya Paha County for work on the county's behalf. The emergency manager shall keep records of hours worked for Keya Paha County.

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7. Event Priority. It is anticipated that each county will employ deputy(ties) emergency manager(s). It is the express interest that in the event of an emergency the personnel of each county shall assist the other county. It is the interest of the parties that primary control and decision making authority in the event of a single county emergency shall fall to the county in which the emergency event occurs.
8. Infrastructure. Cherry County agrees to furnish all necessary equipment for the emergency manager to use when performing official emergency management functions such as inspection of storm damage, etc. and to travel between counties on official business. Such equipment will be kept in Cherry County. Cherry County will be responsible for maintenance, repairs and fuel.
9. Withdrawal. In the event that any County choses to withdraw from this agreement, it shall do so with at least 30 days written notice to the other parties.
- 10.10. Financing. Each party shall be responsible for financing their respective obligations herein, including the levying, collecting and accounting for any tax required and establishing and maintaining required budgets.
11. Property. It is anticipated that certain property may be required by the individual counties to perform the emergency management duties. Any property acquired through this agreement shall be the property of the party acquiring the same. Any property acquired jointly will be sold in the event this agreement is dissolved, with the proceeds to be split divided in a manner corresponding to each party.
12. Administration. Cherry County shall provide information reporting on this program to the Auditor of Public Accounts if requested to do so. It is also anticipated that

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there may be grant funds available to defray the cost of emergency management. The Emergency Manager will make application for said grant funds. Any reimbursement will be directed to Cherry County and credited toward the cost of emergency management budget.

13. Entire Agreement. It is agreed that the above represents the entire agreement for emergency management services between the parties. This agreement may only be altered or amended by written changes made and approved by the governing boards of both Cherry and Keya Paha.

Cherry County Board Chair

Date

Cherry County Clerk

Date

Keya Paha County Board Chair

Date

Keya Paha County Clerk

Date

CHERRY COUNTY, NEBRASKA

LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

DRAFT

**This Plan complies with Title VI
of the Civil Rights Acts of 1964 (P. L. 88-352)
in that it was developed and actions described
will be carried out without discrimination against anyone
due to color, race, national origin, religion, sex, age, or handicap.**

**This Plan meets the requirements of the
Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA),
also known as the
Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA)**

**Prepared by the
Cherry County Emergency Management Agency
with the assistance of the
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Lincoln, Nebraska**

<https://nema.nebraska.gov/preparedness/leop>

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RECORD OF CHANGES

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PREFACE

CHERRY COUNTY LOCAL EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

This Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan establishes the standardized policies, plans, guidelines and procedures that will allow all our emergency resources, governmental and non-governmental, to collectively manage and coordinate the preparation, prevention, response, recovery and mitigation functions effectively and in a consistent manner, as a team, when disaster strikes. In content and in format, the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) is consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and with the current nationwide concept embodied in the Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS). This Plan provides for performing specific functions across the full spectrum of hazards. Most responsibilities, tasks and capabilities apply across a broad range of hazards. By treating them in this manner we show an integrated approach to disaster management. Unique aspects of certain hazards are addressed separately, where necessary. Therefore, this is truly a multi-hazard functional plan.

The Plan is organized in a manner that enhances this functional approach by incorporating the following components:

1. Basic Plan: serves as an overview of the County's approach to emergency management, assigns responsibilities, and defines broad policies, plans, and procedures.
2. Annexes: twelve functional Annexes that address the task areas deemed critical to emergency response and recovery.
3. Appendices: these sections support various Annexes and generally address unique hazard specific requirements or actions.
4. Tabs: where necessary, procedures or guidelines for carrying out specific tasks defined in Annexes or Appendices are contained in Tabs.
5. Attachments: Other supporting information is attached where needed (maps, lists, checklists, etc.).

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

Cherry County Basic Emergency Operations Plan

Purpose: It is the responsibility of all elected/appointed officials to protect citizens' lives and public and private property from the effects of hazards and disasters. This Plan describes the roles and responsibilities of the elected and appointed officials, state and federal agencies in support of the County's efforts to prevent, prepare for, respond to, recover from and mitigate against hazards and disasters.

Authority: The primary legislation directing the elected officials' responsibilities and actions during an emergency or disaster and for establishing a local emergency management agency is: RRS Sections 81-829.36 to 81-829.75, Nebraska Emergency Management Act of 1996, as amended, Cum. Supp. 2002. County, tribal, city and village officials accept this LEOP plan by resolution; generally the County has the primary responsibilities of implementation.

Scope: Implementation of this all-hazards plan will reduce or prevent the loss of life, damage to property and aid in the community economic and infrastructure recovery. Officials within the County are aware of the possibilities of an emergency or disaster and of their responsibilities in the execution of this Plan and will fulfill those responsibilities as needed. All responding elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies and jurisdictions will follow the National Incident Management System (NIMS) protocols when conducting either individual or joint disaster response and recovery activities.

Concept of Operations: The responsibility for the safety and welfare of the communities rests with the respective governments. The chief elected officials of the local governments must individually, and where possible jointly, provide policy, leadership, strategic guidance for the emergency management agency, provide resources during emergency preparedness, response, recovery activities, give trained responders the authority to accomplish the incident objectives.

The Emergency Manager (EM) will establish and implement programs to enhance the communities' awareness of, and capabilities to prevent, protect, respond, recover and mitigate disasters. During a disaster the EM will act as an operations manager/advisor/resource to local governments. Local forces, supplemented by trained auxiliaries and personnel and resources available from neighboring jurisdictions or the State, will conduct emergency operations. First responders will provide the Incident Command to address life safety, stabilize the incident and conserve property.

This Plan, approved by the elected officials, has twelve primary functional areas of responsibility (see Annexes) that define the additional roles, responsibilities and tasks necessary to ensure public safety and welfare. This Plan is developed and tested by a rigorous training and exercise program.

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska, pursuant to Nebraska Statute, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of Cherry County, Nebraska; and

WHEREAS, it has been determined that a Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan has been developed in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the City of Valentine and other cities and villages in Cherry County; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Cherry County, deems it advisable and in the best interest of Cherry County to approve said Local Emergency Operations Plan;

WHEREAS, the acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Commissioners of Cherry County, Nebraska, that the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan be, and hereby is, approved.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

ATTEST: Board of County Commissioners,
Cherry County, Nebraska

Cherry County Clerk

RESOLUTION

Valentine City Council President

_____ offers the following resolution
and moves its adoption, seconded by Council member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the City of Valentine and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Valentine City Council deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Valentine City Council President

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Cody Board Chair _____ offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Council member _____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Cody and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Cody Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Cody

ATTEST:

City Clerk

RESOLUTION

Crookston Board Chair _____
offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Crookston and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Crookston Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Crookston

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

Kilgore Board Chair _____
offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Kilgore and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Kilgore Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Kilgore

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

Nenzel Board Chair _____
offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Nenzel and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Nenzel Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Nenzel

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

Merriman Board Chair _____
offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Merriman and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Merriman Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Merriman

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

RESOLUTION

Wood Lake Board Chair _____
offers the following resolution and moves its adoption, seconded by Board Member
_____:

RESOLVE: That in order to provide for a coordinated response to a disaster or emergency in Cherry County, the Village of Merriman and other cities and villages in Cherry County, the Wood Lake Village Board deems it advisable and in the best interests of the community and the County to approve the attached Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan. Acceptance of this 2020 Local Emergency Operations Plan supersedes all previous approved Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plans.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2022.

Board Chair, Village of Wood Lake

ATTEST:

Village Clerk

SIGNATURE PAGE

We, the undersigned, have reviewed the Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) for Cherry County. We accept the responsibilities pertaining to our organization as defined in the Plan and will respond as required in the event of an emergency, disaster, or plan implementation.

Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan

_____ Cherry County Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC)	Date _____
_____ Cherry County Sheriff	Date _____
_____ Valentine Police Department	Date _____
_____ Valentine Fire Chief	Date _____
_____ Cherry County EMS President	Date _____
_____ Cody Fire Chief	Date _____
_____ Crookston Fire Chief	Date _____
_____ Kilgore Fire Chief	Date _____
_____ Merriman Fire Chief	Date _____
_____ Wood Lake Fire Chief	Date _____

SIGNATURE PAGE continued

Cherry County Assessor

Date _____

Cherry County Clerk

Date _____

Cherry County Highway Superintendent

Date _____

Regional Public Health Director

Date _____

American Red Cross

Date _____

Cherry County Emergency Management Director

Date _____

NOTE: (EM: expand this list as appropriate to include all agencies that are mentioned or listed as major contributors to jurisdictional responses)

PLAN DISTRIBUTION

Individual/Organization	Hard Copies	Number	PDF
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GLOSSARY OF TERMS AND ACRONYMS

Access and functional needs Populations: Individuals having additional needs before, during and after an incident in functional areas including but not limited to: maintaining independence and self-care, communication, transportation, supervision and medical care. Such individuals may have physical or behavioral disabilities, live in institutionalized settings including jails, may be elderly, children, from diverse cultures, have limited English proficiency or non-English speaking or transportation disadvantaged.

All-Hazards: Describing an incident, natural or man-made, that warrants action to protect life, property, environment, public health or safety and minimize disruptions of government, social or economic activities.

APHIS - Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service: A part of U. S. Dept. of Agriculture responsible for protecting animal and plant resources from pests and diseases, promoting agricultural health, administering the Animal Welfare Act, wildlife damage management activities.

ART - Animal Response Team

Assessment: The evaluation and interpretation of measurements and other information to provide a basis for decision making.

AVIC - Area Veterinarian in Charge: A U.S.D.A. veterinarian trained in animal disease control.

Bio-security: A system designed to protect a group of organisms (plants, animals, humans) from infectious agents (i.e. viruses, bacteria, fungi, or parasites) or hazardous chemicals.

BSE - Bovine Spongiform Encephalopathy: A slowly progressive, degenerative, fatal disease affecting the central nervous system of adult cattle; also known as "Mad Cow" disease.

Business Band Radio: Any commercial radio communications not otherwise specifically stated.

CAD - Contagious Animal Diseases: Diseases that spread from one animal to other animals.

CEC - Community Emergency Coordinator: The single point of contact under SARA Title III for the community who makes determinations necessary to implement the plan. This is generally the jurisdiction's Fire Chief.

CERCLA: Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 (PL 96-510)

CHEMTREC - (1-800-424-9300) Chemical Transportation Emergency Center: Located in Washington, D.C., this facility, sponsored by the chemical industry, provides 24-hour assistance in dealing with chemical transportation emergencies.

Citizen Corps A volunteer organization trained in individual preparedness and to assist first response units in administrative or minor support functions.

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Civil Defense Emergency: An emergency declared by the President of the United States or Congress pursuant to applicable federal law finding that an attack upon the United States has occurred or is anticipated and that national safety requires the invocation of the emergency authority provided for by federal law.

Continuity of Government (COG) Plan: Activities that address the continuance of constitutional governance to insure that constitutional, legislative and administrative responsibilities are maintained in any potential incident.

Continuity of Operations (COOP) Plan: Planning should be instituted at all levels of government, across the private sector and non-governmental organizations, as appropriate, to ensure the continued performance of core capabilities, essential functions, or critical agency/organizational operations during any potential incident.

County Emergency Board (CEB): A group comprised of representatives from three USDA agencies, Farm Service Agency (FSA), Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS), Cooperative Extension Service (CES). The Emergency Manager is usually also a member.

Decontamination: The reduction or removal of contaminating radioactive, biological or chemical material from a structure, area, object, or person.

Demobilization: The orderly, safe and efficient return of an incident resource, including equipment, supplies, individuals, to the original location and status.

DATNE: Disaster Assistance Taskforce of Nebraska

DHS: Department of Homeland Security

DHHS: Department Health and Human Services,

DMP: Debris Management Plan

DOT: Nebraska Department of Transportation, also NDOT

Disaster - (Reference 81-829.39[3]): Occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or man-made cause, including, but not limited to fire, flood, earthquake, wind, storm, chemical spill, or other water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, riot, civil disturbance, or hostile military or para-military action.

DRC - Disaster Recovery Center: A location established in a disaster area which houses all federal, state, and local agencies that deal directly with the needs of the individual survivor. DRCs are established only after a Presidential Declaration. Tele-registration will be available.

EAS - Emergency Alert System: The Emergency Alert System is composed of AM, FM and TV broadcast stations and non-government industry entities operating on a voluntary, organized basis during emergencies at the national, state, or operational levels.

Emergency: Any unplanned event that interrupts the daily function of the jurisdiction and requires an emergency response.

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Emergency Worker: A person or persons who are primarily responsible for carrying out emergency functions. Emergency functions include radiological monitoring, firefighting services, law enforcement, medical and health services, rescue activities, area security, communications, evacuation measures, social services, and other related functions assigned by competent authority to protect the health, safety, and property of the general populace. Reference: RRS 81-829.55

EMAC – Emergency Management Assistance Compact: An agreement between all states for mutual aid so that needed resources are obtained, transported and utilized during a disaster.

EMS: Emergency Medical Services

EMT - Emergency Medical Technician: An individual who has completed the required training and is licensed by the State of Nebraska to perform emergency basic life support functions.

Emergency Protective Actions: Measures taken prior to or after a release of hazardous materials to prevent or minimize exposures to persons in the threatened area. Examples of emergency protective actions as discussed in this plan are area access control, evacuation, in-house shelter, decontamination, and respiratory protection.

EOC - Emergency Operation Center: A facility from which local government officials exercise direction and control in an emergency or disaster.

EOC Staff: Members of the emergency management organization tasked to operate the Emergency Operation Center during disasters.

EPA: Environmental Protection Agency (Federal Agency)

EPI - Emergency Public Information: Information concerning individual actions that will be made available to affected residents, transients, and evacuees in an emergency to ensure their safety and well-being.

ESAR-VHP: Emergency System for Advance Registration of Volunteer Health Professionals.

ESF – Emergency Support Functions: Various state agencies may be requested or mandated to participate in disaster related activities, responses or support.

Evacuation: The organized, phased and supervised withdrawal, dispersal or removal of people from dangerous or potentially dangerous areas, their reception and care in safe areas and eventual return when possible.

Executive Group: Consists of the Chief Executives (Mayor, County Board Chairman, etc.) of the affected jurisdictions and/or their deputies.

Exercise: An activity designed to promote emergency preparedness; test or evaluate emergency operations plans, procedures, or facilities; train personnel in emergency response duties; and demonstrate operational capability.

FAD – Foreign Animal Disease: Any animal disease not naturally found in the United States. These diseases must be brought into the country by some vector, a diseased animal, food, soil, transportation. Examples of FADs include Foot-and-Mouth Disease, Newcastle Disease, Avian

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Influenza and African Swine Fever.

FADDs – Foreign Animal Disease Diagnosticians: Specially trained veterinarians and laboratory technicians specializing in identifying foreign animal diseases.

FCO - Federal Coordinating Officer: The person appointed by the Associate Director, Federal Emergency Management Agency, who operates under the Regional Director, FEMA, to coordinate federal assistance in a major disaster.

FDA: Food and Drug Administration

FEC - Facilities Emergency Coordinator: The single point of contact under SARA Title III for a facility that reports extremely hazardous substances. This person will coordinate all activities of the facility in the event of a spill or release.

Federal Agency Disaster Designation: Certain federal agencies have programs under their own authorities that allow them to provide assistance without a Presidential Declaration.

Federal Response Plan (FRP): The Federal plan developed under Public Law 93-288 (Stafford Act) in order to facilitate the delivery of all types of Federal Response Assistance to States to help them deal with the consequence of significant disasters. Any response provided will supplement state and local response efforts. Requests for Federal assistance will be made by the State after an assessment of state and local ability to respond to the specific disaster.

FEMA - Federal Emergency Management Agency: The federal agency charged with development of an Integrated Emergency Management System and with supporting Emergency Management and Disaster Assistance efforts at all levels of government.

First Responder: Local and nongovernmental agencies; police, fire and other emergency personnel responsible for the initial activities to protect and preserve life, property, evidence and the environment; including emergency management, public health, clinical care, public works and other skilled support personnel from federal, state, local tribal and non-governmental organizations.

FMD: Foot and Mouth disease

FSA: Farm Services Agency

Governor's Emergency Fund: A fund established by state law that may be expended, upon direction of the Governor, for any State of Emergency to supplement local efforts to maintain and/or promptly restore essential public facilities or services when threatened or damaged as a result of a natural disaster.

Governor's Proclamation - State of Emergency: The Governor has found that a disaster has occurred or that the occurrence or threat thereof is imminent within the state or any part thereof, and he has activated the disaster response and recovery aspects of state, local, and inter-jurisdictional plans for the purpose of aiding the affected individuals and local governments.

HAN - Health Alert Network: A statewide communications system used to alert all medical doctors, hospitals, veterinarians and animal clinics of a medical or animal disease emergency.

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Hazard Analysis: The process of identifying the potential danger or harm that could affect the jurisdiction and determine the probable impact each of these hazards could have on people and property.

Hazard Area: A specified area directly affected by a disaster, or with high probability of being affected by specific hazards.

Hazard Mitigation: Measures which will eliminate or reduce the potential for damage to an area or facility from the effects of an emergency or disaster.

HazMat - Hazardous Materials: Substances which, if released in an uncontrolled manner (i.e., spilled), can be harmful to people, animals, property, and/or the environment.

HSEEP – Homeland Security Exercise Evaluation Program: The method used to measure the success of all local, state and national emergency/disaster training sessions and programs; to include standards, record keeping and is the basis for the LEOP and local SOP improvement process.

Incident Action Plan: An oral or written plan containing general objectives reflecting the overall strategies for managing an incident, the initial response activities, formalized steps to achieve recovery, staffing and other resources needed during one or more operational periods.

ICS/IMS - Incident Command System/Incident Management System: The combination of facilities, equipment, personnel, procedures, and communications necessary to manage resources at the scene of an incident. See NIMS.

ICU: Intensive Care Unit

Incident Status Report (ISR): The ISR is used by emergency managers to report an emergency management incident to NEMA. Initial field responders and public works agencies use the ISR to collect the initial damage assessment information on damage which has occurred to the infrastructure in the jurisdiction. Part of the ISR must also include estimating the amount and types of debris which will need to be handled.

In-Place Shelter: Protective shelter action directed in the event of a short-term or low-level radioactive or toxic material release where evacuation actions could not be rapid enough to protect the affected population from an approaching hazard. Taking in-place shelter means staying indoors, closing all windows and openings to the outside air, and turning off all air conditioners or fans vented to the outside.

Infected Zone: The area around a specific location of a suspected or confirmed animal/wildlife disease; also known as the quarantine or control zone.

Ingestion Exposure Pathway EPZ (Nuclear Power Station Incidents): An Emergency Planning Zone which refers to exposure primarily from eating or drinking water or foods such as milk and fresh vegetables that have been contaminated with radiation. The duration of primary exposure could range from hours to months.

Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS): is a modernization and integration of the nation's alert and warning infrastructure and will save time when time matters most, protecting life and property.

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JFO, Joint Field Office: Federal and State agencies co-located in a facility during recovery.

JIC, Joint Information Center: Locally designated location for release of information to the general media for dissemination to the public.

Jurisdiction: A range or sphere of authority. Public agencies have jurisdiction at an incident related to their legal responsibilities and authority. Jurisdictional authority at an incident can be political (elected officials) or geographical (state, county, village) or functional (law, fire, public health).

Key Personnel: Those officials of local government and other agencies and organizations who have primary functional responsibilities under this plan.

LEDRS: Nebraska Livestock Emergency Disease Response System

Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP): A county wide, all-hazards plan, required by Nebraska R. R. S. Section 81-829.31, 81-829.36 to 81-829.75, 1996, that establishes the policies, responsibilities, plans, guidelines and procedures for all elected and appointed officials, Emergency Managers, and First Responders to function effectively during an emergency or disaster.

Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC): A local committee appointed by the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) responsible for emergency planning and community right to know under SARA Title III.

Logistics: Providing resources (equipment, supplies, services, personnel, money) to support an incident response and recovery.

MCI - Mass Casualty Incident: An incident, emergency, or disaster which generates sufficient casualties where:

- A. The number of patients and the nature of their injuries make the normal level of stabilization and care unachievable, or
- B. The number of Emergency Medical Technicians and ambulances that can be brought to the field within the time allowed is not enough, or
- C. The stabilization capabilities of the hospital are insufficient to handle all the patients.

MIL - Nebraska Military Department: A state agency consisting of the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, the Nebraska Air National Guard and the Nebraska Army National Guard.

MOU – Memoranda of Understanding: The MOU agreement NEMA has with Cities is based upon State Statute 81-829.52 that allows the Adjutant General, upon orders of the Governor, to establish “such number of state emergency response teams as may be necessary”. The Statute allows for payment to the jurisdictions, workman’s compensation and liability coverage for members of an established team.

Mutual-Aid Agreements: Arrangements between organizations, either public or private, for

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reciprocal aid and assistance in case of emergency or disaster too great to be dealt with unassisted or when local resources are inadequate or exhausted.

NAWAS - National Warning System: A system of special telephone lines linking Nebraska with federal authorities in other states. A sub-network portion of the system, the State NAWAS Circuit, ties together state and local warning points as well as the National Weather Service, Nebraska State Patrol Stations, and nuclear power stations.

NCP - National Contingency Plan: Prepared by EPA to put into effect the response powers and responsibilities created by CERCLA.

NDA: Nebraska Department of Agriculture

NDEE: Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy

NEMA – Nebraska Emergency Management Agency: A state agency mandated to administer the Emergency Management Act, R. R. S. Section 81-829.31, .36 to .75 and Homeland Security directives for the State.

NGPC: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission

NHIT: Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team

NIMS – National Incident Management System: A comprehensive, national approach to incident management, includes the Incident Command System, multi-agency Coordination systems, and Public Information systems and must be adopted by all jurisdictions to be compliant for DHS grants and awards.

NRF: National Response Framework; a guide to how the Nation conducts all-hazards responses (Jan. 2008)

NRP: National Response Plan, a guide for governmental agencies or roles and responsibilities for disaster response. emphasizing the Emergency Support Functions, (2004, rev '06)

NRT: National Response Team. Consists of representatives of government agencies as the principal organization for implementing the NCP.

NSP: Nebraska State Patrol

Nuclear Incident: An event where nuclear materials with consequent radiation are uncontrollably released. Synonymous with the terms "radiation spill" and "nuclear accident".

OSC - On Scene Coordinator: Federal official who directs Federal response under NCP.

OSHA: Occupational Safety and Health Administration (Federal Agency).

Pathogen: An organism (bacteria, virus, fungus, parasite) that is capable of causing disease or death.

PDA: Preliminary Damage Assessment

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Presidential Emergency Declaration: Under PL 93-288, as amended by PL 100-707 this is issued when the President has decided that a catastrophe, in any part of the United States, requires federal emergency assistance to supplement state and local efforts to save lives and protect property, public health, and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a natural disaster which because of the pressure of time or because of the unique capabilities of a federal agency, assistance can be more readily provided by the federal government.

Presidential Major Disaster Declaration: Is issued when in the determination of the President, a catastrophe causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant federal assistance under PL 93-288, as amended by PL 100-707, or subsequent legislation, above and beyond emergency services provided by the federal government to supplement the efforts and available resources of states, local governments, and other relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship, or suffering as a result of the catastrophe.

Protective Shelter: Any shelter with the capability to protect individuals, animals, or equipment from the effects of hazards such as tornadoes, blast, fire, initial radiation, and fallout.

Quarantine Zone: Area where livestock, vehicle or human movement, in/out of, is prohibited.

Radiological Emergency: A radiological incident/accident that requires immediate action to save lives, to protect public health, to preserve property, or to reduce or avoid an increase in the threat resulting from the incident/accident.

Radiological Monitoring: The use of detection equipment to measure the presence or levels of radiation and concentration of radioactive contamination to include the planning and data collection necessary to the task.

Radiological Protection: The organized effort, through warning, detection, and preventive or remedial measures, to minimize the effect of nuclear radiation on people and resources.

REM - Radiation Equivalent in Man: A measure of the overall effectiveness of a radiation dose at causing a risk of cancer.

Restricted Zone: The area around a suspected or confirmed animal disease location where the movement of livestock or people is controlled or stopped. The size of the zone is dependent on weather, terrain, animal concentrations, etc.

Risk: A function of three variables: Threat, Vulnerability and Consequence.

RRT - Regional Response Team: representatives of Federal agencies and a representative from each state in the Federal Region. During a response to a major hazardous materials incident involving transportation or a fixed facility, the OSC may request that the RRT be convened to provide advice or recommendations.

Rumor Control: A location where information requests from the public can be handled. Special Disaster Information telephone numbers may be published.

SARA: Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986. Contains Title III provisions for Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know.

Secondary Spread: The spread of a disease by carriers (vectors) such as people, other animals,

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vehicles or by contaminated materials such as soil, food, bedding, wastes, etc.

MSDS: Material Safety Data Sheet

SEOC: State Emergency Operations Center, usually in Lincoln, at the NEMA facilities

SEOP: State Emergency Operations Plan

SERC - State Emergency Response Commission: A commission, appointed by the governor to oversee LEPCs.

SERT - State Emergency Response Teams: Specially trained Hazmat team, technician level. Three levels of response teams: Governor's appointment, Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team, Wildfire Team

SFM: State Fire Marshal

SOP: Standard Operating Procedures, a list of specific or detailed actions, methods or skills used to accomplish a specific task or job; also known as SOGs, Standard Operating Guides.

State Coordinating Officer (SCO): The person named by the Governor in the Federal-State Agreement to execute on behalf of the State all necessary documents for disaster assistance following the declaration of an emergency or major disaster, including certification of applications for public assistance.

State Radiation Team/Radiological Monitoring Team: Response team sent to a radiological incident/accident by the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. This team(s) may be augmented by emergency management radiological monitoring resources, including aerial monitoring. On scene, all radiation control activities are coordinated by the HHSS which also furnishes technical guidance and other services to local governments.

Superfund: The trust fund established under CERCLA to provide money the OSC can use during a cleanup.

Surveillance Zone: In an animal disease situation this could initially include the entire state and those near to the infected area where livestock would be closely monitored. This zone would be adjusted based on the findings about the disease and its ability to spread.

Title III: The "Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know" portion of SARA. This specifies requirements for minimum plan content, for fixed facility owners to inform officials about extremely hazardous substances present at the facilities and for making information about extremely hazardous substances available to citizens.

Traffic Control (Entry-Exit) Points: Places along evacuation routes that are either manned by law enforcement personnel or volunteers, or marked with barricades to direct and control movement to and from the area being evacuated.

Triage: A system of assigning priorities of medical treatment to the injured and/or ill on the basis of urgency, chance of survival, etc.

UNS: University of Nebraska System

USDA: United States Department of Agriculture

Volunteer: For the purposes of NIMS, any person accepted to perform services by the lead agency to accept such services when the person performs services without promise, expectation or receipt of compensation for services performed. (16 USC 742f© and 29 CFR 553.101.

VOAD – Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters, see the “Emergency Manager’s Handbook”.

BASIC PLAN

I. PURPOSE

This Plan predetermines, to the extent possible, actions taken by responsible elements of the governments within Cherry County including its cities, villages, and cooperating private organizations to:

- A. Detect and protect against, threats or incidents of terrorism, natural disasters, major emergencies, and incidents of national significance,
- B. Prevent against avoidable disasters by reducing the vulnerability of Cherry County residents to any disasters that may strike,
- C. Establish capabilities for protecting citizens from the effects of disasters,
- D. Respond effectively to the actual occurrence of disasters,
- E. Provide for the recovery in the aftermath of any emergency involving extensive damage or other detrimental effect on normal life within the community.

II. AUTHORITY

Authority for this Plan is contained in:

- **10 CFR, Parts 50 and 70, Appendix E, Nuclear Regulatory Commission as revised 3 November 1980**
- **21 CFR, Parts 500-599 (Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act)**
- **44 CFR, Part 302, Emergency Management: State and Local Emergency Management Assistance (EMA), October 2011, as amended**
- **Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD) 5 "Management of Domestic Incidents," 28 February, 2003**
- **Presidential Policy Directive (PPD) 8 "National Preparedness" March 30, 2011**
- **Public Law 81-920 (Federal Emergency Management Act of 1950) as amended**
- **Public Law 93-288 (Disaster Relief Act of 1974) as amended by PL 100-707**
- **Public Law 99-499 (Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986) as amended**
- **RRS Sections 81-829.36 to 81-829.75, Nebraska Emergency Management Act of 1996, as amended, Cum. Supp. 2002**

- **USC Title 21, section 134(a), (USDA response procedures for animal disease events)**
- **USC Title 7, sections 7701-7772, (USDA Plant Protection Act)**
- **Joint Resolution and Agreement, establishing the Region Common Emergency Management Organization**
- **Nebraska Administrative Code, Chapter 7; Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Title 67, July 21, 2001**
- **Nebraska Revised Statutes 81-201 (Reissue 1996), 54-701 (reissue 1998 and Cum. Supp. 2002, and 54-1180 to 54-1182**
- **State of Nebraska, Executive Order 05-02, State Adoption of the National Incident Management System (NIMS), March 4, 2005**
- **Cherry County Resolution(s), establishing the Cherry County Emergency Management Agency**
- **Cherry County Resolution, approving the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)**

III. SITUATION

- A. Cherry County, with a residential population of approximately 5,779 persons, (2020 census) is vulnerable to many hazards that can disrupt the community, create damage and cause injury or death. The Cherry County Local Hazard Mitigation Plan has identified hazards which could affect the population or public and private property. The most severe of these hazards are:
1. Fire
 2. Extreme Weather - Winter Storm
 3. Extreme Weather - High Temperature
 4. Severe Thunderstorms
 5. Tornado
 6. Power Outage
 7. Flood
 8. Hazardous Materials Incident (HAZMAT)
 9. Pandemic Event
 10. Dam or Levee Failure
 11. Earthquake

12. Man-Made Technological Disruption

13. Man-Made Physical Disruption

- B. Cherry County and its incorporated jurisdictions have significant emergency response resources and capabilities. There are 2 law enforcement agencies, 15 fire departments, 3 rescue squads and 1 hospitals which provide emergency services on a day-to-day basis. During and after a disaster, the use of these emergency resources and other governmental and private response and recovery capabilities will minimize the effects of the disaster.

IV. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Outside assistance would be available in most disasters. However, it is essential for the County to be prepared to carry out disaster response and short-term recovery actions on an independent basis.
- B. A major disaster may occur at any time, and at any place, in the county. In some cases, warnings and increased preparedness measures may be possible. Many disasters can and will occur with little or no warning.
- C. Implementation of this Plan will reduce or prevent the loss of life and damage to property. Officials within Cherry County are aware of the possible occurrence of an emergency or major disaster and their responsibilities in the execution of this Plan and will fulfill those responsibilities as needed.
- D. All responding elected and appointed officials, departments, agencies and jurisdictions will follow the National Incident Management System (NIMS) protocols when conducting either individual or joint disaster response and recovery activities. This includes but is not limited to establishing unified or area incident command systems, the use of staging areas as needed, implementing multi-agency coordination systems and resource management including the identification and listing of all department, agency and jurisdiction disaster response resources (equipment, trained personnel, supplies, facilities) using the NIMS resource identification process.

V. ORGANIZATION / RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Elected Officials Responsibilities

The responsibility for the safety and welfare of the residents of Cherry County and its communities rests with the respective governments. To fulfill this responsibility, the chief elected officials of the various local governments must individually, and where possible, jointly:

- 1. Provide overall policy, leadership and direction and strategic guidance, for the emergency management agency,
- 2. Provide resources during emergency preparedness, response and recovery activities.

3. Give the trained responders the authority to accomplish the incident objectives.

Providing policy direction does not mean that these officials direct the incident objectives or tactics. Those responsibilities are given to the Incident Commander, see below. The elected/appointed officials will implement these and other plans to ensure emergency actions are taken in a timely manner to provide care and support for those citizens affected.

B. Local Government Structure

1. A three member Board of Commissioners manages the governmental activities of the County. Their authority extends to all unincorporated areas of the county.
2. Valentine is a second class city (population 2,790) and functions under Council system. The City Council has a Council President and four Council Members. Day-to-day activities of the city are under the direction of a City Manager.
3. Cody (population 205), Crookston (population 72), Kilgore (population 57), Merriman (population 154), Nenzel (population 30), and Wood Lake (population 32) are villages under the direction of Village Boards with a Board Chairperson and four Board Members. .

C. Emergency Management

1. North Central / Sandhills - 4 County Emergency Management Organization

Recognizing the need for the most effective possible emergency management structure for dealing with disasters, Cherry County has joined with neighboring Counties as signatories of an agreement establishing the North Central / Sandhills - 4 Common Emergency Management Organization. A member of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners sits on the North Central / Sandhills - 4 Emergency Management Council. A North Central / Sandhills - 4 Emergency Management Coordinator employed by the Joint Council has established a Joint Emergency Management Emergency Operating Center (EOC) that supports emergency preparedness activities in the Cherry County region. During emergency operations, the North Central / Sandhills - 4 Emergency Management Council and Coordinator will advise and support the Cherry County Emergency Management Director.

2. Cherry County Emergency Management Agency

The Cherry County Emergency Management Director, appointed jointly by the Cherry County Board of Commissioners, will act as a disaster operations advisor to the Board and the City Council. In that capacity, and as directed by the County Board, the Emergency Management Director will assist and support other cities and villages in the county in emergency response activities within those communities. Local forces, supplemented as necessary by trained auxiliaries and personnel and resources available from neighboring jurisdictions or the State, will conduct emergency operations. In general, the Emergency Management Director:

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- a. Serves as the emergency preparedness and response advisor to the Cherry County Board of Commissioners and the President of the Valentine City Council located within Cherry County.
 - b. Directs and controls the Cherry County Emergency Management Agency. In that capacity, supports disaster preparedness and response activities in all other jurisdictions in the county.
 - c. Develops plans, prepares guidance, and coordinates actions to accomplish an effective emergency operating capability, assesses the capabilities and readiness of local assets likely to be needed during an incident and identifies any shortfalls or gaps.
 - d. Ensures that there are unified objectives with regard to the communities' emergency response plans, preparation activities, public information, training and exercising activities.
 - e. Promulgates a program promoting a general public awareness of Emergency Management.
 - f. Implements procedures to obtain state/federal government programs of financial and resource assistance to include the local administration and fiscal responsibility for grants, equipment obtained through grants and the training for the equipment so obtained.
 - g. Establishes programs to protect lives, protect property, and sustain survivors in the event of disaster.
 - h. Involves private sector businesses and relief organizations in planning, training and exercising.
3. City and Village Emergency Management

Currently, City and villages within Cherry County do not have appointed Emergency Management Directors who serve and advise executives on emergency management matters. This function, in relation to their communities, will be the same as listed above for the Cherry County Emergency Management Director.

D. Incident Commander

1. The Incident Commander of an event or disaster is the first trained responder on scene. The initial response priorities are based on:
 - a. Life Safety: determining the threats to both the responders and the public.
 - b. Incident Stabilization: determining tactics to reduce the damage potential lessen the incident complexity and provide infrastructure protection,
 - c. Property Conservation: assessing the real property threatened by the event, the potential environmental impact and the economic impact.

2. Incidents occur at differing levels of complexity, from simple ones requiring only one responder with a minimal level of input to catastrophic levels requiring federal or even international assistance. Yet all incidents remain under the control of the local Incident Commander. The Incident Commander will follow the principle and guidelines of the National Incident Management System. For all events, the Incident Commander is also responsible for the following in some manner or scale:
 - a. Having clear authority and knowing agency policy,
 - b. Ensuring incident safety,
 - c. Establishing an Incident Command Post,
 - d. Setting priorities, determining incident objectives and strategies to be followed,
 - e. Establishing the Incident command system organization needed to manage the incident,
 - f. Approving the Incident Action Plan,
 - g. Coordinating command and General Staff activities,
 - h. Approving resource requests and use of volunteers and auxiliary personnel,
 - i. Ordering demobilization as needed,
 - j. Ensuring after-action reports are completed, and
 - k. Authorizing information release to the public.

E. State Agencies

This Plan primarily addresses local authority in emergencies. There may be times when state agencies may be requested or required to be involved. References in this Plan to state agencies are not meant to be an exhaustive list of circumstances or situations with State involvement. State statutes mandate certain state agencies to respond or support local jurisdictions and those agencies are expected to perform their duties when necessary.

F. Responsibilities

Most departments within local government have emergency functions in addition to their normal duties. Each department is responsible for developing and maintaining emergency/disaster procedures. This Plan has twelve primary functional areas of responsibility (detailed in Annexes) that define the tasks necessary to ensure public safety and welfare. Additional functions, such as Mitigation, Continuity of Government, Reporting, and Administration and Logistics, which do not warrant a full Annex, are also addressed at the appropriate places in this Plan. Primary and supporting responsibility

has been assigned as shown in the Functional Responsibility Chart, included in this section. (See Attachment 1). Specific activities are covered in the Annexes. Responsibilities for certain organizations that are not part of local government are also presented. In general, the functional areas cover:

1. Direction and Control (Annex A)

By statute, the conduct of all emergency operations and protective actions in the County is the responsibility of the County Board; and, in their respective political subdivisions, the responsibility of the Valentine City Council President, and Village Boards of Cody, Crookston, Kilgore, Merriman, Nenzel and Wood Lake within Cherry County. These executives constitute the Emergency Executive Group. During an emergency, they will re-locate to the Cherry County Emergency Operations Center (EOC), along with the Emergency Operations Staff. The Emergency Executive Group will use the expertise of the EOC staff to assist them in the Direction and Control functions. In general, executive direction and control responsibilities will be to:

- a. Assign missions and tasks in support of and fulfilling the resource needs of the Incident Commander,
- b. Establish short and long term priorities for recovery,
- c. Anticipate and identifying future resource requirements,
- d. Monitor the Cherry County environment,
- e. Inform the public of conditions, warnings, and instructions,
- f. Coordinate emergency operations in support of the Incident Commander,
- g. Demobilize and replenish resources after the event,
- h. Coordinate and resolve policy issues arising from the event,
- i. Participate in the After Action Report process and make the subsequent modifications to policies, plans and procedures in agencies under their authority;
- j. Partner with private, for-profit, non-profit, non-governmental, faith-based and other organizations as required and
- k. Implement those appropriate portions of the jurisdiction's Continuity of Operations – Continuity of Government Plans. This ensures that the vital and essential functions of government services continue during and after a disaster, especially when government facilities and staff are affected by the disaster.
- l. The North Central / Sandhills - 4 Common Emergency Management Coordinator will also be a part of the Executive Group in an advisory and support role.

2. Communications and Warning (Annex B)

The primary responsibility for establishing, maintaining, augmenting, and providing backup for all channels of communications needed for emergency response and recovery rests with the respective emergency service organizations. The Communications and Warning Officer (if appointed) is responsible for coordinating EOC communications and maintaining this Annex of the LEOP; in lieu of a Communications Officer, then the Emergency Manager. Warning could be received through the NAWAS Warning Point or NOAA Weather Alert radio. In the remainder of the county, warning of the public is a primary responsibility of the Cherry County Sheriff's Office.

3. Damage Assessment (Annex C)

The Emergency Management Assessor will serve as Damage Assessment Coordinator and will be responsible for ensuring that personnel and procedures are available to provide preliminary damage estimates and descriptions of the damage, including estimated costs, resulting from the disaster. This responsibility includes provisions for completing the process of requesting a local disaster proclamation through emergency management channels. The Damage Assessment Coordinator is a member of the EOC Staff. Debris management planning guidelines, staffing and responsibilities are provided in Annex C. Red Cross and the USDA, FSA may conduct damage assessments targeted to their mission and may be able to share such information with the EOC.

4. Emergency Public Information (Annex D)

The Public Information Officer (PIO) is responsible for keeping the public advised as to the emergency. The PIO has an important role of coordinating with the media in advising the public of proper actions to take. The establishment of rumor control procedures and Disaster Recovery Centers are also important functions as is the on-going requirement for emergency preparedness education efforts. All public information activity will be coordinated through the Emergency Operating Center where the Public Information Officer will function as a member of the EOC Staff.

5. Evacuation (Annex E)

The goal of this function is to relocate people to safe areas when emergencies or threats necessitate such action. The decision to evacuate is normally made by the Executive Group on the advice of the Emergency Management Director but due to the severity of the situation it may be made by the Incident Commander (fire or law enforcement). The Cherry County Emergency Management Director, or anyone appointed by the Emergency Management Director, is responsible for establishing clear and detailed procedures for carrying out evacuations. Evacuation and sheltering plans will include consideration for individuals with access and functional needs, service or companion animals and household animals.

6. Fire Services (Annex F)

All Fire District Chiefs are responsible for fire control and rescue activities in their

respective fire districts. The Fire Chief of the affected jurisdiction serves as Fire Services Coordinator and as a member of the EOC staff. If more than one jurisdiction is affected, the Cherry County Mutual Aid Association may provide a Fire Services Representative to the EOC. General responsibilities are to limit loss of life and property from fires and other damage, provide leadership and training in fire prevention and suppression, respond to HazMat incidents, lead search and rescue, assist in mobile medical aid and ambulance transport, and provide light rescue of trapped or injured persons.

7. Health and Medical (Annex G)

Emergency medical responsibilities and coordinating rescue operations include providing emergency medical care and treatment for the ill and injured, coordinating evacuation of health care patients, and managing medical resources, both personnel and equipment/supplies. This may be assigned to a Medical Coordinator. Public health responsibility has been assigned to a Public Health Coordinator. These responsibilities include the safeguarding of public health, minimizing the incidence of communicable disease, coordinating mental health care/crisis counseling, establishing environmental controls, and coordinating burial.

8. Law Enforcement (Annex H)

The Cherry County Sheriff, the Valentine Police Department and the Nebraska State Patrol are responsible for law enforcement, traffic control and security functions within their respective jurisdictions. Their responsibilities include maintaining law and order through traffic and crowd control, preventing crimes against people and property, securing the scene of a HazMat incident, coordinating evacuation, managing search operations, and providing security.

9. Mass Care (Annex I)

The jurisdiction is responsible for mass care until the Red Cross can assist the jurisdiction's efforts. The American Red Cross has the responsibility for coordinating short-term mass care of citizens in case of an evacuation or disaster. Responsibilities include providing temporary lodging, food, clothing, and other essentials to large numbers of evacuees displaced due to disasters or crisis. Cherry County also has a responsibility for mass care coordination in the event residents of Cherry County are directed to this area under nuclear power station contingencies.

10. Protective Shelter (Annex J)

This function involves providing protective shelter from the direct effects of those hazards where exposure could cause injury or death and when evacuation is not a viable option. Examples range from tornadoes, hazardous materials spills, radioactive fallout from a nuclear attack to temperature extremes. The Emergency Management Director, with the assistance of City and Village Chairmen, will serve as Shelter Coordinator and be responsible for identifying appropriate shelters, establishing protective shelter procedures and coordinating shelter operations.

11. Public Works/Utilities (Annex K)

The Public Works/Utilities functional area involves providing a flexible emergency response capability in the area of engineering, construction, and the repair and restoration of public facilities and services. Additional responsibilities include developing and directing debris clearance operations, post-disaster safety inspections, heavy rescue, and for providing traffic control equipment in support of an evacuation. Responsibility for the Public Works/Utilities area has been assigned to Utilities Dept.

12. Resource Management (Annex L)

The coordination and effective procurement, storage, distribution and utilization of personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, and services during disaster response and recovery are important functions. Responsibility for this has been assigned to the Emergency Management supported by the Cherry County Emergency Management Director and the USDA County Emergency Board (CEB). Volunteer labor and donations of money and material must be coordinated, documented and integrated into the response and recovery efforts.

- G. Cherry County has a mutual aid support responsibility to assist, as possible, neighboring Counties should they experience a major emergency or disaster. Details of this agreement can be found within the File Archive of the NebraskaPlanner.com system.
- H. The Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) agreement that NEMA has with the MOU cities based on State Statute 81-829.52 allows the Adjutant General, upon orders of the Governor, to establish, "such number of state emergency response teams as may be necessary". The Statute allows for payment to the jurisdictions, workman's compensation and liability coverage for members of an established team.
 - 1. Each of the MOU fire departments signed an agreement to act as a team in the event they are needed, in return for grant money to purchase equipment, to train and exercise disaster plans.
 - 2. Each department received a letter signed by the Adjutant General naming a team leader, who is responsible to keep records for any of their staff who are called under the statute.
 - 3. State emergency response teams are under the direction of the Adjutant General, and assigned duties through the State Emergency Operations Center (NEMA).

VI. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. General

It is the responsibility of the elected county officials and officials of each local government to protect life and property from the effects of hazardous events. This Plan

is based on the concept that emergency functions for various agencies/organizations involved in emergency management will generally parallel their normal functions. To the extent possible, the same personnel and material resources will be employed in both cases. Day-to-day functions that do not contribute directly to the emergency operation may be suspended for the duration of any emergency. Those departments, personnel efforts will be redirected to accomplish the emergency tasks assigned. In keeping with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the concepts embodied in the Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS), this Plan is concerned with all types of emergency situations.

B. Continuity of Government

1. Succession of Command (Ref: RRS 84-1101 to 84-1117 - Nebraska Emergency Succession Act):

- a. The lines of succession for executive heads of government and Emergency Management officials in Cherry County are defined in Annex A, Direction and Control.
- b. The line of succession of each department head is according to the operating procedures established by each department or as defined in the appropriate Annex to this Plan.
- c. In a civil defense emergency due to threat or occurrence of a nuclear attack, succession to elected and appointed city or county officials will be as provided in the Nebraska General Emergency Succession Act (RRS 84-1101 to 84-1117) by invoking the Act and appointing alternates.

2. Preservation of Records

The preservation of important records and taking measures to ensure continued operation and reconstitution of local government during and after catastrophic disasters or national security emergencies is the responsibility of the executives of each jurisdiction. Normally, the development and maintenance of procedures for ensuring continuity of government will be carried out for the County by the County Clerk, by the City Administrator for incorporated cities within Cherry County, and for other local jurisdictions by the respective city and village clerks. A system to maintain the most recent revisions, additions, to safeguard essential records, and to recover them should the primary storage be damaged should be in place. Records to be preserved will include as a minimum:

- a. Records protecting the rights and interests of the jurisdiction and its citizens (vital statistics, plats, deeds, mortgage, land and tax, papers of incorporation, school records etc.).
- b. Records required by health, fire, law enforcement and public works to conduct emergency operations (utility maps, emergency plans and procedures, personnel lists, construction records, blueprints, etc.) and help assess damage to public infrastructure.

- c. Records required to re-establish normal government functions and to protect the rights and interests of government (constitutions, charters, statutes, ordinances, court records, financial records, historical records, etc.).

3. Alternate Operating Locations

Those government departments having emergency response functions have, where necessary, identified alternate operating locations. Refer to Annex A for specific information.

4. Protection of Government Resources

Procedures and guidelines are established in this Plan and separately, to provide for the physical safety of government personnel, records, and equipment.

- a. Personnel: All government buildings should have tornado protection, bomb and hostage threat, fire escape and evacuation plans which designate appropriate response actions, assembly areas, protective shelter locations including means of exiting, accountability systems and accommodations and provisions for handicapped persons.
- b. Records: Essential Cherry County government records are backed up and stored. City/Village records have been microfilmed or electronically duplicated and are stored in their respective clerk offices.
- c. Equipment: No specific high probability hazard has been identified that could cause damage to equipment. Tornadoes could strike anywhere precluding specific equipment protection procedures. The communications capability of various emergency response departments have been duplicated in the EOC providing a backup capability.

C. Direction and Control Relationships

- 1. During disaster operations, the Executive Group of the affected jurisdiction will establish coordination, leadership, and managerial decisions for the community emergency response. The Chair of the Cherry County Board and the Valentine City Council President will operate from the Cherry County EOC providing overall leadership and coordination of the many emergency functions in support of the Incident Commander. The chief executives of other communities will function from their local Emergency Operating Centers.
- 2. The Executive Group, including the Incident Commander and the Emergency Manager must maintain situational awareness of changes in the incident due to response or recovery activities. This requires continuous monitoring of all relevant sources of information, such as on-site visits, Incident Status Reports, communications from the Incident Commander, discussions with victims and reports from volunteers and their coordinators. The new data may indicate or identify new hazards or threats as a consequence of response actions or changes in the event.

3. Each office, agency or organization assigned primary or supporting responsibilities under this emergency plan must be prepared to assign a representative to the EOC staff. The EOC, working with field operations, thus becomes the central point for coordination of all disaster operations. The County Emergency Management Director is responsible for maintaining and managing the EOC as outlined in Annex A.
4. Primary communications will be through normal systems. Supporting emergency communications facilities will be coordinated from the EOC or the Cherry County Communications Center. Communications available to the Executive Group and the EOC Staff are outlined in Annex B.

D. Phases of Emergency Management

There are four phases of emergency management. The first of these, mitigation, is a continuing effort throughout the management process. The other three phases are action periods where emergency operations defined under this Plan are carried out. Each of the functional Annexes to this Plan defines specific actions essential to each of the three operational phases. These Annexes should be thoroughly reviewed and understood by all agencies, organizations, and emergency personnel prior to implementation of the Plan. The four emergency management phases are:

1. Mitigation

Mitigation activities are those that eliminate or reduce the probability of a disaster occurrence. Also included are long-term activities designed to minimize the adverse effects of unavoidable hazards. These activities are ongoing throughout the emergency management process and can involve legislative and/or physical actions. Examples are flood plain management, non-structural flood mitigation measures, development of building codes and ordinances requiring protective measures such as mobile home tie-downs or installation of back up emergency generators for critical facilities. Most mitigation tasks or responsibilities are not considered appropriate for an Emergency Operations Plan and therefore are addressed only briefly in this Plan. Some mitigation activities will be addressed, if appropriate, in the various Annexes.

2. Preparedness Phase

This includes normal day-to-day readiness activities such as planning, training, and developing and testing emergency response capabilities. It would include increased readiness activities under an attack threat. Tornado, winter storm, and flood watch actions carried out when conditions are present for hazardous events to occur are also considered part of the preparedness phase. Limited staffing of the EOC may be required.

3. Response Phase

Response is the actual provision of emergency services during a crisis. These activities help to reduce casualties and damage and to speed recovery. Response activities include activation of the EOC, direction and control, warning, evacuation, rescue, and other similar operations. Severe weather warnings

(tornado, flash flood, winter storm, etc.) would be included in the response phase. Damage assessment actions would be initiated.

4. Recovery Phase

Recovery is both a short-term and a long-term process. Short-term operations provide vital services to the community and provide for basic needs of the public. Damage assessment actions and emergency response services (medical, search and rescue, public utility restoration, sanitation, etc.) would continue. Long-term recovery focuses on restoring the community to its normal or to an improved state of affairs. Examples of long-term recovery actions are provision of temporary housing and food, restoration of non-vital government services, and reconstruction of damaged areas.

E. Demobilization

Demobilization is the orderly, safe and efficient return of an incident resource to its original location and status. It can begin at any point of an incident, but should begin as soon as possible to facilitate the accountability and replacement of resources. The demobilization plan includes provisions for returning resources to their original location and state of readiness and notification of return to service status; the tracking of resources and possible reimbursement for their use; documentation of responder and volunteer safety, and accountability for compliance with mutual aid provisions, plans, documentation of damage costs, direct costs, volunteer contributions and mitigation plans.

F. Notification

Initial notification of an emergency or disaster event occurring within the County would normally come from a citizen's report to law enforcement or fire services in the affected area. A hazardous materials incident notification will come from a facility with Title III reporting requirements, or from the carrier, in the event of a transportation incident. Notification of events occurring outside of the County could come from several sources:

1. National Weather Service (NWS)
Weather phenomena threatening the County would normally be received from the National Weather Service Station via the NAWAS distribution system followed by Weather Alert Radio.
2. Nebraska State Patrol (NSP)
Notification of hazardous events occurring near or in the County could come from the Nebraska State Patrol via direct radio communications or telephone. See Annex B for communications details.
3. Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA)
Back-up notification of all severe events and long-range forecasts of potential disaster situations, such as flood stage predictions could come from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency in Lincoln. Telephone or e-mail are the normal means; although the NAWAS could also be used.

4. Adjacent Counties

Notification of emergency or disaster events occurring in nearby or adjacent counties would normally be relayed by the affected county using direct radio communications.

G. Alerting of Key People

In accordance with local procedures, the communicator/dispatcher on duty will notify the appropriate city/village and county officials when there is a notification of a possible or actual emergency or disaster event. If the EOC is activated, officials will, as required by the situation, assemble at the EOC and be prepared to evaluate information, effect coordination, and make emergency action decisions.

H. Plan Implementation

The Chief Elected Official of the affected jurisdiction, on the advice of emergency response personnel, will decide to implement all or part of this plan. A Presidential Declaration of a Civil Defense Emergency shall mean automatic implementation of this Plan. On implementation, local executives will assume such emergency powers as are authorized by local ordinances or contained in the Nebraska Emergency Management Statutes and delegated by the Governor. The Chair of the County Board of Commissioners and/or the Chairs of the Village Boards of the affected communities will be responsible for the implementation, management and direction of this Plan. The Chief Elected Official will support the Incident Commander in the execution of tactical operations as prioritized by the Executive Board:

1. All county and city/village officials will immediately activate their portions of the Plan and discontinue all non-essential actions. If a portion of the Plan cannot be activated, the appropriate Chief Executive will be immediately notified so alternate arrangements can be made.
2. The Cherry County Emergency Management Director will coordinate disaster operations support for emergency response services and make contact with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and other appropriate state and local organizations.
3. Depending on the situation, disaster declarations in accordance with RRS 81-829.50 will be made by the chief executives of Cherry County and the affected communities. The effect of a local disaster declaration shall activate the response and recovery aspects of this Plan, any other interjurisdictional disaster plans and to authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance from these plans. A local disaster declaration is a prerequisite for obtaining a state disaster proclamation from the Governor authorizing state assistance and response support.

I. National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS).

1. The NIMS is an emergency or disaster event management, direction and control system that is standardized for use across the nation. April, 2004, the Governor of Nebraska signed a declaration stating that the NIMS and the Incident Command System will be used by responders and officials during an emergency

or disaster response. This management system clarifies decision and strategy making roles, functional operations roles and uses a common language. This incident management system can be used by a single responder for a short duration event to multi-state and governments response to a catastrophic, multi-state event. The Incident Command System allows the responder(s) to have:

- a. a single set of objectives for a given time period,
 - b. tactical plans developed using a collective, strategic approach,
 - c. improved information flow and coordination between responders and decision makers,
 - d. a common understanding of joint priorities and restrictions,
 - e. assurance that no agency's legal authority is compromised or neglected, and
 - f. use of resources and the combined efforts of all agencies under a single plan.
2. There are five functions or activities common to all responses, whether handled by one or hundreds of responders:
 - a. Command: Based on the complexity, severity, expected duration and other factors of the event, objectives are determined, priorities are established, guidance on legal and liability implications of response activation are provided, public information is released.
 - b. Planning: An Incident Action Plan is developed to accomplish the objectives, incoming information is evaluated, the status of assigned resources, personnel, hardware, equipment, money is tracked.
 - c. Logistics: Resources and all other support to the responders, such as equipment, food, temporary shelter, medical care, etc. are provided to operation tasks.
 - d. Finances: Costs are monitored, cost analysis and financial guidance is provided, accounting, procurement of personnel, equipment, material, payroll, insurance, etc. is completed.
 - e. Operations: The tactical or organizational plans are developed, and the incident action plan is efficiently and effectively carried out using the resources provided.
3. NIMS training that details the above, is available from many sources, many of which are referenced on the NEMA website: nema.nebraska.gov.

J. Mutual Aid

When existing local resources are exceeded, mutual aid will be requested from

neighboring communities having mutual aid agreements. On request, Cherry County resources may be sent to assist other jurisdictions under existing mutual aid agreements.

K. Requests for State Support

State support may be requested under disaster conditions.

1. If it appears that required disaster response actions are, or will be, beyond the capability of the local government and available mutual aid, the chief executive will prepare a local disaster declaration and request assistance from the State; see Annex A, Attachment 4. This request shall be made through the County Emergency Management Director to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and will contain the following information:
 - a. Type of disaster,
 - b. Extent of damage or loss (include fiscal estimate),
 - c. Actions taken by local government, including funds expended, and
 - d. Type and extent of assistance required.
2. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will review the request, evaluate the overall disaster situation, and recommend action to the Governor. If the Governor finds the disaster so severe that response is beyond local resources, he/she will proclaim a disaster in accordance with RRS 81-829.40 and state assets will be employed to support local efforts. State support will be coordinated through the State EOC. This does not preclude direct requests for early assistance to first responder state agencies.
3. Under disaster conditions, support by state military forces may be requested through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The Cherry County Emergency Manager will coordinate such requests. National Guard or military assistance will complement and not be a substitute for local participation in emergency operations. The National Guard will remain at all times under military command but will support and assist local government. Requests will include the county's objectives, priorities, and other information necessary for the National Guard to determine how best to assist the county.

L. Community Lifelines

When determining the impact of a disaster, community lifelines should be considered. Community lifelines reframe incident information to provide decision-makers with impact statements and root causes. This construct maximizes the effectiveness of a response by helping to prioritize impacts. See Annex A for more details.

M. Protection of the Public

The primary responsibility of government is to ensure that all reasonable measures are taken to protect citizens in the event of a potential or actual disaster. This Plan outlines

these actions necessary in Cherry County. In addition to normal emergency services, there are four major areas for government action.

1. Warning and Emergency Public Information: Public warnings are issued through a combination of methods. These methods include sirens (outdoor warning), emergency vehicles, radio, television, and local cable television. Advising the public of proper actions to take utilizes the media and is dependent on their full cooperation. Details of warning and information dissemination capabilities and procedures, including the Emergency Alert System (EAS), are in Annex B, Communications and Warning and in Annex D, Emergency Public Information.
2. Protective Shelter: Providing shelter from the direct effects of hazards in the County focuses on three major hazards, tornadoes, extreme temperatures and hazardous materials.
 - a. Tornado Shelters: The tornado shelter policy advises citizens at home to protect themselves in the strongest part of their living facility. Most public facilities have been surveyed to identify the best protective locations. All schools, health care facilities, and major industries have tornado plans. See Annex J.
 - b. Severe Temperature Shelters: Extremes in temperatures can be hazardous to medically fragile people. The local jurisdiction may provide for the safety and welfare of these individuals by opening warming or cooling shelter.
 - c. Indoor Protection: For some hazardous materials incidents it is safer to keep citizens inside with doors and windows closed rather than evacuate. Frequently a chemical plume will quickly move past homes. Because air circulation systems can easily transport airborne toxic substances, instructions will be given to shut off all circulation systems for private homes and institutional facilities.
3. Evacuation: When time permits or when staying in the vicinity of a hazard effect poses a threat to the life and safety of the citizens affected, an evacuation may be ordered. Approximately 0 percent of the population resides in the 100-year flood plain boundary. Toxic clouds resulting from a fire or hazardous material spill could affect any area within the county. Evacuation decisions will be made by the Incident Commander or, if time permits, the Chief Elected Official, based on the recommendation of the Emergency Management Director. Evacuation procedures are outlined in Annex E, and in Annex H. Reception and care of evacuees are detailed in Annex I.

N. Recovery Actions

Once the emergency or disaster is under control, search and rescue operations completed, and the immediate needs of the affected citizens have been met, the Executive Group will initiate all recovery actions necessary to return the affected area to normal. If disaster assistance is provided, the chief executive will coordinate with the State and/or Federal coordinating officers. Recovery responsibilities of each agency and

organization are defined in the various Annexes. Primary recovery efforts will focus on the following areas:

1. Debris Removal (Annexes C and K)
Plans and procedures for debris removal are in Annexes C and K. Debris removal will be coordinated in the county by the Cherry County Roads Superintendent. Snow and ice emergencies will be declared by the chief executive and enforced by the County Sheriff and local law enforcement.
2. Habitability Inspections (Annex C)
After tornado strikes, high winds, floods or any other disaster that could cause structural damage, the appropriate local government will ensure that all affected structures, public and private, are safety inspected. Fire Chief personnel will perform these inspections. If a jurisdiction has no trained building inspection personnel, assistance may be requested through NEMA for the State Fire Marshal's office or the Disaster Assistance Task Force of Nebraska (DATNE) to provide trained building inspectors, architects and structural engineers to assess and inspect damaged buildings and structures.
3. Repair and Restoration of Essential Utilities (Annex K)
The recovery of utilities to normal service will be coordinated in the county by Utilities Dept and in the cities and villages in cooperation with the various public and private utility companies.
4. Repair and Restoration of Public Facilities (Annex K)
Repair and reconstruction of public facilities, including bridges and culverts, are the responsibility of local government and will generally be funded from locally available contingency funds. If the Governor proclaims a state disaster, some costs may be reimbursable under the Governor's Emergency Fund on a matching basis. If a Presidential Disaster Declaration is obtained, matching federal assistance may be available. Because of this, all public recovery actions will comply with pertinent state and federal laws and regulations.
5. Decontamination of HazMat Spill Site (Annex F)
It is the spiller's legal and financial responsibility to clean up and minimize the risk to the public and workers' health. The Department Environment and Energy (NDEE) is responsible for decisions regarding Hazardous Waste disposal. Federal law regulates on-site disposal, transportation, and off-site disposal.
6. Assistance to Individuals and Businesses (Annex G)
While their recovery from a disaster is primarily the responsibility of the affected citizens and businesses, every effort will be made to assist them, particularly those whose needs cannot be met through insurance or their own resources. The American Red Cross and the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services will coordinate such relief efforts. Emphasis will be placed on assisting and supporting people with access and functional needs.

O. Mitigation

1. The County Board and the various City Councils and Village Boards should be aware of their responsibilities for maintaining an on-going program to eliminate hazards or minimize their effects.
2. Cherry County and its communities in flood hazard areas have complied with all requirements and are participants in the Regular Federal Flood Plain Management Program. These jurisdictions qualify for Federal Flood Insurance and other forms of flood related disaster assistance. The remaining jurisdictions are not considered to be in a flood hazard area.
3. To ensure continuity of mitigation efforts, Cherry County executives will hold post-disaster discussions (After Action Reports) to determine what mitigation actions would be appropriate.

VII. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

A. Procedures

Some administrative procedures may be suspended, relaxed, or made optional under threat of disaster. Such action should be carefully considered, and the consequences should be projected realistically. Procedures to achieve this goal are detailed in this Plan, and any necessary departures from business-as-usual methods are noted.

B. Documentation

All disaster related expenditures will be documented using generally accepted accounting procedures. The documentation will be used following a Governor's Proclamation or Presidential Disaster Declaration to qualify for reimbursement of eligible expenditures and to ensure compliance with applicable regulations.

C. Resources

Following initial lifesaving activities, the Chair of the County Board of Commissioners and the City Council President/Village Board Chair of the cities and villages will ensure that all necessary supplies and resources are procured for the various operating departments. After a Disaster Declaration has been issued, the Chief Executive may, without prior approval of the governing body, rent, lease, procure or contract for such resources or services as are essential for maintaining the safety and well-being of the population and effecting the immediate restoration of vital services. Refer to Annex L for resource management procedures.

VIII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

1. Specialized training requirements are defined in the functional Annexes. Each department, agency or organization with responsibilities under this Plan is responsible for ensuring that its personnel are adequately trained and capable of carrying out their required tasks.

2. The County Emergency Management Director will assess training needs, ensure that formal emergency management training programs are made available to city and county executives and personnel, and, in general, coordinate the overall training program which includes interagency, interjurisdictional and regional programs.
3. Elected and appointed officials should participate in the training and exercise program to further develop and maintain the necessary policies and procedures for their jurisdictions and the roles and responsibilities of their staffs, emergency managers, responders, support agencies and the public as a whole.
4. The Emergency Manager will involve, to the extent possible, the private business sector and relief organizations in the planning, training and exercise program.
5. The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan requirements. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercises

An ongoing program of exercises and drills of the elements of this Plan is essential to the maintenance of the County's emergency response capability and for ensuring the adequacy of this County Plan. It is the County Emergency Management Director's responsibility for training an Exercise Design Team which will coordinate the overall exercise program. An exercise of the "Direction and Control" aspects of this Plan should be conducted annually. All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

IX. PLAN DEVELOPMENT and MAINTENANCE

A. Responsibility

This Plan is the principal source of documentation of the County's emergency management activities. Almost every agency of government has responsibility for developing and maintaining some part of this Plan. Overall, the County Emergency Management Director will coordinate this process. The planning process is dynamic and always changing and as situations change, new hazards are identified, or capabilities improve, the Plan should also change. The Chief Executives will approve all major changes involving emergency management. The County Emergency Management Director may approve routine changes such as corrections, clarifications, staffing rosters, maps, annotations, and reporting requirements.

1. It is the responsibility of the local Emergency Management Agency to conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise. This AAR should include input from all agencies, including local governments and affected private sector organizations, in the event/exercise response and initial recovery efforts. The purpose of each AAR is to identify policies, procedures, strengths and capability gaps, mitigation activities and the communications and coordination between and among the involved agencies/organizations. Recommended and implemented changes of EMA

policy/procedures, agencies' or officials' roles and responsibilities should be documented in an update to this Plan. DHS grant sponsored exercises must meet all Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program reporting requirements and timelines. Likewise, all exercises using DHS planning funds must be recorded on the state's five-year planning calendar.

Correcting or addressing the identified needs for additional training, changes in tactical procedures (revised SOPs), lack of specialized teams or resources is the responsibility of the individual organizations/agencies. The EMA will be a local point of contact for obtaining information and/or coordination of such training, policy development, for information about obtaining additional resources (available grants or other funding sources) or assistance in developing improved incident management strategies.

2. Each agency, department or organization with responsibilities under this Plan will develop and maintain written procedures for carrying out their assigned tasks. Those local, jurisdictional standard operating procedures (SOPs) will be considered as supplements to this Plan.

B. Review

This Plan and all Annexes and procedures will be updated as the need for a change becomes apparent. Additionally, all portions of the Plan, including operating procedures will be thoroughly reviewed annually and appropriate changes made. Currently, every five (5) years from the date of acceptance of this plan by the County, the LEOP will be revised to reflect major changes as directed by the state or federal governments as required to maintain compliance, as well changes in the county's adopted hazard mitigation plan. The County Emergency Management Director will ensure that this review process is carried out on a timely basis.

C. Recertification

Provisions will be made for periodic recertification of this Plan by the governing bodies of Cherry County and the cities and villages within Cherry County. This would normally occur after any significant change in elected officials. The Emergency Management Director will ensure that this is accomplished.

D. Distribution

The County Emergency Management Director will ensure that this Plan and all formal changes are distributed on the local level in accordance with the Plan Distribution List. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will be responsible for distribution to other counties, organizations, state agencies, and the federal government. Plans and changes will be distributed with a control copy number and a distribution log will be maintained by Cherry County Emergency Management Agency and by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to ensure that all individuals, agencies, and organizations have received current copies of the Plan.

X. REFERENCES

- **2016 North American Emergency Response Guidebook**

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- **Comprehensive Preparedness Guide (CPG) 101 Version 2.0, Nov 2010**
- **Hazardous Materials Emergency Planning Guide, NRT-1, March 1987, updated 2001**
- **NUREG 0654/FEMA REP 1, Criteria for Preparation and Evaluation of Radiological Emergency Response Plans and Preparedness in Support of Nuclear Power Stations, issued November 1980**
- **Nebraska State Emergency Alert System Plan**
- **Nebraska State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP), dated 1 March, 2017, Updated – October 2018**
- **Cherry County Dam Warning and Information Plan (high hazard)**
- **Cherry County Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Nuclear Power Station Incidents**
- **Nebraska State Radiological Emergency Response Plan for Nuclear Power Station Incidents, April 30, 2015**
- **(County) - Cherry County Resolution, establishing the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP)**

INCIDENT COMMAND SYSTEM ATTACHMENT

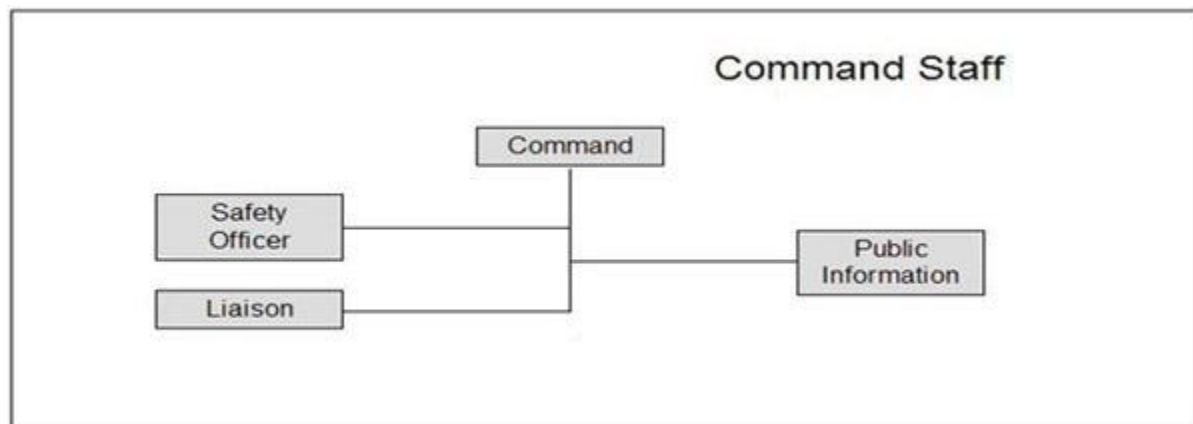
The Incident Command System (ICS) is a flexible structure applicable at all levels of response regardless of incident scope, or agency size. It allows responders to act in a unified fashion that is consistent with the best practices as laid out in NIMS framework.

ICS also provides for planning, building and adapting the response during recovery and review after an incident.

ICS establishes a set of core competencies which should be evaluated at the organizational level on a regular basis.

Command Staff

The Command Staff function will be conducted in two ways: 1.) as a Single Command (used when an incident occurs within a single jurisdiction, and there is no jurisdiction or agency overlap, and a single IC can be designated); or 2.) as a Unified Command (used when there are multiple agencies and multiple jurisdictions, and a single set of objectives need to be developed to guide incident management).



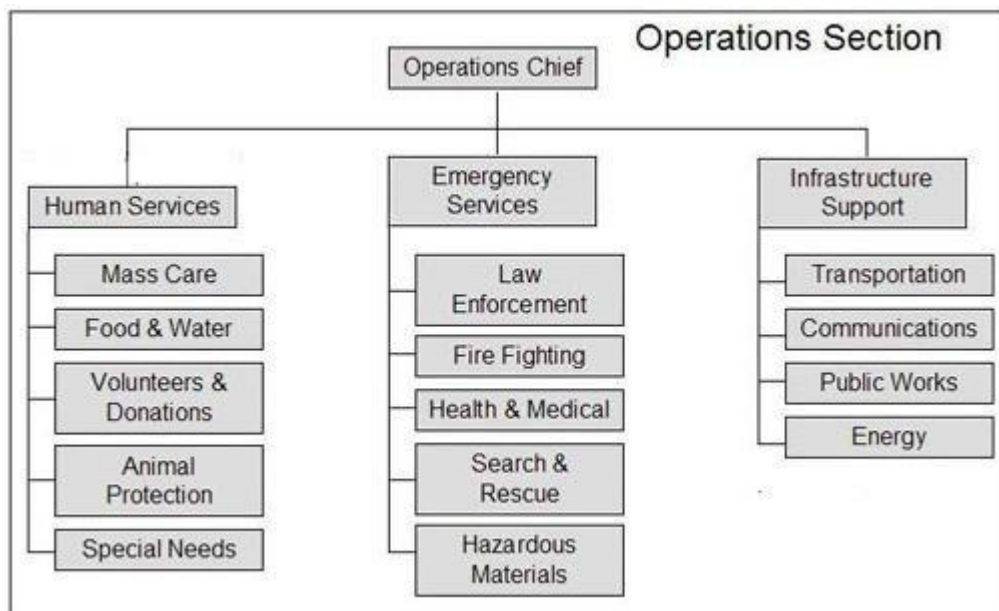
[Communications & Emergency Management]

Operations Section

The Operations Section is responsible for activities focused on response to the immediate hazard, saving lives, establishing situational control and restoration of normal operations.

The Operations Chief is responsible to the Command Staff for the direct management of all incident-related operational activities. The Operations Section Chief will establish tactical objectives for each operational period, with other section chiefs and unit leaders establishing their own supporting objectives.

The Operations Section, shown below, is comprised of three branches: Human Services, Infrastructure, and Emergency Services. The [Command Staff] that are grouped under each of these three branches are also depicted in the diagram below. The tables that follow depict the key agencies (primary and secondary) that have a role under each branch. More detailed information on the specific responsibilities of each agency is contained in each of the [Operations Section].



[Operations Chief-Emergency Mgt. Director]

Planning Section

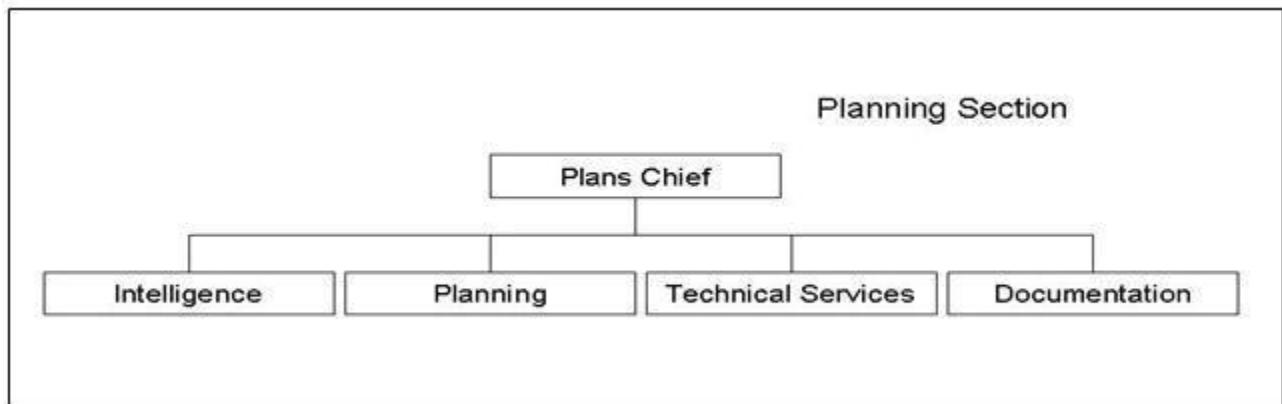
The Planning Section is responsible for collecting, evaluating and disseminating tactical information pertaining to the incident. This section maintains information and intelligence on the current and forecasted situation, as well as the status of resources assigned to the incident.

Designated agencies will be responsible for ESF 5 Emergency Management activities during an activation of the EOC and are identified within the [Cherry County Emergency Management] - ESF 5 Emergency Management. Activities could include damage assessment by providing assessed values and parcel information, staff, and maps to the damage assessment team as well as development of daily Incident Action Plans.

The Planning section has four branches:

- Intelligence
- Planning
- Technical Services
- Documentation

The Planning Section Chief oversees all incident-related data gathering and analysis regarding incident operations and assigned resources, develops alternatives for tactical operations, conducts planning meetings, and prepares the Incident Action Plan for each operational period.

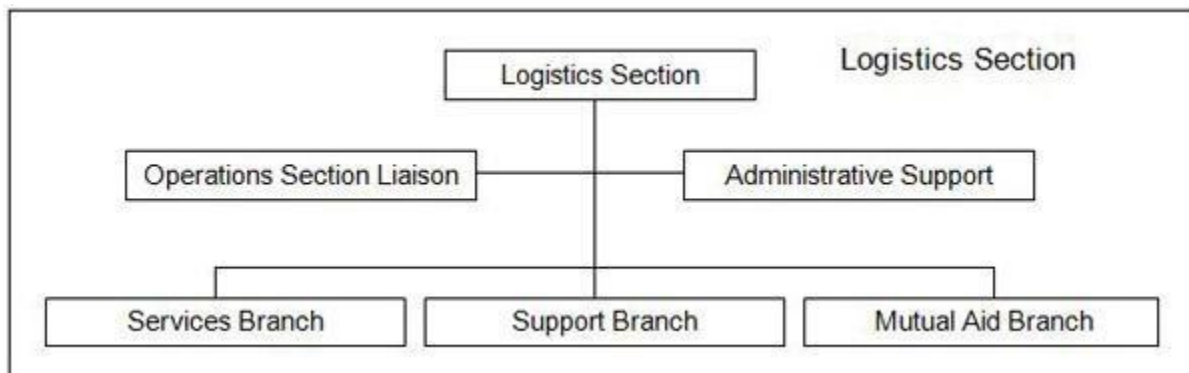


[Cherry County Emergency Management]

Logistics Section

The Logistics Section is responsible for all support requirements needed to facilitate effective and efficient incident management, including ordering resources from off-incident locations. The Logistics Section will coordinate the key [ESF 2-Communications] that have a significant role in managing logistics and resource support, including:

- ESF 1 - Transportation
- ESF 2 - Communications
- ESF 5 - Emergency Management
- ESF 7 - Logistics Management and Resource Support
- ESF 8 - Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF 11 - Agriculture and Natural Resources



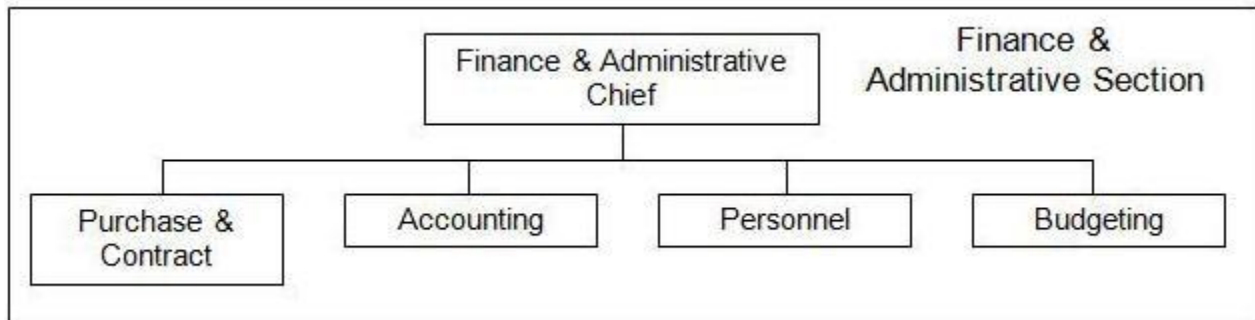
[Cherry County Communications]

Finance & Administration

The Finance & Administration Section is established when there is a need for financial, reimbursement (individual and agency, or department) or administrative services to support incident management activities.

The equipment, personnel, and financial resources of an affected jurisdiction may quickly be overtaxed in a disaster. Resource Policies and Financial Management Policies and Procedures for Emergency Management have been established and implemented which provide statutory authorities and responsibilities for financial management related to response activities. These policies ensure that funds are provided expeditiously and that financial operations are conducted in accordance with appropriate policies, regulations, and standards.

Designated agencies have been given the primary responsibility to manage all financial matters, including those of the response, recovery, and mitigation phases of an emergency or declared disaster. These responsibilities include providing financial training to the staff of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), recovery personnel, and the mitigation staff. This is based on the need to manage local, state, and federal recovery financial assets in accordance with Local and State laws and includes training on proper documentation of recovery grants, funding agreements, funding sources, records maintenance, and others. Other responsibilities of the Finance/Administration Section include entering into any funding agreements between Local, State, and the Federal Government. These agreements will cover the Public Assistance and Hazard Mitigation Grant Programs, as well as any other funding agreements necessary for the receipt of State and Federal funds.



[Cherry County Clerk]

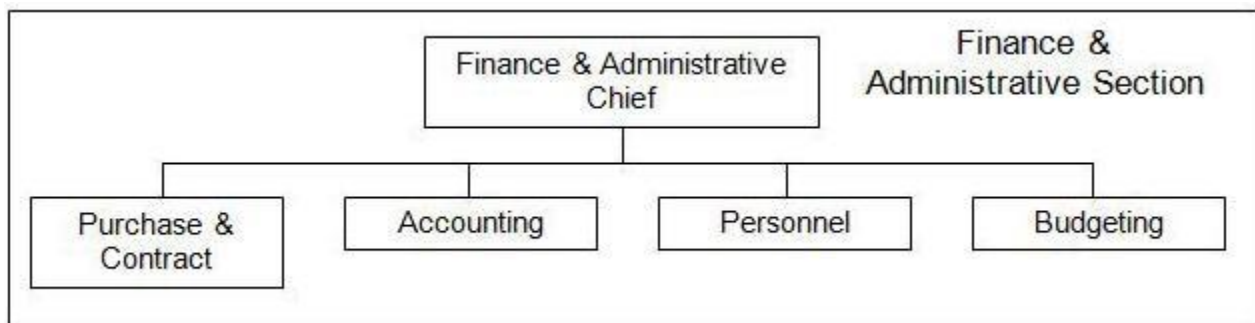
Recovery & Damage Assessments

When the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated in response to an emergency or disaster, a recovery component is activated as well. The purpose of this component is to initiate activities necessary to ensure a successful recovery effort. Activities include: condition monitoring, situation evaluation, damage assessment teams, mitigation assessment teams, deployment of damage assessment teams, liaisons where appropriate.

Once the initial response operations have been completed, and it is safe for recovery activities to commence, the agencies identified as having recovery functions will initiate their activities. In actuality, many of the recovery functions run concurrent with the initial response functions, and are managed by the same agencies.

Disaster Declaration

Requests for federal disaster assistance will be predicated on the requirements outlined in the Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act (Public Law 93-288, as amended). After local government conducts the initial damage assessment and reports it to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC), a joint Local-State preliminary damage assessment may be scheduled that could include the Federal Emergency Management Agency. This damage assessment validates the local data and is the basis for requesting a Presidential Disaster Declaration. Other federal agencies that may participate in the assessment process include the Small Business Administration. This process is described in 44 CFR, Part 206, Subpart B - The Declaration Process and other federal and state policies and procedures.



[Betty Daugherty-County Assessor]

Intelligence & Investigations

Many domestic incidents, such as natural disasters or industrial accidents, have an obvious cause and origin. However, other domestic incidents, such as large-scale fires, public health emergencies, explosions, transportation incidents (e.g., train derailments, airplane crashes, bridge collapses), active shooters, terrorist attacks, or other incidents causing mass injuries or fatalities, require an intelligence or investigative component to determine the cause and origin of the incident or support incident or disaster operations

The scalability and flexibility of NIMS allows the Intelligence and Investigations (I/I) Function to be seamlessly integrated with the other functions of ICS. The I/I Function within ICS provides a framework that allows for the integration of intelligence and information collection, analysis, and sharing, as well as investigations that identify the cause and origin of an incident regardless of source. If the incident is determined to be a criminal event, the I/I Function leads to the identification, apprehension, and prosecution of the perpetrator. The I/I Function can be used for planned events as well as incidents.

[Law-Rusty Osburn Fire-Terry Engles]

ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

Coordinating Agency:

Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Emergency Management Communications
Law Enforcement Officials
Police Department

Primary Agency:

Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Fire Chief
Law Enforcement Officials
Police Department

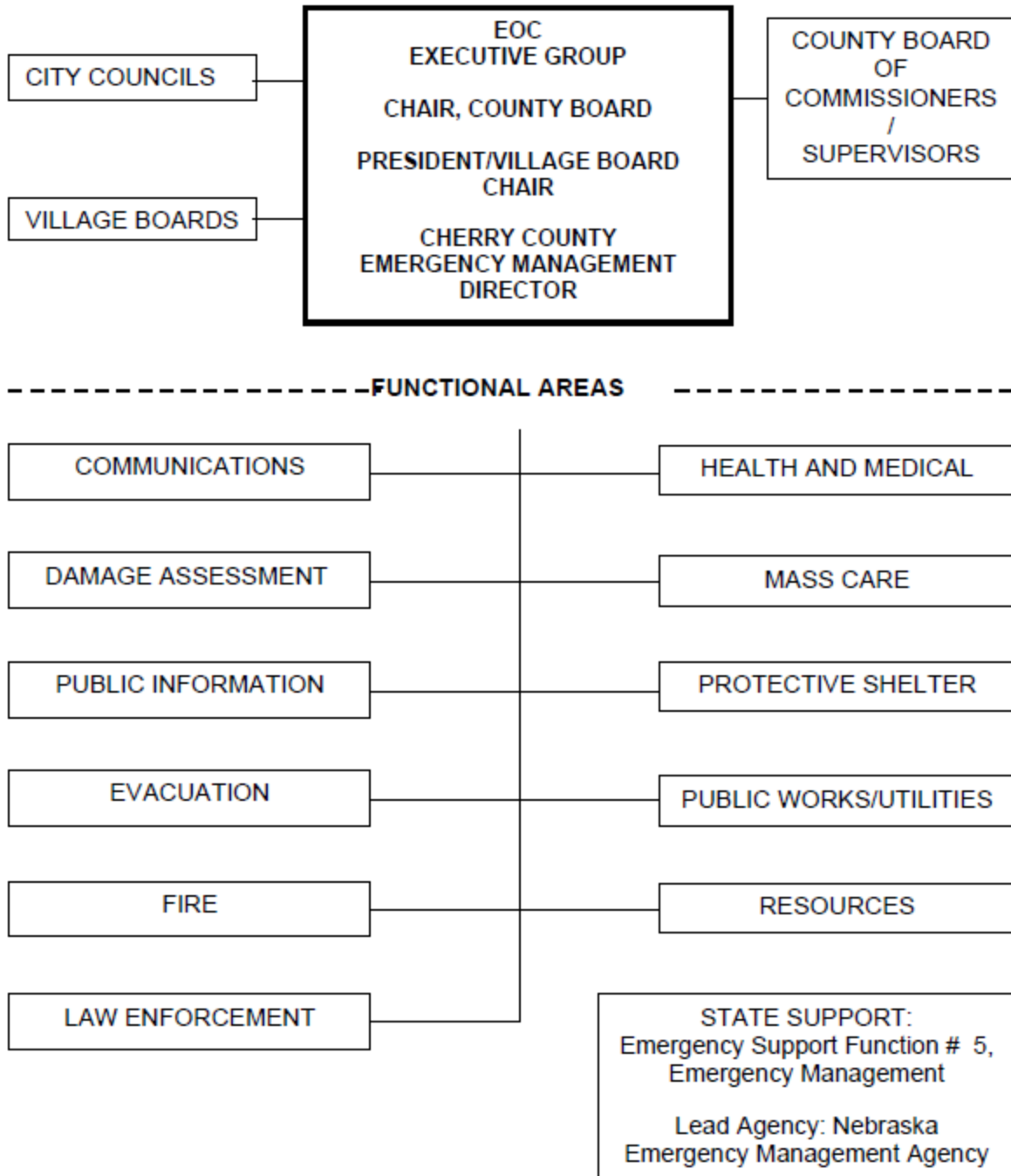
Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Communications
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Incident Commander

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Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Police Department
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative

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I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annex is to provide procedures for centralized and coordinated management and support of emergency response activities in order to best protect the residents and property in Cherry County.

II. SITUATION

- A. The Cherry County Emergency Operating Center (EOC) is located at 365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201.
 - 1. The EOC should be an adequate tornado shelter. More information about the EOC and its resources can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report.
 - 2. The EOC is equipped with a NAWAS (National Warning System) Drop and installed radio capability to communicate with Law enforcement, Fire/EMS departments, and amateur and CB radio, (#22) telephone lines, Internet, video and teleconferencing systems are operational with additional standby capability.
 - 3. The EOC is maintained in a fully operational mode. Access to the EOC can be controlled.
- B. Alternate Emergency Operating Center
In the event the primary EOC is damaged or otherwise unavailable, an alternate EOC will be utilized. The Alternate EOC and specifics about its resources can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report. In the event both the EOC and alternate cannot be used, a law enforcement or fire department vehicle will serve as a field communications command post and will function as the alternate EOC until a facility has been readied for this function. The location selected will be determined at the time, dependent on the situation.
- C. Emergency Operating Centers for other jurisdictions and their resources can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report.
- D. Mobile Operation Centers and their resources that support the above mentioned EOCs can be found in the details of Communications Annex Report.
- E. First Responders will use an Incident Command System which is in accordance with HSPD-5, the National Incident Management System. The nature or kind of disaster will determine which of the first responding emergency units will provide the initial Incident Commander. The Incident Command may be transferred to another agency as disaster priorities change. When the EOC is activated, field operations and the EOC must coordinate disaster operations for effective response and recovery.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. The Emergency Operations Centers would be available and prepared for emergency operations in a minimal amount of time.
- B. The EOC will be the one point of contact in coordinating and supporting the incident command during disaster response and recovery operations.
- C. Local Chief Executives will normally function from their EOC or be on call during EOC operations.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Emergency Operation Center Staff, comprised of the Chief Executives of government, key officials, and the Emergency Manager administer the Direction and Control function. The Executive Group is comprised of these Chief Executives within Cherry County. They are:
 - 1. County - Chairperson, Board of Commissioners,
 - 2. Cities - City Manager
 - 3. Villages - Chairpersons of Village Boards.
- B. The Chief Executives of government are responsible for their respective village, city, or county emergency operations by providing leadership, direction and management decisions. Specifically, strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase and in an event provides the same in support of the Incident Commander during response and recovery efforts.
- C. The Chairman of the Cherry County Board of Commissioners is responsible for all county emergency operations outside of corporate city or village limits.
- D. Staff, as designated in each functional Annex, are appointed or approved by the Chief Executives and become responsible for carrying out emergency operations and advising the Executive Group on matters pertaining to their areas of responsibilities. See Attachments 1 and 2.
- E. EOC supporting staff are personnel from those offices, both governmental, non-governmental and private, which do not have a primary operational responsibility but have the knowledge and professional expertise to assess a situation and provide advice and/or make recommendations to the Executive Group. The involvement of an office (or offices) will be dependent upon a number of variables, such as:
 - 1. Geographical location of disaster,
 - 2. Magnitude of disaster,
 - 3. Type of advice/recommendation needed upon which to base executive decisions,
 - 4. Capability of affected community to provide "expert" assessments and evaluations.
- F. The Emergency Management Director's Direction and Control responsibilities during an emergency/disaster may include, but are not limited to:
 - 1. Serving as the disaster operations advisor to the Executive Group,
 - 2. Acting as the liaison to neighboring and higher levels of government, as required,
 - 3. Planning, developing and implementing the EOC operating procedures,

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4. Assisting in staffing the EOC by organizing, recruiting, and training an Emergency Management EOC Staff which would support all jurisdictions in areas not normally a function of day-to-day government,
5. Managing the operations of the EOC,
6. Coordinating the implementation of mitigation efforts.

G. Lines of Succession:

1. County Board of Commissioners:
 - a. Chairperson,
 - b. Vice Chairperson,
 - c. Third Board Member.
2. City Government:
 - a. City Manager
 - b. City Council
 - c. City Clerk
3. Village Government:
 - a. Chairperson of Village Board,
 - b. Vice Chair.
4. EOC Staff: as defined in each Annex to this Plan:
5. Cherry County Emergency Management:
 - a. Cherry County Emergency Management Director,
 - b. Deputy Emergency Manager,
 - c. Cherry County Commissioner,

The following are Actions specific to Annex A.

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The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex A.

Coordinating: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
5	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
6	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
7	Annually review and modify this Annex (A- Direction and Control) as needed.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Serve as the disaster operations advisor to the Executive Group.
3	Act as the liaison to neighboring and higher levels of government, as required.
4	Plan, develop and implement the EOC operating procedures.
5	Assist in staffing the EOC by organizing, recruiting, and training an Emergency Management EOC Staff in which supports all jurisdictions in areas that are not normally a function of day-to-day government.
6	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
7	Manage the operations of the EOC.
8	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
9	Notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, (1-877-297-2368), when there is an emergency or disaster that includes multi-agency response and is beyond the normal day-to-day response activities.
10	Report more information as it becomes available and at least once a day for the remainder of the incident.
11	Maintain a detailed activity log of EOC operations by using local government administrative support, to include copies of the Site Incident Commander's Incident Action Plans, the Disaster Declarations, Incident Status Report, lists of volunteer aid and financial records.
12	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.
13	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
14	Maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations.
15	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
4	Conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise.
<i>Mitigation Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.

Primary: Cherry County Communications	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.

Primary: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
5	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
6	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
7	Annually review and modify this Annex (A- Direction and Control) as needed.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Serve as the disaster operations advisor to the Executive Group.
3	Act as the liaison to neighboring and higher levels of government, as required.
4	Plan, develop and implement the EOC operating procedures.
5	Assist in staffing the EOC by organizing, recruiting, and training an Emergency Management EOC Staff in which supports all jurisdictions in areas that are not normally a function of day-to-day government.
6	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
7	Manage the operations of the EOC.
8	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
9	Notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, (1-877-297-2368), when there is an emergency or disaster that includes multi-agency response and is beyond the normal day-to-day response activities.
10	Report more information as it becomes available and at least once a day for the remainder of the incident.
11	Maintain a detailed activity log of EOC operations by using local government administrative support, to include copies of the Site Incident Commander's Incident Action Plans, the Disaster Declarations, Incident Status Report, lists of volunteer aid and financial records.
12	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.
13	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
14	Maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations.
15	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
4	Conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise.
Mitigation Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.

2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
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Primary: Emergency Management	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Maintain a current notification roster to ensure a timely response.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Maintain a current notification roster to ensure a timely response.

Supporting: Chairperson of Village Board	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

Supporting: Cherry County Board Chair	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
3	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
3	Responsible for all county emergency operations outside of corporate city or village limits.
4	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
5	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
6	May declare an emergency and issue directives to activate local resources required to respond.
7	Sign a Disaster Declaration when it appears that the response and recovery efforts will exceed the normal local capabilities, to include cyber-attacks.
8	May request assistance from the state through Emergency Management if mutual aid resources are not sufficient.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
4	Sign a Disaster Declaration when it appears that the response and recovery efforts will exceed the normal local capabilities, to include cyber-attacks.
<i>Mitigation Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.

Supporting: Cherry County Commissioners	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
2	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
2	Responsible for all county emergency operations outside of corporate city or village limits.
3	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
5	May declare an emergency and issue directives to activate local resources required to respond.
6	Sign a Disaster Declaration when it appears that the response and recovery efforts will exceed the normal local capabilities, to include cyber-attacks.
7	May request assistance from the state through Emergency Management if mutual aid resources are not sufficient.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Provide leadership, direction and management decisions through strategic guidance and resources during the preparedness phase, and in an event, provides the same support of the Incident Commander during the response and recovery efforts.
2	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
3	Sign a Disaster Declaration when it appears that the response and recovery efforts will exceed the normal local capabilities, to include cyber-attacks.

Supporting: Cherry County Communications	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.

Supporting: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
4	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
5	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
6	Annually review and modify this Annex (A- Direction and Control) as needed.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Serve as the disaster operations advisor to the Executive Group.
3	Act as the liaison to neighboring and higher levels of government, as required.
4	Plan, develop and implement the EOC operating procedures.

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5	Assist in staffing the EOC by organizing, recruiting, and training an Emergency Management EOC Staff in which supports all jurisdictions in areas that are not normally a function of day-to-day government.
6	Manage the operations of the EOC.
7	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
8	Notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, (1-877-297-2368), when there is an emergency or disaster that includes multi-agency response and is beyond the normal day-to-day response activities.
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11	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.
12	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
13	Maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations.
14	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
4	Conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise.
<i>Mitigation Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.

Supporting: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
4	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
5	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
6	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
7	Annually review and modify this Annex (A- Direction and Control) as needed.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Serve as the disaster operations advisor to the Executive Group.
3	Act as the liaison to neighboring and higher levels of government, as required.
4	Plan, develop and implement the EOC operating procedures.
5	Assist in staffing the EOC by organizing, recruiting, and training an Emergency Management EOC Staff in which supports all jurisdictions in areas that are not normally a function of day-to-day government.
6	Activate the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

7	Manage the operations of the EOC.
8	Determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
9	Notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, (1-877-297-2368), when there is an emergency or disaster that includes multi-agency response and is beyond the normal day-to-day response activities.
10	Report more information as it becomes available and at least once a day for the remainder of the incident.
11	Maintain a detailed activity log of EOC operations by using local government administrative support, to include copies of the Site Incident Commander's Incident Action Plans, the Disaster Declarations, Incident Status Report, lists of volunteer aid and financial records.
12	Oversee all logs and the message/information flow system.
13	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
14	Maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations.
15	Ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials are current.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.
3	Make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.
4	Conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise.
<i>Mitigation Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL</i>	
1	Administer the Direction and Control function.
2	Coordinate the implementation of mitigation efforts.

Supporting: Emergency Management

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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| 1 | Maintain a current notification roster to ensure a timely response. |
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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| 1 | Maintain a current notification roster to ensure a timely response. |
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Supporting: Emergency Management Agency

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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| 1 | Conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise. |
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Supporting: First Responders

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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| 1 | Use an Incident Command System which is in accordance with HSPD-5, the National Incident Management System. |
| 2 | Request that the EOC be activated, as a situation warrants. |

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL

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|---|---|
| 1 | Use an Incident Command System which is in accordance with HSPD-5, the National Incident Management System. |
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Supporting: Incident Commander

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX A - DIRECTION AND CONTROL	
1	Establish a field command center.
2	Maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations.
3	May request assistance from the state through Emergency Management if mutual aid resources are not sufficient.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Activation of the Emergency Operating Center (EOC)

1. The Chairman of the County Board, the City Manager of Valentine, the Board Chairman of (Crookston, Cody, Kilgore, Nenzel ,Merriman & Wood Lake) and the Cherry County Emergency Management Director has the authority to activate the Cherry County Emergency Operating Center (EOC). First responders may request that the EOC be activated, as a situation warrants.
2. Activation is a consideration when there is a threat to the population that would require coordination between response agencies. All emergency support services will maintain a current notification roster to ensure a timely response.
3. The decision to activate the Emergency Operating Center will be based upon the severity, expected duration, need for multiple agency coordination and anticipated resources required for the emergency. The Emergency Manager will determine the level of staffing required and initiate the notification or recall procedures for the appropriate personnel, agencies, and organizations to respond.
4. Immediate requests for assistance from agencies and organizations from the local Emergency Management will be channeled through the Cherry County Dispatch.
5. The Incident Commander (IC) will establish a field command center. The IC will maintain close contact and coordination with the EOC.
6. The Emergency Management Director (EM) will notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, (1-877-297-2368), when there is an emergency or disaster that includes multi-agency response and is beyond the normal day-to-day response activities.
7. The EOC may operate on a 24-hour basis during the emergency; shifts will be determined in eight or 12-hour increments. A member of the Executive Group will be present or on call during EOC operating hours.

B. Incident Status Report (ISR)

1. The Incident Status Report (Attachment 3) is used to report as much information as is known at the time. The information in bold letters is of immediate importance. The Emergency Management Director will report more information as it becomes available and at least once a day for the remainder of the incident. The Incident Status Report is also used to measure the scope of damage caused

during a disaster and will be the starting point from which all future state or federal damage assessments will be conducted.

2. The ISR is used as supporting documentation to justify a local disaster declaration.

C. Community Lifelines

1. When determining the impact of a disaster, community lifelines should be considered. Community lifelines reframe incident information to provide decision-makers with impact statements and root causes.

Applying the lifelines construct allows decision-makers to:

- a. Prioritize, sequence, and focus response efforts towards maintaining or restoring the most critical services and infrastructure
 - b. Utilize a common lexicon to facilitate unity of purpose across all stakeholders
 - c. Promote a response that facilitates unity of purpose and better communication amongst the whole community (Federal, state, tribal, territorial, and local governments, and private sector and non-governmental entities)
 - d. Clarify which components of the disaster are complex (multifaceted) and/or complicated (difficult), requiring cross-sector coordination.
2. Community lifelines can be broken down into seven categories:
 - a. Safety and Security
 - b. Food, Water and Sheltering
 - c. Health and Medical
 - d. Energy
 - e. Communications
 - f. Transportation
 - g. Hazardous material.

D. EOC Operations

1. During disaster operations, the following may operate from the EOC; other officials may operate from their daily locations as defined in the functional Annexes:
 - a. Executive Group (at the EOC or on call),

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- b. Emergency Management Director,
 - c. Communications Officer,
 - d. Damage Assessment Coordinator,
 - e. Public Information Officer,
 - f. Medical Coordinator and/or Public Health Coordinator,
 - g. Mass Care Coordinator,
 - h. Resources Coordinator (may include Volunteer Coordinator),
 - i. Social Services Coordinator,
 - j. Radiological Officer (radiological emergency),
 - k. LEPC Chair or representative,
 - l. Veterinarian representative,
 - m. Rumor control.
2. Record keeping procedures in the EOC need to include:
- a. All radio communications at the EOC logged by the agency/organization receiving/transmitting the message.
 - b. A detailed activity log of EOC operations maintained by the Emergency Management Director using local government administrative support, to include the copies of the Site Incident Commander's Incident Action Plans, the Disaster Declarations, Incident Status Reports, lists of volunteer aid and financial records.
 - c. The Emergency Management Director or Communications Officer oversees all logs and the message/information flow system. (NIMS has the Planning section do this in large events)
3. Periodic briefings at the EOC to update all personnel will be held, as the situation dictates.
4. The EOC contains updated maps of Cherry County and its cities and villages as well as status boards required for tracking significant events/actions.
5. Details regarding EOC security can be found in the Facilities Annex Report.

E. EOC Coordination

1. Specific operations are detailed in the Annexes to this Plan. These disaster operations shall be performed in accordance with federal and state law and Cherry County resolutions which cover mutual aid, emergency expenditures,

emergency worker's liability, Worker's Compensation, etc. The Executive Group will make necessary policy decisions in accordance with state and local laws.

2. To provide for the most efficient management of resources, coordination of emergency operations will be through the appropriate Staff.
3. Primary communications will be through normal systems. Additional communications capabilities are outlined in Annex B.
4. Incident Command in the field and officials at the EOC must maintain contact with each other to effectively coordinate disaster operations. Development of concurrent and supportive Incident Action Plans (IAPs) strengthens this coordination and management of resources.
5. Emergency workers without standard identification cards and volunteers will be issued an identification card which will allow them access to areas necessary to perform their assigned tasks.
6. The EOC needs to be informed when staging areas are established.

F. Local Emergency Declaration

In situations where response and recovery are within the capabilities of the local government, the Chief Executive of the jurisdiction may declare an emergency and issue directives to activate local resources required to respond. (Example: A "Declaration of a Snow Emergency" could implement a parking ban on designated streets and activate the snow removal plan.)

1. The Chief Executive may sign a Disaster Declaration when it appears that the response and recovery efforts will exceed the normal local capabilities, to include cyber-attacks. See Attachment 4.
2. Within the limitations stated in RRS 81-829.50, any order or declaration declaring, continuing, or terminating a disaster will be given prompt and general publicity through the Public Information Officer (Annex D).
3. A Disaster Declaration on official letterhead will be filed promptly with the Clerk of the affected jurisdiction and with the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. The Emergency Management Director will fax (402-471-7433) the local Declaration, then mail the hard copy original to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, 2433 NW 24th Street, Lincoln, NE 68524. See Sample Disaster Declaration, Attachment 4 to this Annex.
4. The effect of a local Disaster Declaration will be to:
 - a. Activate response and recovery aspects of all applicable local and/or interjurisdictional Emergency Management plans, and to
 - b. Authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance from these plans.
5. A local Disaster Declaration is not an automatic request for state assistance.

G. Request for Assistance

1. Cherry County will first implement mutual aid agreements within the County and with neighboring communities.
2. If mutual aid resources are not sufficient, the Chief Executive or Incident Commander may request assistance from the state through Cherry County Emergency Management.
 - a. A local Disaster Declaration must precede a request for State assistance (Attachment 4).
 - b. The County Board of Commissioners will make this request through the Cherry County Emergency Management Director to the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.
 - c. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will review the request, evaluate the overall disaster situation, and recommend action to the Governor.
3. Local response agencies may request technical assistance and resource support directly from state agencies, such as the Nebraska State Patrol, the Department of Transportation, the State Fire Marshal, the Department of Environment and Energy, and the Nebraska Health and Human Services System. The Cherry County Emergency Management Director will advise the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency of these requests.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE and LOGISTICS

A. Fiscal

1. Cherry County and its affected jurisdictions shall fund disaster related costs from local contingency funds to the fullest extent possible.
2. All disaster related expenditures must be documented using generally accepted accounting procedures. The State and Federal governments will conduct audits prior to providing reimbursements for eligible expenditures.

B. Call-Down Rosters and Review of Annex A

1. The Emergency Management Director will ensure that call-down rosters for EOC Staff and County/City/Village Officials (Attachments 1 and 2) are current.
2. The Emergency Management Director will annually review and modify this Annex as needed. It is the responsibility of the local Emergency Management Agency to conduct an After Action Review (AAR) for each EOC activation due to an incident or exercise. This AAR should include input from all agencies, including local governments and affected private sector organizations, in the event/exercise response and initial recovery efforts. The purpose of each AAR is to identify policies, procedures, strengths and capability gaps, and the communications and coordination between and among the involved agencies/organizations.

Recommended and implemented changes of EMA policy/procedures, agencies' or officials' roles and responsibilities should be documented in an update to this Plan. DHS grant sponsored exercises must meet all Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program reporting requirements and timelines.

Correcting or addressing the identified needs for additional training, changes in tactical procedures (revised SOPs), lack of specialized teams or resources is the responsibility of the individual organizations/agencies. The EMA will be a local point of contact for obtaining information and/or coordination of such training, policy development, for information about obtaining additional resources (available grants or other funding sources) or assistance in developing improved incident management strategies.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

Plans for training and exercises should include support from elected and appointed officials, non-governmental, support agencies and the private sector, as well as planning for interagency, interjurisdictional and regional participation.

A. Training

1. The training program will be consistent with the five-year Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.
2. All personnel with responsibilities in this Plan should make every effort to attend training programs designed for city/village and county officials offered by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.

B. Exercising

1. All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).
2. An exercise of Direction and Control aspects of this Plan involving both the Executive Group and EOC Staff should be held at least annually.

ANNEX A - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>County Officials and EOC Staff</u>
2	<u>City / Village Officials and EOC Staff</u>
3	<u>Incident Status Report (OMS-1)</u>

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[Sample Disaster Declaration](#)

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[Village of Cody Operations Plan](#)

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[Village of Merriman Operations Plan](#)

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[Village of Nenzel Operations Plan](#)

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[Village of Wood Lake Operations Plan](#)

ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING

Coordinating Agency:

American Red Cross
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
County Attorney
Emergency Management Agency
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
First Responders
Police Department

Primary Agency:

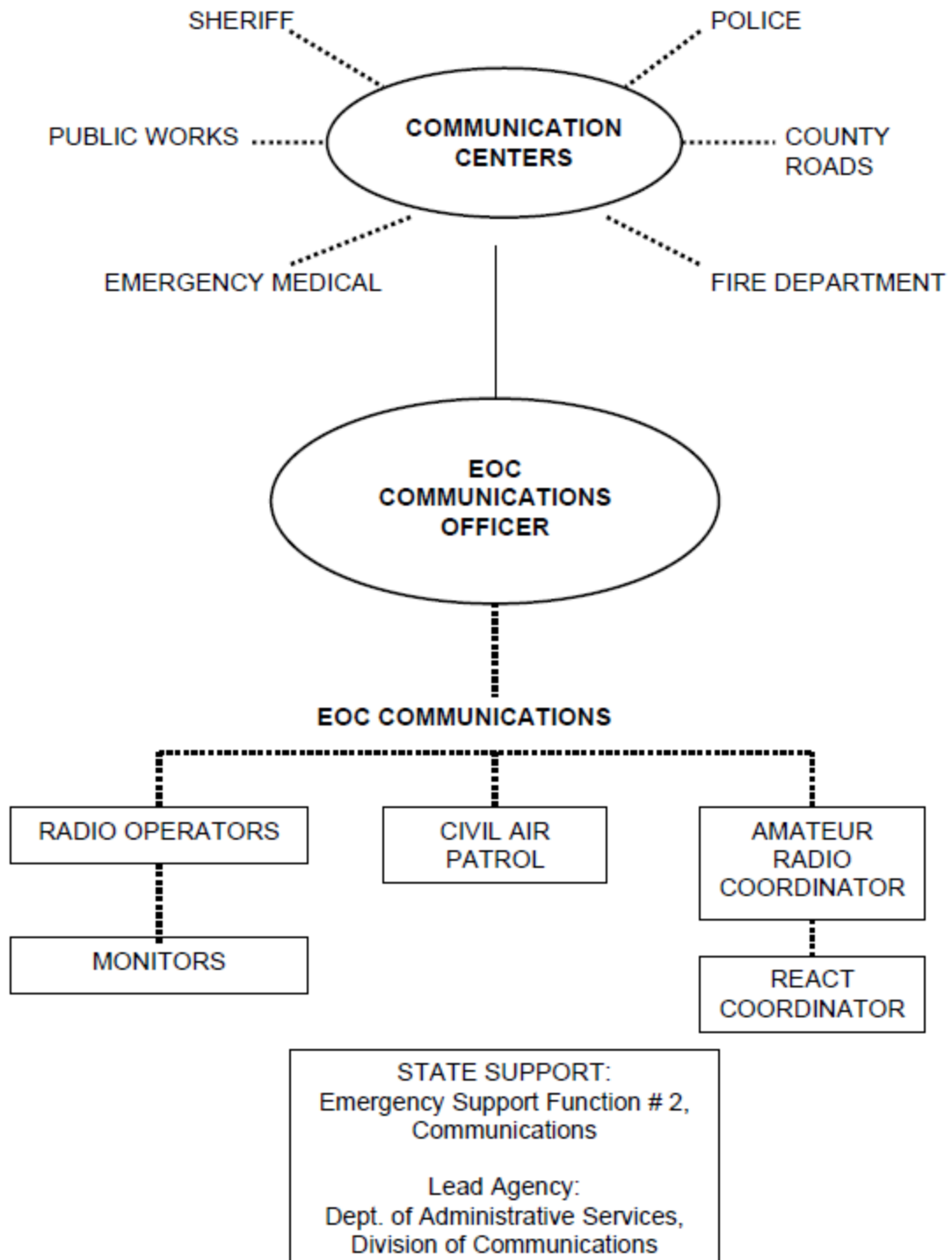
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Fire Chief
Hospital
Incident Commander
National Weather Service
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Sheriff

Support Agencies:

Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Fire Department
Governor
Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources

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Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex provides information and guidance concerning available communications and warning systems within Cherry County and the inter-operability with others beyond the county

border. The communications and warning systems are discussed, and procedures for their use during emergency operations are outlined.

II. SITUATION

A countywide communications center and its resources can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report. The Cherry County Sheriff and surrounding Police Departments are staffed on a 24-hour basis. Sufficient communications and warning equipment is available to provide communications necessary for most emergency situations. In disasters, augmentation may be required.

- A. Hazards vary in predictability and speed of onset; therefore, time available for warning may vary from ample to none.
- B. The County has several facilities including: Cherry County Hospital, Cherry County Clinic, Prairie Estates, Cherry Hills Assisted Living, Valentine Senior Center, Cherry County Justice Center, Cherry County Fairgrounds, Valentine Ballfields, Valentine City Park, Ecology Park, and Colburn Park, requiring specific warning that a hazard exists. Emergency response vehicles may be needed to help warn these facilities. A list of these facilities can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report.
- C. Agreements exist between the United States, Russia, and other countries to reduce the risk of nuclear war because of an accidental, unauthorized, or other unexplained incident involving a nuclear weapon. The National Warning System (NAWAS) would broadcast any warnings if such an unlikely incident threatened the United States.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Communications and warning are vital to the effective and efficient preparedness, response, and recovery activities during emergency operations.
- B. Some people that are directly threatened by a hazard may ignore, not hear, or not understand the warnings issued.
- C. Volunteer radio groups such as REACT, Civil Air Patrol, and local/regional amateur radio clubs may respond to the County EOC upon notification of a disaster.
- D. Cyber-attacks on governmental communication systems, computers, smartphones, cellphones, etc. are increasing. Such attacks may disrupt operational and recovery operations and may have a negative impact on the community economic restoration.
- E. The EOC staff, first response agencies, and the Communications Centers have formalized and tested communications restoration and recovery plans to cover the loss of power, computer disruptions, loss of transmission towers, etc.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

The communications and warning function is directed and coordinated by the Communications

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Center. Each emergency service may also have and maintain their internal system and is fully interoperable with the Communications Center/Emergency Operations Center.

- A. Each agency's or emergency services Communications Officer is responsible for the supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
- B. Each agency will provide sufficient cyber security awareness and security training to the users of the communications and warning equipment as well as providing cyber protection to the equipment and systems.
- C. Each entity will maintain a current roster of personnel for recall on short notice.
- D. Emergency Management Communications assists jurisdictions by recruiting and coordinating amateur, REACT/CB, Civil Air Patrol, and Business Band radio operators and their equipment.

The following are Actions specific to Annex B.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex B.

Coordinating: Cherry County Commissioners	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING</i>	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
2	Ensure that adequate records of all local government agencies communications expenses; Law, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Roads, etc. are maintained.
3	Assist the Emergency Management Director in the maintenance and improvement of this Annex.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING</i>	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING</i>	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.

Primary: Cherry County Communications	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING</i>	
1	Formalize and test communications restoration and recovery plans to cover the loss of power, computer disruptions, loss of transmission towers, etc.
2	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
3	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
4	Provide services to various public safety agencies, including the Police and the County Sheriff.
5	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.
6	Alert city/county officials, the Emergency Management Director, and others on the County EOC staff immediately after initiating public warning.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING</i>	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Direct and coordinate the communications and warning function.
3	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.

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4	Provide services to various public safety agencies, including the Police and the County Sheriff.
5	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.
6	Alert city/county officials, the Emergency Management Director, and others on the County EOC staff immediately after initiating public warning.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
3	Provide services to various public safety agencies, including the Police and the County Sheriff.
4	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.
Protection Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Formalize and test communications restoration and recovery plans to cover the loss of power, computer disruptions, loss of transmission towers, etc.

Primary: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
3	Assist the Emergency Management Director in the maintenance and improvement of this Annex.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.

Primary: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
3	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.
4	Provide text decoded emergency information that includes severe weather warnings and reports from the National Weather Service.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
3	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Supervision of all activities within their respective communications center.
2	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
3	Provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations.

Primary: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	

1	Provide disaster information and instruction to the public through radio, television and cable system(s).
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Provide disaster information and instruction to the public through radio, television and cable system(s).

Primary: Emergency Management Communications	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Assist jurisdictions by recruiting and coordinating amateur, REACT/CB, Civil Air Patrol, and Business Band radio operators and their equipment.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Assist jurisdictions by recruiting and coordinating amateur, REACT/CB, Civil Air Patrol, and Business Band radio operators and their equipment.

Primary: National Weather Service	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Monitor conditions that may lead to flooding, i.e., ice dams, rainfall, and snow melt.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Monitor conditions that may lead to flooding, i.e., ice dams, rainfall, and snow melt.
2	Contact observers to make local assessments of river or stream conditions or to report data from the non-automated river gauges. Based on the data received, the Valley Office of the NWS will issue warnings and watches as warranted.

Primary: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Responsible for the operation of the Nebraska system.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Responsible for the operation of the Nebraska system.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Responsible for the operation of the Nebraska system.

Primary: Sheriff	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.

Supporting: Clerk/Treasurer's Office	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Ensure that adequate records of all local government agencies communications expenses; Law, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Roads, etc. are maintained.

Supporting: Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	

1	Support emergency communications.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	May respond to the County EOC upon notification of a disaster.
2	Provide additional communications during response and recovery operations. They will relocate with their equipment to the designated operating location.
3	Support emergency communications.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Provide additional communications during response and recovery operations. They will relocate with their equipment to the designated operating location.
2	Support emergency communications.

Supporting: Nebraska State Patrol

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Provide essential information to the county, city and village agencies that may be involved with a situation, on a 'need to know' basis from the State Fusion Center.

Supporting: Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Support the County disaster relief operations with VHF and UHF frequency radio, as well as assist with damage assessment, disaster welfare inquiries and aerial reconnaissance/damage assessment.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX B - COMMUNICATIONS AND WARNING	
1	Support the County disaster relief operations with VHF and UHF frequency radio, as well as assist with damage assessment, disaster welfare inquiries and aerial reconnaissance/damage assessment.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Communications

1. The Emergency Operation Center (EOC)

- a. The EOC is equipped with adequate communications equipment to transmit and receive pertinent information. See Attachment 1 for communications capabilities.
- b. In the event of commercial power failure, backup power resources will provide power for essential equipment in both the EOC and communications center. Details for backup power resources can be found in the details of Facilities Annex Report.
- c. There are (the #22 lines) installed and readily available telephone lines in the EOC. Cell phone, Satellite phones, Internet access, Dispatch center, radio communications.
 - i. Cellular phones will quickly fail due to system overload or loss of one or more cellular towers in or near the county. Prior

arrangements with the cellular provider(s) may enable the use of selected cellular phones.

- ii. The Executive Group and/or the Communications Coordinator shall establish the priority of service restoration, both cellular and non-cellular.

2. County Communications Center (911)

- a. The Cherry County Communication Center provides services to various public safety agencies, including the Valentine Police and the Cherry County Sheriff. Radio frequencies used on a daily basis are listed in Attachment 1.
- b. The Cherry County Communications Center is a warning point in the National Warning System (NAWAS). Warnings will be received via the NAWAS distribution system to include the National Weather Service's severe weather warnings.
- c. The Cherry County Communications Center has interoperable communication links with the surrounding counties.

3. Police Department Communications Center

- a. The City of Valentine Police Department is a warning point in the National Warning System (NAWAS). Warnings are received via the NAWAS distribution system to include the National Weather Service's severe weather warnings. Radio frequencies used on a daily basis are listed in Attachment 1.
- b. The Police Department is equipped with auxiliary power to continue operations should a power outage occur.

4. Sheriff's Office

- a. The Cherry County Sheriff's Office is located in the Cherry County Courthouse in Valentine. The frequencies used on a daily basis are listed in Attachment 5.
- b. The Sheriff's Office is equipped with auxiliary power to continue operations should a power outage occur.

5. Nebraska State Patrol

- a. The Nebraska State Patrol Troop headquarters provides service to Cherry County. The frequencies used on a daily basis are listed in Attachment 1.
- b. The NSP, cooperating with local, state and federal law enforcement agencies, will provide essential information to the county, city and village

agencies that may be involved with a situation, on a 'need to know' basis from the State Fusion Center.

- c. The Nebraska State Mobile Command Post can provide communications resources with an emphasis on law enforcement operations. By using programmable equipment it will be capable of transmitting and receiving within the following ranges:

- i. VHF Low Band 29.7 to 50.0 MHz.
- ii. VHF High Band 148.0 to 174.0 MHz.
- iii. UHF 450.0 to 470.0 MHz.
- iv. 800 MHz radios 700 to 800 MHz.
- v. VHF High band, UHF band and the Motorola 800 radios are capable of narrow or wide band operations, analog or digital, conforming to P25 standards.
- vi. EDACS 800 radios for operation on City of Lincoln/Lancaster County or RACOM networks in the Norfolk area.

6. Local and Area Hospitals

- a. The Cherry County Hospital has sufficient dedicated electronic communications equipment for day-to-day medical surge activity. The equipment includes: two-way radios (list frequencies in the Attach 3), cell phones, satellite phones, wireless, Health Alert Network, Telehealth Network.
- b. The medical communications system includes plans for continuity of operations (COOP) in the event of power outages, disruption or lack of access to the facility (storm damaged) and after hours. The system designated the protocols and SOPs for Incident Management, EMS and other first response, coordination with the EOC, and region inter-connectivity during a disaster. The communications systems also includes a plan for implementing a Joint Information Center with the EOC, elected officials, field responders, support agencies and regional health care facilities.

7. Other Jurisdictions

Communication capabilities exist in other jurisdictions within the County and are listed in Attachment 1. Regional capabilities are also listed.

8. Amateur Radio

The Amateur Radio Club may provide additional communications during response and recovery operations. They will relocate with their equipment to the designated operating location.

9. REACT (or CB Club)

REACT may also support emergency communications.

10. Civil Air Patrol

During a disaster, members of the Sandhills Squadron and the Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol can support the County disaster relief operations with VHF and UHF frequency radio, as well as assist with damage assessment, disaster welfare inquiries and aerial reconnaissance/damage assessment.

11. Communication Systems Maintenance, Testing and Protection

Local provisions are in place to provide professional maintenance, repair and periodic operational tests of all communications systems, including outdoor warning system and other electronic media and computer communications systems. Immediate corrective actions for any problems identified are completed.

B. Warning

1. The National Warning System (NAWAS) is a Federal system of high priority, dedicated communications.

- a. The Nebraska NAWAS System is that part of the National Warning System within the State.
- b. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency Communications Officer is responsible for the operation of the Nebraska system. The telephone company performs maintenance.
- c. The State Warning Point is at the Nebraska State Patrol Dispatch at the Joint Forces Headquarters (JFHQ) in Lincoln, and the State Emergency Operating Center (NEMA) is designated as the Alternate State Warning Point.
- d. Although warning information can originate from several sources, all relevant warning information is passed via the NAWAS system to all warning points within the State. This system is outlined on Attachment 4, the Nebraska Emergency Management Warning Network.

2. Notification of Officials

- a. The Valentine Justice Center/Dispatch will alert city/county officials, the Cherry County Emergency Management Director and others on the County EOC staff immediately after initiating public warning.
- b. Pagers are utilized to provide warning to various governmental and non-governmental agencies. Pagers are activated by the Cherry County Dispatch Center.

3. Warning the Public

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- a. The Cherry County Dispatch will provide warning to the public by activating all fixed sirens in the County, either simultaneously or individually.
- b. The authority to activate the sirens in Valentine, Cody, Kilgore, Merriman, and Wood Lake rests with the Cherry County Emergency Management . (Make it read correctly for each jurisdiction). Sirens are intended for out-of-doors warning only.
- c. Public warnings may also be provided by loudspeakers or sirens on emergency vehicles or by immediate broadcast via radio station(s), television station, and church calling trees.
- d. Warnings, disaster information and instructions are provided to identified access and functional needs populations by public radio, television and church calling trees.

4. Tornado Watch

The County has an established tornado-spotting program with assistance from rural spotters, amateurs, and law enforcement personnel. Reports from REACT and amateur spotters are made to the Cherry County Dispatch who in turn contacts the City or Village via pagers, radio, or telephone. Reports from the public, rural spotters and law enforcement personnel are made directly to their respective agency. In the event phone lines to Dispatch are busy, the alternate agency to notify is the North Platte Weather Service (800-603-3562).

5. Flood Watch/Warning

- a. Emergency Preparedness Plans for the Merritt Dam have been developed by the Corp of Engineers. These plans include Notification Lists whereby the County Sheriff will contact residents in the area and agencies involved should a hazardous situation occur (reference Annex E, Appendix 1 for operational procedures).
- b. The National Weather Service (NWS) monitors conditions that may lead to flooding, i.e., ice dams, rainfall, and snow melt. NWS may also contact observers such as the to make local assessments of river or stream conditions or to report data from the non-automated river gauges. Based on the data received, the North Platte Office of the NWS will issue warnings and watches as warranted.
- c. The public is notified by local radio, siren and the Code Red System.

6. Hazardous Materials Incidents

- a. The owner of a facility is required to notify the State Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) upon discovery of a release of a hazardous substance of reportable quantity (RQ) or greater, according to NDEE Regulation Title 126. A fixed facility that has a release of an extremely hazardous chemical above the 302(a) reportable quantity (RQ)

of SARA Title III requires notification under section 102(a) of CERCLA. They shall notify, immediately after the release, the Community Emergency Coordinator (CEC) identified in Annex F, IV, B, of any area likely to be affected by the release and the State Emergency Response Commission of any state likely to be affected by the release. This notification will be by the most expedient means possible (see Annex F, Appendix 1, Attachment 2, "Hazardous Materials Incident Notification").

- b. A transportation incident of a substance subject to 302(a) requirements shall satisfy notification requirements by dialing 911 or, in the absence of a 911 system, calling the operator.
 - c. The notification requirements under section 304(b) will be met by using the "Hazardous Materials Incident Report", Annex F, Appendix 1, Attachment 2. Report as much information that is known at the time of notification.
 - d. The public is notified by local radio, siren and the Code Red system.
- 7. The Nebraska Emergency Alert System (EAS) provides disaster information and instruction to the public through radio, television and cable system(s). Local officials have the authority to request activation of the Nebraska EAS web/network by contacting their Local Station (LP-1 or LP as listed in the Nebraska Plan EAS) to provide information to the people in that operational area (Attachment 2).
 - 8. Some local jurisdictions may provide multiple broadcasts of alert and warning messages for any hazard or emergency through the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).
 - 9. Warnings and emergency information can be broadcast by Allo cable TV in Valentine.
 - 10. By law, the Nebraska Education Telecommunications (NET) provides text decoded emergency information that includes severe weather warnings and reports from the National Weather Service. Many commercial television stations will also broadcast emergency public information text and audio alerts.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

A. Records

The Executive Group will ensure that adequate records of all local government agencies communications expenses; Law, Fire, EMS, Public Works, Roads, etc. are maintained.

B. Plan Maintenance

The Communications Officer(s) will be responsible for assisting the Emergency Management Director in the maintenance and improvement of this Annex. The Annex will be reviewed, updated, and modified as necessary, but not less than annually.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

1. Each agency or organization assigning personnel to the EOC for communications and warning purposes is responsible for ensuring that those individuals are adequately trained to use the equipment, are familiar with the procedures of the EOC, and understand the unique operating procedures.
2. The training program will be consistent with the five-year Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX B - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>County Communication Capabilities</u>
2	<u>Nebraska EAS Operational Areas</u>
3	<u>National Weather Services Offices and Contacts</u>
4	<u>NAWAS Network (Directions and Map)</u>
5	<u>TICPs</u>

ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

Coordinating Agency:

American Red Cross
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Emergency Management Agency
First Responders

Primary Agency:

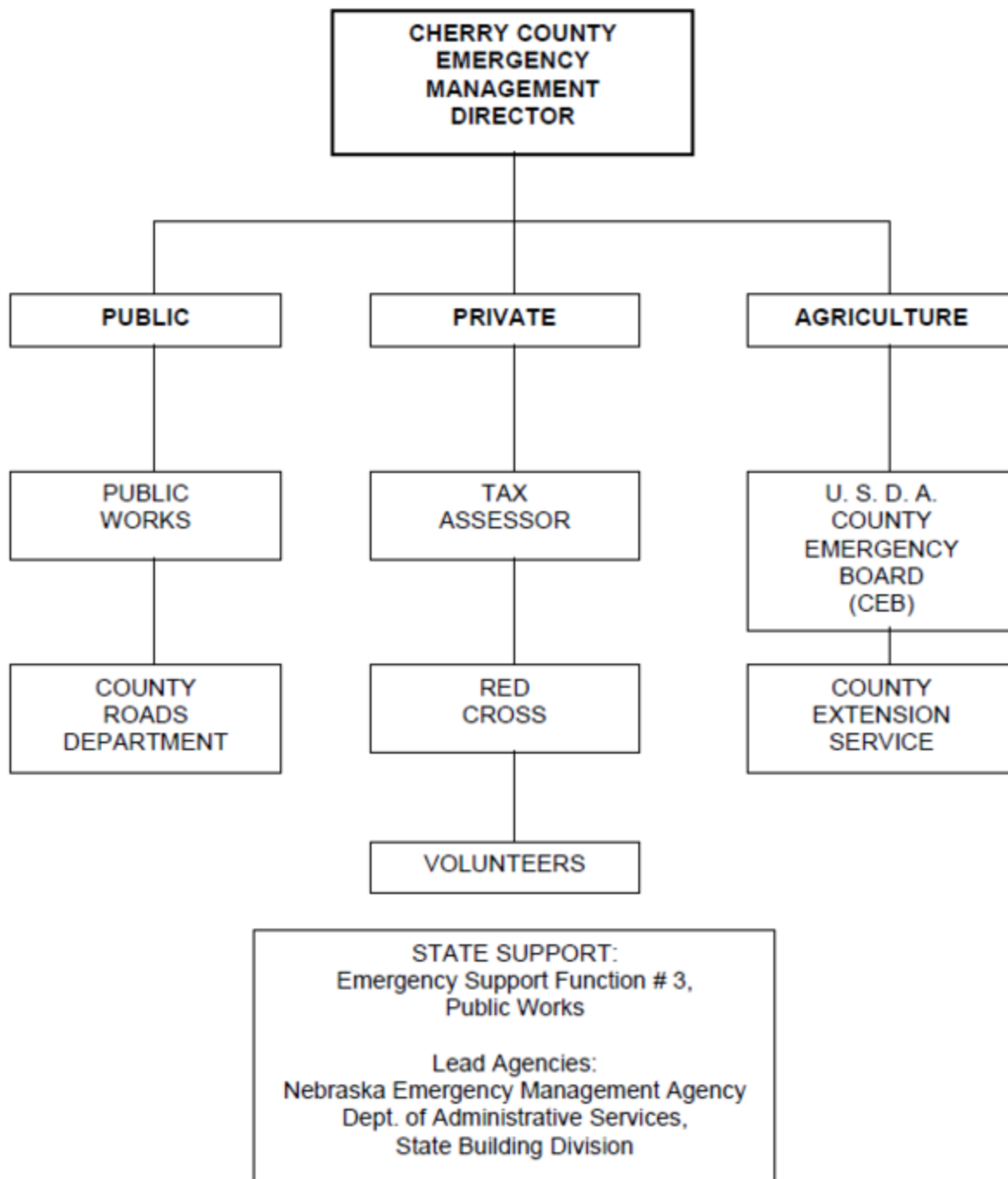
Cherry County Communications
Incident Commander

Support Agencies:

Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation

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Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Police Department
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex describes damage assessment procedures necessary to gather data and evaluate information to determine the extent of damage and the impact on the community resulting from a disaster.

II. SITUATION

Cherry County is susceptible to disasters that could cause extensive damage to public and private property. In the event of a disaster, planned damage assessment procedures are essential for effective response and recovery operations.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. The prompt and accurate assessment of damage to public and private property following a disaster is of vital concern to local officials.
- B. A rapid response has a direct bearing on disaster recovery.
- C. For any emergency involving radiological materials, the Nebraska Health and Human Services has sole responsibility for making technical assessments. However, it is conceivable that the Department could request some assistance from local radiological staff during an emergency.
- D. The State Department of Environment and Energy is responsible for decisions on the scope of clean-up operations from a hazardous materials incident.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Incident Assessment

The County Emergency Manager will coordinate the gathering of damage assessment information necessary to complete the Incident Status Report, Annex A, Attachment 3, and for keeping the information updated during the course of the incident. Other responsibilities include, but are not limited to, the following:

- 1. Establishing a point of contact with officials of the affected jurisdictions and determine the approximate area affected.
- 2. Gathering information about the extent of damage, as quickly as it is available, from both public and private sources, with special attention being paid to impacts to community lifelines, to help in the prioritization of response efforts.
- 3. Providing updated information gathered from both public and private entities to the Executive Group and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency using the Incident Status Report from Annex A, Attachment 3.
- 4. Coordinating with the Public Information Officer to keep the public informed of hazardous conditions.

B. Record Keeping

Each public and private agency will keep complete records of resources and personnel involved in the response to the emergency or disaster for use in determining the extent of impact of the incident on the jurisdiction.

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C. Agricultural Damage Assessment

The Farm Service Agency (FSA) through the County Emergency Board will assess the agricultural and related rural damages with assistance, as needed, from other USDA agencies. All information will be forwarded to the USDA State Emergency Board and may be available to the Cherry County Emergency Management Director.

D. Radiological/HazMat Damage Assessment - Industrial/Transportation Incident/Accident

1. In the event of a radiological incident, local damage assessment response will be limited to obtaining radiological readings to detect the actual hazard. The Health and Human Services will accomplish detailed hazard assessment to determine any possible threat to people and livestock, see Annex F, Appendix 1.
2. In case of a hazardous materials incident, local response will be limited to the level of training as defined by standards set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.

E. Inspections

The Emergency Management assisted by (Fire and Utility, other) personnel, will complete the initial safety and habitability inspections of both residences and businesses. The State Fire Marshal or DATNE may be requested to help. Data obtained during safety inspections will be included in damage assessment reports. Subsequent and more detailed inspections may be completed at a later date.

The following are Actions specific to Annex C.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex C.

Coordinating: Cherry County Commissioners	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate the gathering of damage assessment information necessary to complete the Incident Status Report, Annex A, Attachment 3, and for keeping the information updated during the course of the incident.
2	Coordinate the initial assessment of governmental owned facilities, to include estimating the amount of structural damage, damage to grounds, and type of debris.
3	Coordinate individual citizen and business/industry damage information.
4	Examine and document damages to the public infrastructure.

Coordinating: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</i>	
1	Conduct assessment training and hold briefings with local officials on the assessment process.

Supporting: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</i>	

1	Coordinate the gathering of damage assessment information necessary to complete the Incident Status Report, Annex A, Attachment 3, and for keeping the information updated during the course of the incident.
2	Establish a point of contact with officials of the affected jurisdictions and determine the approximate area affected.
3	Gather information about the extent of damage, as quickly as it is available, from both public and private sources, with special attention being paid to impacts to community lifelines, to help in the prioritization of response efforts.
4	Provide updated information gathered from both public and private entities to the Executive Group and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency using the Incident Status Report from Annex A, Attachment 3.
5	Utilize the Incident Status Report (ISR) found in Annex A, Attachment 3 of this LEOP to determine the scope of the damage and forward the information to NEMA.
6	Responsible for collecting the initial damage assessment information on damage which has occurred to the infrastructure in the jurisdiction.
7	Gather more detailed information to complete additional Incident Status Report updates, after rescue operations have been concluded.
8	Coordinate individual citizen and business/industry damage information.
9	Report all individual citizen and business/industry damage information to NEMA using the Incident Status Report.
10	Provide all forms necessary to complete the damage assessment.

Supporting: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</i>	
1	Review and update this annex annually.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate the gathering of damage assessment information necessary to complete the Incident Status Report, Annex A, Attachment 3, and for keeping the information updated during the course of the incident.
2	Establish a point of contact with officials of the affected jurisdictions and determine the approximate area affected.
3	Gather information about the extent of damage, as quickly as it is available, from both public and private sources, with special attention being paid to impacts to community lifelines, to help in the prioritization of response efforts.
4	Provide updated information gathered from both public and private entities to the Executive Group and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency using the Incident Status Report from Annex A, Attachment 3.
5	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to keep the public informed of hazardous conditions.
6	Utilize the Incident Status Report (ISR) found in Annex A, Attachment 3 of this LEOP to determine the scope of the damage and forward the information to NEMA.
7	Responsible for collecting the initial damage assessment information on damage which has occurred to the infrastructure in the jurisdiction.
8	Gather more detailed information to complete additional Incident Status Report updates, after rescue operations have been concluded.
9	Coordinate individual citizen and business/industry damage information.
10	Report all individual citizen and business/industry damage information to NEMA using the Incident Status Report.

11	Provide all forms necessary to complete the damage assessment.
12	Examine and document damages to the public infrastructure.

Supporting: Cherry County Roads Superintendent

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Coordinate the initial assessment of governmental owned facilities, to include estimating the amount of structural damage, damage to grounds, and type of debris.
2	Examine and document damages to the public infrastructure.

Supporting: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Report all individual citizen and business/industry damage information to NEMA using the Incident Status Report.
2	Send in a team to conduct a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) if damage estimates reach the threshold for state or federal assistance.

Supporting: Fire Chief

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Establish a point of contact with officials of the affected jurisdictions and determine the approximate area affected.
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Supporting: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Accomplish detailed hazard assessment to determine any possible threat to people and livestock, see Annex F, Appendix 1.
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Supporting: Sheriff

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Establish a point of contact with officials of the affected jurisdictions and determine the approximate area affected.
2	Gather information about the extent of damage, as quickly as it is available, from both public and private sources, with special attention being paid to impacts to community lifelines, to help in the prioritization of response efforts.
3	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to keep the public informed of hazardous conditions.
4	Coordinate individual citizen and business/industry damage information.
5	Examine and document damages to the public infrastructure.

Supporting: USDA County Emergency Board

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX C - DAMAGE ASSESSMENT

1	Assess the agricultural and related rural damages with assistance, as needed, from other USDA agencies.
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V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Initial Assessment

The emergency manager will utilize the Incident Status Report (ISR) found in Annex A, Attachment 3 of this LEOP to determine the scope of the damage and forward the information to NEMA. Information from the ISR will be the starting point from which all future state or federal damage assessments will be conducted.

1. After rescue operations have been concluded, more detailed information should be gathered to complete additional Incident Status Report updates. This information will be gathered from the first responders, organizations, and agencies involved and provided to the Executive Group and forward to NEMA.
2. In accordance with the community lifelines concept, conduct the initial assessment of the facilities considered critical for emergency operations, the health, welfare, and safety of the people. Early identification of damages will enable policymakers to set priorities and make efficient decisions concerning resources available.
3. Incident Status Report (ISR)
 - a. Initial field responders and public works agencies have a responsibility for collecting the initial damage assessment information on damage which has occurred to the infrastructure in the jurisdiction. This includes damage to bridges, roads, and right of ways, culverts, and other lifeline systems which are the responsibility of the local government. Part of the ISR must also include estimating the amount and types of debris which will need to be handled. See Debris Management Planning, Annex C, Appendix 1.
 - b. The Emergency Manager will coordinate the initial assessment of governmental owned facilities, to include estimating the amount of structural damage, damage to grounds, and type of debris.
 - c. Individual citizen and business/industry damage information will be coordinated by the Emergency Manager and reported to NEMA using the Incident Status Report. Information from the American Red Cross and other VOAD organizations may include limited information on damages to homes and businesses, which could be used to determine a damage estimate to be included in the ISR.
 - d. Information and figures generated from these assessments are estimates only and are used by NEMA to determine the need to conduct a state (NEMA) PDA or request a joint NEMA/FEMA PDA. Later, more detailed information would indicate the number of homes, businesses, public buildings, grounds, and infrastructure involved. All information will be forwarded to NEMA through the local Emergency Manager.
4. Using the information from the completed Incident Status Reports, a local decision will be made to sign a disaster declaration. Only after the declaration has been signed, can the state determine whether a State or Federal Disaster is

justified. If there is a possibility of a Federal declaration, a joint Federal/State team may complete a FEMA/State Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA).

B. FEMA/State Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA)

1. In the event that damage estimates reach the threshold for state or federal assistance, NEMA and/or FEMA will send in a team to conduct a Joint Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA). The local jurisdiction is responsible for providing staff to be a part of the Joint PDA Teams. The PDA is a quick visit to the disaster area, and is normally conducted in a 24-48 hour period.
 - a. The Joint PDA teams will conduct assessment training and hold briefings with local officials on the assessment process.
 - b. The Teams will provide all forms necessary to complete the assessment.
2. The PDA Teams will examine and document damages to the public infrastructure. Included are estimates of the amount and types of debris. Figures generated from the PDA are used as documentation from the State in their formal request for federal assistance.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

The Emergency Management Director will review and update this annex annually.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan provisions. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX C - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
Appendix 1	Debris Management Planning
1	Typical Hazards And Debris Generated

ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

Coordinating Agency:

Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Chief
Law Enforcement Officials
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Primary Agency:

Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Emergency Management Agency
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Fire Department
First Responders
Incident Commander
Police Department
President of City Council
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
USDA County Emergency Board
Utility Companies

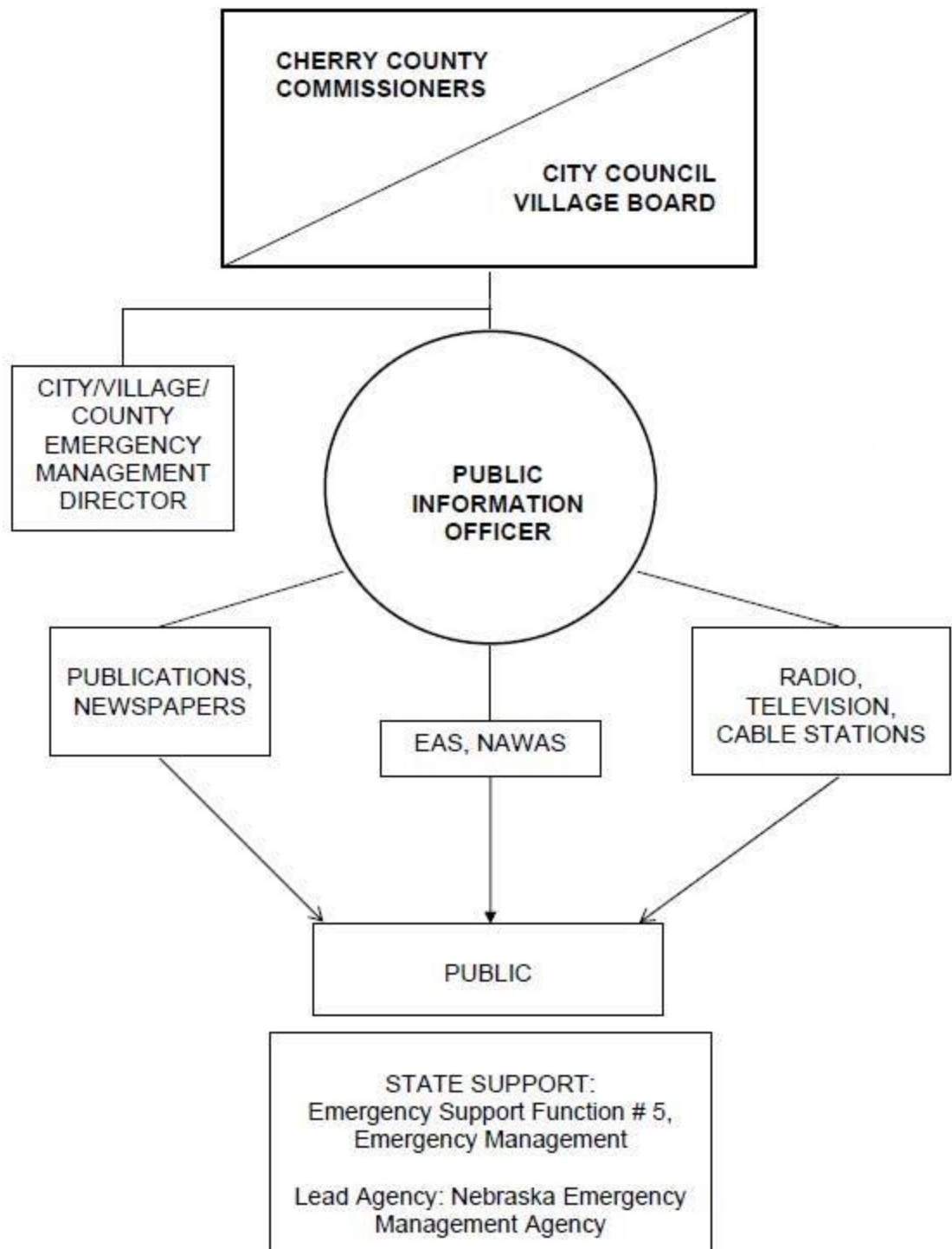
Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Governor
Hospital
Incident Commander
LEPC Chair or Representative

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Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
Utilities Dept
Veterinarian Representative

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I. PURPOSE

This Annex establishes procedures for the rapid dissemination of emergency public information and outlines the media resources available. During an emergency/disaster, all levels of government are responsible for keeping the public informed of the situation. It is through a speedy and precise public information program that people are advised of hazards or threats and will be told of actions they need to take for their safety and survival.

II. SITUATION

- A. Radio station KVSH-AM 940 in Valentine is the Local Primary (LP-1, or LP) Emergency Alert Station for Nebraska Operational Area 4 which serves Cherry County. This station broadcasts the Initial weather alerts and warnings and national emergency warnings.
- B. Cherry County officials will primarily use KVSH-AM 940 in Valentine to broadcast emergency instructions and information directed to people within the County.
- C. Emergency public information may or may not be disseminated in Cherry County through an over-ride capability of Allo Cable Television.
- D. There are 0 daily and 1 weekly newspapers in Cherry County. Newspapers will be used for disseminating written instructions to the public.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. There are known groups of non-English speaking people in Cherry County. Every household has members who can adequately read the newspaper and/or understand spoken English.
- B. There are provisions for disseminating emergency information to persons with access and functional needs. NOTE: It is suggested that these procedures be listed here with SOPs developed and available in the EOC SOPs or listed in the File Archive.
- C. It is critical that the public have confidence that the local governments is in control of the situation. Awareness of an event, warnings and timely reports of actions mitigating the event, potential consequences, information, public orders/directions, and information gains and builds this public confidence.
- D. During and after a disaster, specific protective action information and advice to the public is essential to maximize survival and protect property. Most of the public would comply with official advice received by them.
- E. Implementing the Joint Information System concept integrates incident information and public affairs into a cohesive organization providing consistent, coordinated, timely information.
- F. The media's approach to reporting disasters has, at times, crossed the line to sensationalism. Timely and accurate information from a credible source builds public confidence, reduces panic, fear and adverse public responses.

- G. Public broadcast outlets have a choice in which emergency messages they transmit.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Public Information Officer (PIO) directs all county emergency public information activities and interfaces with the public and media and with other agencies with incident-related information. The PIO is responsible for the collection, coordination, development, dissemination and monitoring of emergency public information.
- B. The Public Information Officer has been appointed by, and is the official spokesperson for the Board Chair and/or County Commissioners (according to the impacted jurisdiction) and is a member of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Staff. The PIO will coordinate all public information activities with the Chief Executive, County Emergency Management Director and Incident Command.
- C. The PIO may appoint a supporting staff to assist in the public information functions and ensure the capability of extended operations. Supporting functions may include:
1. Rumor Control/Public Inquiry
 2. Distribution of emergency information, including broadcast and printed materials, and monitoring the media releases for accuracy, and
 3. Coordination of emergency public information supplies and equipment requirements as well as volunteer support staff.
- D. The Public Information Officer at the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, in a disaster situation, has the following responsibilities:
1. Coordinates with and supports the Governor's Office,
 2. Coordinates with and supports the local government's PIOs,
 3. Develops and releases information concerning the state's involvement and/or activities, and
 4. Monitors the media for accuracy of information released.
- E. The federal agency's PIO, when federal support is activated, will have the following responsibilities:
1. Coordinates with and supports the state and local governments PIO,
 2. Releases information concerning the federal government's involvement and/or activities.
- F. Volunteer and private organization PIOs should coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts.

The following are Actions specific to Annex D.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex D.

Coordinating: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Develop and release information concerning the state's involvement and/or activities.
2	Monitor the media for accuracy of information released.
3	Provide text decoding to the hearing impaired for all programming to include area and statewide disaster warnings.
4	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.
5	Coordinate activities with the federal agencies involved through the lead PIO at the JIC.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.

Primary: Cherry County Attorney	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate with and support the state and local governments PIO.
2	Prepare and/or release Newspaper releases, flyers, brochures, etc.

Primary: Cherry County Board Chair	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate with and support the Governor's Office.

Primary: Cherry County Commissioners	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Establish procedures for rapid dissemination of hazard warnings and disaster-related information to local government primarily through the National Warning System (NAWAS) and to the public through the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate with and support the local government's PIOs.
2	Coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts.

Primary: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information.
2	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.
3	Coordinate activities with the federal agencies involved through the lead PIO at the JIC.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	

1	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.
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Primary: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Establish procedures for rapid dissemination of hazard warnings and disaster-related information to local government primarily through the National Warning System (NAWAS) and to the public through the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
2	Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information.
3	Revise this Annex based upon the recommendations of the PIO.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts.
2	Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information.
3	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.
4	Coordinate activities with the federal agencies involved through the lead PIO at the JIC.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.

Primary: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Meet annually with local government officials, the Emergency Management Director, and media representatives to review this Annex and coordinate operating procedures.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION</i>	
1	Direct all county emergency public information activities and interfaces with the public and media and with other agencies with incident-related information.
2	Responsible for the collection, coordination, development, dissemination and monitoring of emergency public information.
3	Coordinate all public information activities with the Chief Executive, County Emergency Management Director and Incident Command.
4	Appoint a supporting staff to assist in the public information functions and ensure the capability of extended operations.
5	Distribute emergency information, including broadcast and printed materials, and monitoring the media releases for accuracy.
6	Coordinate emergency public information supplies and equipment requirements as well as volunteer support staff.
7	Coordinate with and support the Governor's Office.
8	Coordinate with and support the local government's PIOs.
9	Coordinate with and support the state and local governments PIO.
10	Coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts.
11	Release information to the media at briefings.

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12	Prepare and/or release Newspaper releases, flyers, brochures, etc.
13	Coordinate all state public affairs/information efforts with the Governor's Office.
14	Evaluate the situation and making internal determinations of the level of assistance they can provide.

Primary: Sheriff

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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| 1 | Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information. |
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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|---|---|
| 1 | Coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts. |
| 2 | Coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information. |

Supporting: County Attorney

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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| 1 | Coordinate with and support the Governor's Office. |
| 2 | Coordinate with and support the local government's PIOs. |
| 3 | Coordinate with the local Public Information Officer and release information concerning their own efforts. |
| 4 | Release information to the media at briefings. |

Supporting: National Weather Service

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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| 1 | Responsible for issuing weather-related disaster warnings to the public. |
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Supporting: Nebraska Department of Transportation

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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| 1 | Provide road conditions to responding agencies, media, and the public. |
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Supporting: Nebraska State Patrol

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX D - EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION

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|---|--|
| 1 | Provide road conditions to responding agencies, media, and the public. |
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V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Coordination

1. The public information program requires a coordinated flow of information from all levels of government and private agencies through a central release point. This ensures that only accurate information is presented. This will be accomplished through:
 - a. Coordinating and exchanging information among all staff, department heads, and the PIO.

- b. Collecting, compiling, and verifying information before authorizing releases.
 - c. Protecting/safeguarding sensitive information.
 - d. Releasing information to the media at briefings by the Public Information Officer or an authorized representative.
 - e. Establishing Rumor Control/Public Inquiry where citizens with questions can receive accurate and verified information. Rumor Control/Public Inquiry must be coordinated with the Communications Officer to ensure adequate public service telephone capabilities. The media will publish/broadcast the Rumor Control/Public Inquiry telephone number. In addition to answering questions from the public, telephone operators will pass rumor trends on to the PIO and assistance requests to the EOC.
 - f. Establish/activating a JIC for multi-agency coordination.
- 2. Information about emergency shelters, feeding, and assistance programs will be disseminated throughout the emergency/disaster period.
 - 3. As a situation develops, uses all available media resources to increase public education, instructions, and information (Attachment 1).
 - 4. Disaster information on radio/television and in the newspapers will be monitored to ensure the public is receiving accurate and timely information.

B. Information Dissemination

1. Joint Information Center (JIC)

- a. The Joint Information Center (JIC) is the designated place where the cooperating agencies' PIOs will conduct news briefings and conferences.
- b. Briefings and conferences will be held at regularly scheduled intervals which will be determined at the time of the disaster.
- c. All supporting agencies will have access to and participate in the JIC.

2. Electronic Media

- a. Information requiring immediate broadcast for a local area will be released to radio and television stations. A list of local radio/television /cable stations is included in Attachment 1. Routine information will be given to the media through the Joint Information Center briefings.
- b. The Emergency Alert System (EAS) will be activated through radio stations KVSH-AM 940 in Valentine, Nebraska EAS Operational Area 4, in accordance with the Emergency Alert System Plan and NOAA Weather Radio.

- c. Computers, social media and other electronic communications devices will have messages prepared appropriate to the medium and transmitted in a timely manner.

3. Printed Materials

Newspaper releases, flyers, brochures, etc. will be prepared and/or approved by the Executive Group and distributed at the direction of the Public Information Officer.

C. Support from State Agencies

1. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency is responsible for the collection, correlation, and dissemination of disaster-related information to appropriate state agencies and the Governor's Office. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency's Public Information Officer will during a State of Emergency, coordinate all state public affairs/information efforts with the Governor's Office.
2. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency has established procedures for rapid dissemination of hazard warnings and disaster-related information to local government primarily through the National Warning System (NAWAS) and to the public through the Emergency Alert System (EAS).
3. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will coordinate the use of the state warning system to ensure that all commercial radio and television stations receive the emergency information.
4. The Nebraska Educational Telecommunications (NET) in conjunction with the Nebraska Commission for the Hearing Impaired, will, by law, provide text decoding to the hearing impaired for all programming to include area and statewide disaster warnings.
5. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency's Public Information Officer will work closely with the local government and provide assistance, particularly in preparing and disseminating information to the public concerning disaster recovery centers.
6. State agencies will support local governments by providing reports of potential and existing widespread hazardous conditions.
7. The Nebraska State Patrol, in coordination with the Department of Transportation, will provide road conditions to responding agencies, media, and the public.
8. Subsequent to a Presidential Declaration, the Public Information Officers of all state agencies involved in disaster recovery efforts will coordinate activities with the federal agencies involved through the lead PIO at the JIC.

D. Support from Federal Agencies

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1. The National Weather Service has the primary responsibility for issuing weather-related disaster warnings to the public.
2. Under a Presidential Emergency or a major disaster declaration, the Federal Emergency Management Agency's (FEMA) Public Information Officer will coordinate and be responsible for release of public information concerning federal assistance.

E. Support from Volunteer Agencies and Organizations

Volunteer and private organizations will be evaluating the situation and making internal determinations of the level of assistance they can provide. Each organization, in coordination with state and local governments and the JIC, will be providing public information concerning their efforts.

F. Support from Media

Agreements (or: Pre-planning or Arrangements) have been made with local media organizations to ensure rapid dissemination of emergency public information.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

- A. The County Public Information Officer should meet annually with local government officials, the Emergency Management Director, and media representatives to review this Annex and coordinate operating procedures.
- B. The Emergency Management Director will revise this Annex based upon the recommendations of the PIO.
- C. Every effort will be made to incorporate media involvement in exercises of the Basic Plan.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan procedures. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX D - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
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Media Outlets

RADIO

KVSH-AM 940 PHONE:402-376-2400
126 W 3RD Fax: 402-376-2402
Valentine, NE 69201 Contact: Zach Dean

KSDZ-FM 95.5 PHONE: 308-282-2500
PO Box 390 Fax:308-282-0061
Gordon, NE 69343 Contact: Jim Lamley

KBRB-AM/FM 1400/92.7 PHONE: 402-387-1400
122 East 2nd St. Fax:402-387-2624
Ainsworth, NE 69210 Contact: Graig Kinzie

KWYR-AM/FM 1260/93.7 PHONE: 605-842-3333
PO Box 491 Fax:605-842-3875
Winner, SD 57580

KINI-FM 96.1 PHONE:605-747-2291
PO Box 190
Rosebud, SD 57570

TELEVISION

KNOP PHONE:308-532-2222
402 S DEWEY
NORTH PLATTE, NE 69101

KOLN/KGIN PHONE:402-467-4321
40th & W St
Lincoln, NE 68508

KDUH PHONE:308-632-3071
1523 1st Ave
Scottsbluff, NE 69361

CABLE TELEVISION

ALLO PHONE:531-257-5050
272 S Main St
Valentine, NE 69201

NEWSPAPERS-Weekly

Midland News and Printing PHONE:402-376-2833
146 W 2nd St Fax:402-376-1946

Valentine, NE 69201 Contact: Laura Vroman
Ainsworth Star Journal PHONE:402-387-2844
921E 4th St. Fax:402-387-1234

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Ainsworth, NE 69210

Springview Herald PHONE:402-497-3651
PO Box 369-102 S Main St
Springview, NE 68778

Hooker County Tribune PHONE:308-546-2242
PO Box 271-306 NW 1st St.
Mullen, NE 69152

Thomas County Herald PHONE:308-645-2403
PO Box 271-404 Main St.
Thedford, NE 69166

DAILY
North Platte Telegraph PHONE:800-753-7092
PO Box 370-621 Chestnut Fax:308-532-9268
North Platte, NE 69103

Norfolk Daily PHONE:402-371-1020
PO Box 977-525 Norfolk Ave Fax:402-371-5802
Norfolk, NE 68701-0977

ANNEX E - EVACUATION

Coordinating Agency:

Sheriff

Primary Agency:

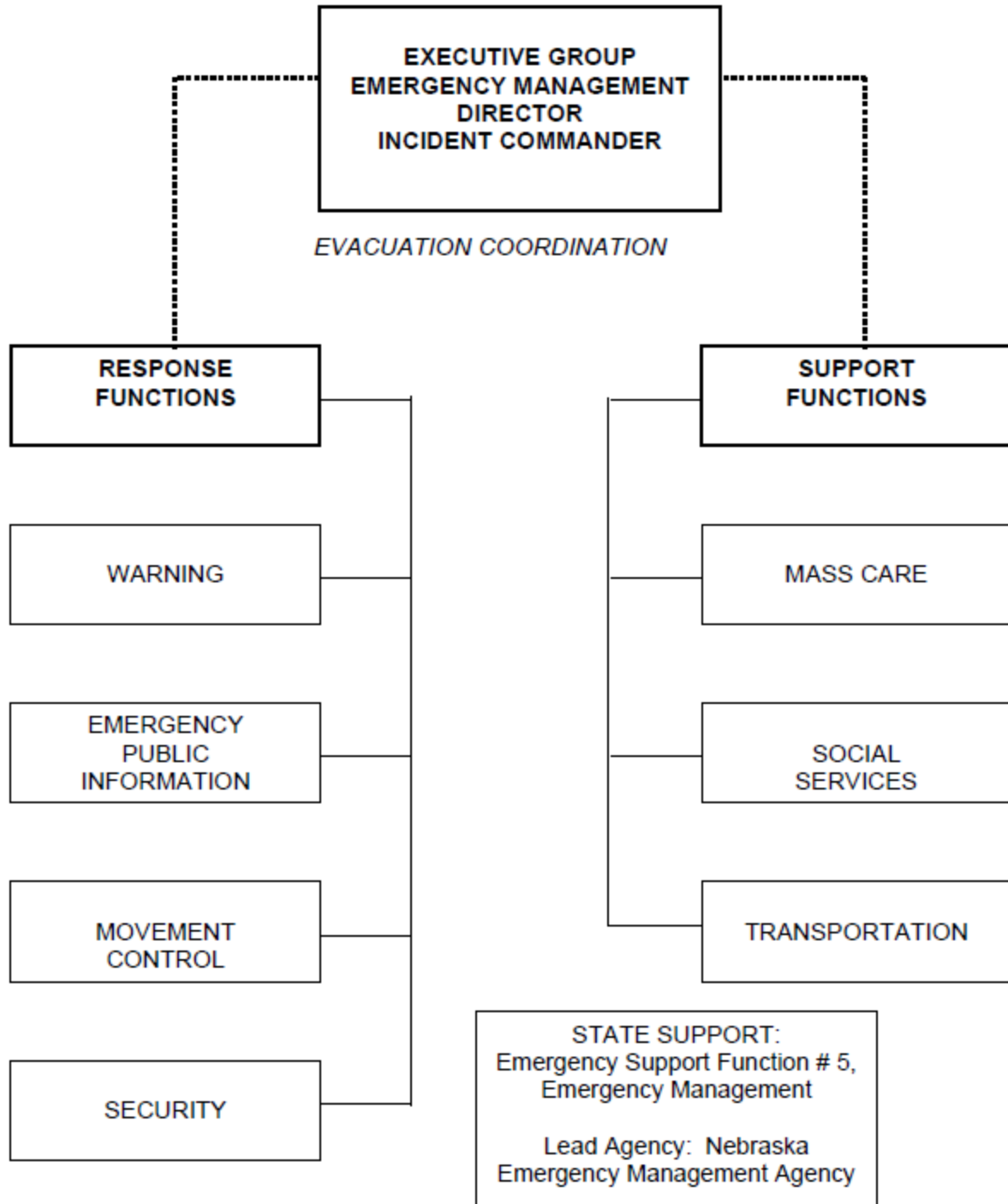
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Medical Services
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
Governor
Incident Commander
Law Enforcement Officials
Police Department
President of City Council
Street Superintendent

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management Communications
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
First Responders
Hospital
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service

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National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex provides direction and planning guidance for the implementing a timely and orderly evacuation of all or any part of Cherry County when that is the most effective means for protecting the population.

II. SITUATION

- A. The most likely causes for evacuation are fire, tornado and severe weather.
- B. Some flooding along the Niobrara River occurs almost annually. While much of this involves lowland agricultural flooding, damage to public property (bridges, highways, and county roads) is a primary concern. Maps showing the 100 year flood plain are located at the Cherry County Zoning Office. The County could also be affected by failure of the Merritt Dam Reservoir located 25 miles southwest of Valentine. See Appendix 1 for flooding details.
- C. Anhydrous ammonia and other hazardous materials are transported, used and stored in the county. A hazmat spill, release or accident could require an evacuation. Transportation accidents on Highway 12,20,61,83 or 97 could affect evacuation movement.
- D. There are places where large gatherings occur. Among these are the schools in the county with a student population over 1,000. Other facilities that could pose special evacuation problems are Cherry County Fairgrounds, Niobrara Scenic River, Cherry County Hospital, Prairie Estates and Cherry Hills in Valentine. Each of these facilities and events should develop and exercise their specific evacuation plans and may coordinate with the EM for planning information or to participate in jurisdictional or regional joint exercises.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Each jurisdiction will develop a Primary Evacuation Plan specific to the community and their needs. This Plan addresses at least the listed assumptions and planning factors, yet keeps in mind that unique situations may cause departure from portions of the Primary Plan. This Primary Evacuation Plan will be the guide for local or incident evacuation decisions.
- B. While some evacuations allow time for incident planning, the worst case assumption is that there will be little or no warning of the need to evacuate. The evacuation decision could occur day/night and in all weather conditions.
- C. All evacuation decisions and resultant actions are event or incident driven.
- D. Evacuation plans will give due consideration to closing of schools, malls, businesses in the risk areas or during pandemic events.
- E. Evacuation plans will give due consideration to people with access and functional needs that require transportation and populations with companion or service animals.
- F. Evacuation plans will give due consideration to the transportation and sheltering of household pets.
- G. All safe and practical modes of transportation will be considered for evacuations. Most people will use their own vehicles to leave the evacuated area. Fuel shortages may occur and evacuation routes may be blocked with vehicle breakdowns.

- H. Maximum traffic congestion should be expected.
- I. In urban areas, additional time is required to inform citizens, develop assembly areas, load and transport those needing mass transportation, prepare public announcements of designated assembly areas, review or create usage agreements for use of privately owned assembly areas. Plans to transport mobility impaired individuals to the safe areas should be in place and is essential in the Primary Evacuation Plan.
- J. There would not normally be time to obtain personnel support from outside the county. Local government resources could be severely stressed with many responders and their families affected by the evacuation.
- K. Evacuees will have little preparation time and may require maximum support in shelter/reception centers, particularly in the areas of food, bedding, clothes, and medical supplies. Many will be concerned about the care and welfare of pets and animals.
- L. Reception centers and shelters, within the county and neighboring counties, need as much advance notice as possible. At the time of public announcement of the evacuation order, shelters may not be fully set up to handle the evacuees, especially for those with functional needs or those at risk. Medical shelters are for medically fragile people who require care provided in hospitals and nursing homes. People with access and functional needs can be integrated into a shelter setting appropriate to their needs which is typically mass care.
- M. Voluntary evacuation could occur after the public has been advised of a potential problem or danger, even though the situation does not warrant an official evacuation. Under this situation:
 - 1. Voluntary evacuation in excess of 50 percent of the residents of the affected area is a possibility if there is an extended danger period.
 - 2. News reports of a hazard situation may cause voluntary evacuation.
 - 3. If evacuation is directed for a small area, then voluntary evacuation of adjacent areas should be expected.
 - 4. A large percentage of voluntary evacuees will leave because they have a place to go such as to relatives, friends, etc.
 - 5. Those concerned about their pets, livestock, research and commercial or production animals should be advised to implement their individual family/business evacuation plan that addresses the care and welfare of their animals.
 - 6. Following an event, fear and anxiety can be expected from individuals, first responders, care providers and the worried well; all of which will stress support agencies beyond those directly involved with the movement of people.
- N. Animal owners have the primary responsibility for the survival and well-being of their animals and are responsible for all costs associated with the care and well-being of their animals.

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1. Some evacuees, not having their own transportation, will still want to take and be sheltered with their pets.
 2. Some animals will pose a threat to other animals and humans. Therefore animals being evacuated by public means should be appropriately restrained, muzzled or confined.
 3. Household and service animals require the same general care as people; food, water, exercise, places for relief, security, etc.
- O. Some people will refuse to evacuate.
- P. State and federal highways will receive priority snow removal by the Department of Transportation and are expected to be open at all times. County roads in the area are mainly graveled, and the road networks are sufficiently developed that alternate routes can be developed if temporary closures are experienced.
- Q. The Emergency Manager will share local plans with neighboring or regional jurisdictions so that roles and responsibilities are defined and traffic control, sheltering, public information and other essential functions are coordinated and monitored. The most recent version of a county's LEOP can be found on the NEMA website:
<https://nema.nebraska.gov/>.
- R. An evacuation communications plan will be developed and implemented to maintain coordination between Incident Command, the EOC, responders, receiving sites and the evacuees and non-evacuating populations.
- S. Plans to reconstitute or return citizens back to their homes, schools and businesses will be developed concurrently with the incident evacuation plan. This plan will consider staged or phased time periods for returns. Any health and general safety concerns and available emergency shelter should be addressed should the returning individuals find their homes uninhabitable, permanently or partially.
- T. Re-entry plans will give due consideration to expected medical or health issues, the recovery of the dead, the recovery and disposal of animal remains.
- U. Re-entry and restoration of the affected area may take weeks to months. Return plans should address this issue for returning evacuees.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

The overall responsibility for issuing evacuation orders rests with the chief elected executives of the affected political subdivisions. When there is an immediate need to protect lives and provide for public safety, the Incident Commander can make the decision to evacuate. Key organizational requirements are:

(EM & PLANNER: Be sure these responsibilities apply for this jurisdiction.)

- A. Jurisdiction's Chief Elected Official (CEO)

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1. When circumstances permit, the CEO will formally declare the evacuation order; maintain the management, direction and control, and support of the evacuation. The CEO may also issue a disaster declaration as in any “all-hazard” disaster.
2. Will implement appropriate sections of the jurisdictions’ Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Plans.

B. Local Emergency Management Director:

1. Responsible for advising the Executive Group on the evacuation decision, for coordinating evacuation support activities, coordination with the Incident Commander, providing for special transportation needs, sheltering issues, closing of hospitals, schools and businesses, and managing resources.
2. Will coordinate the development of the Evacuation Incident Action Plan with Incident Command and the other agencies involved in an evacuation.
3. Co-authors the evacuation communications plans with the Communications Officers and the Incident Commander.
4. Notifies the PIO and with the IC, determines the JIC activation level.

C. Law Enforcement Agencies:

1. Responsible for conducting actual evacuation efforts, for designating evacuation routes, providing traffic and movement control, monitoring traffic flow, and establishing security of the evacuated area.
2. If necessary, they will also assist in warning the public.
3. Coordinates with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.

D. Fire Departments:

1. Responsible for on-scene control and for advising executives on the evacuation decision for hazardous material and fire incidents.
2. Responsible for fire security in evacuated areas and assistance in warning the public.
3. Coordinates with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.

E. Public Works Director / County Highway Superintendent / Street Superintendent:

1. Responsible for maintenance of the evacuation routes and for providing traffic control devices.
2. May be assigned the responsibility for care and maintenance of portable toilet facilities, monitoring emergency fuel supplies and distribution, and dealing with disabled vehicles blocking the evacuation routes.

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3. Coordinates with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.

F. Local government and/or non-governmental schools, animal shelters, zoos, refuges, veterinary facilities, voluntary animal care organizations:

1. These entities may provide advice to the public about the welfare needs of the animals, availability of space within their facilities, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.
2. These groups may provide insight and additional information on animal care during an evacuation for inclusion into the Primary Evacuation Plan and will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and the EOC during an incident.
3. Individuals with pets and service animals are responsible for their animals care, maintenance and welfare at public shelters, if such shelters are available.

G. Public Information Officer:

1. Responsible for the dissemination of emergency information advising the public of what evacuation actions to take, availability of shelters and re-entry.
2. Responsible for rumor control and responding to requests for information from the media and messages to the non-evacuating population.

H. American Red Cross:

1. After the initial response, the ARC is responsible for coordinating mass care activities including registration, lodging, and feeding. The Salvation Army and other service organizations may provide support as defined in Annex I.
2. The Red Cross may provide animal friendly sheltering or information to registered evacuees of animal sheltering options.

I. Office, Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services:

Will ensure that Social Service programs are continued and supported by other area programs, such as the Cherry County Area Agency on Aging, and may assist in crisis counseling and other activities for people with access and functional needs. Social Services actions are defined in Annex G.

J. Game and Parks Commission:

1. Will assist evacuation efforts in state parks and recreation areas during major emergency/disaster operations.
2. Will support other law enforcement agencies as practical.

K. Affected Facilities (Hazardous Materials Incident):

The Facility Emergency Coordinator will advise local and State officials if the facility management recommends evacuation or in-place shelter.

The following are Actions specific to Annex E.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex E.

Coordinating: Sheriff	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for maintenance of the evacuation routes and for providing traffic control devices.

Primary: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
2	Responsible for the annual review and update of this Annex.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for advising the Executive Group on the evacuation decision, for coordinating evacuation support activities, coordination with the Incident Commander, providing for special transportation needs, sheltering issues, closing of hospitals, schools and businesses, and managing resources.
2	Coordinate the development of the Evacuation Incident Action Plan with Incident Command and the other agencies involved in an evacuation.
3	Co-authors the evacuation communications plans with the Communications Officers and the Incident Commander.
4	Notify the PIO and with the IC, determines the JIC activation level.
5	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
6	Coordinate all evacuation support activities.

Primary: Fire Department	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for fire security in evacuated areas and assistance in warning the public.
2	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for on-scene control and for advising executives on the evacuation decision for hazardous material and fire incidents.
2	Responsible for fire security in evacuated areas and assistance in warning the public.
3	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.

Primary: Police Department	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for conducting actual evacuation efforts, for designating evacuation routes, providing traffic and movement control, monitoring traffic flow, and establishing security of the evacuated area.

2	Assist in warning the public.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Responsible for conducting actual evacuation efforts, for designating evacuation routes, providing traffic and movement control, monitoring traffic flow, and establishing security of the evacuated area.
2	Assist in warning the public.
3	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
4	Direct and control the vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow during the evacuation.
5	Establish a perimeter control to provide security and protection of property.
6	Establish an access pass system.

Supporting: American Red Cross	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Responsible for coordinating mass care activities including registration, lodging, and feeding.
2	Provide animal friendly sheltering or information to registered evacuees of animal sheltering options.
3	Assist in crisis counseling and other activities for people with access and functional needs.

Supporting: Animal Shelters	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Provide advice to the public about the welfare needs of the animals, availability of space within their facilities, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.
2	Provide insight and additional information on animal care during an evacuation for inclusion into the Primary Evacuation Plan and will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and the EOC during an incident.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Provide advice to the public about the welfare needs of the animals, availability of space within their facilities, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.
2	Provide insight and additional information on animal care during an evacuation for inclusion into the Primary Evacuation Plan and will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and the EOC during an incident.

Supporting: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.

Supporting: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	

1	Responsible for the dissemination of emergency information advising the public of what evacuation actions to take, availability of shelters and re-entry.
2	Responsible for rumor control and responding to requests for information from the media and messages to the non-evacuating population.
3	Ensure that the evacuation area is described to the public in understandable terms.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Responsible for the dissemination of emergency information advising the public of what evacuation actions to take, availability of shelters and re-entry.
2	Responsible for rumor control and responding to requests for information from the media and messages to the non-evacuating population.
3	Ensure that the evacuation area is described to the public in understandable terms.
4	Ensure that evacuation information is disseminated to the media in a timely manner.

Supporting: Chief Elected Official (CEO)

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Declare the evacuation order; maintain the management, direction and control, and support of the evacuation.
2	Issue a disaster declaration as in any "all-hazard" disaster.
3	Implement appropriate sections of the jurisdictions' Continuity of Operations / Continuity of Government Plans.

Supporting: National Park Service

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Responsible for maintenance of the evacuation routes and for providing traffic control devices.

Supporting: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Make recommendations to local authorities and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency regarding health problems within an area which may dictate that evacuation of that area is necessary.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Make recommendations to local authorities and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency regarding health problems within an area which may dictate that evacuation of that area is necessary.
2	Responsible for the prevention of overcrowding, spread of disease, and the development of unsanitary conditions/practices.

Supporting: Nebraska Department of Transportation

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Provide updated information on road conditions, load bearing capacities and usability to support evacuation or rerouting of traffic.
2	Provide equipment and manpower to maintain or repair roads and bridges to usable condition in support of an evacuation.
3	Assist in traffic control by erecting barricades, warning lights and signs, or providing manpower.

Supporting: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Provide information on local conditions or augment law enforcement personnel in traffic control.

Supporting: Nebraska Health and Human Services System	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Ensure that Social Service programs are continued and supported by other area programs.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Ensure that Social Service programs are continued and supported by other area programs.

Supporting: Nebraska National Guard	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for maintenance of the evacuation routes and for providing traffic control devices.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Provide support to the civil authorities when authorized by the Governor.

Supporting: Nebraska State Fire Marshal	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Recommend that evacuation of an area be initiated because of an existing fire emergency.
2	Coordinate manpower from local fire departments for disaster assistance.

Supporting: Nebraska State Patrol	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for conducting actual evacuation efforts, for designating evacuation routes, providing traffic and movement control, monitoring traffic flow, and establishing security of the evacuated area.
2	Assist in warning the public.
3	Responsible for maintenance of the evacuation routes and for providing traffic control devices.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	
1	Responsible for conducting actual evacuation efforts, for designating evacuation routes, providing traffic and movement control, monitoring traffic flow, and establishing security of the evacuated area.
2	Assist in warning the public.
3	Coordinate with the EOC and IC on the development, implementation and demobilization of the evacuation plan.
4	Direct and control the vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow during the evacuation.
5	Establish control points for traffic control, assist in maintaining order, issue passes to prevent unauthorized entry into areas, obtain medical help and direct emergency vehicles to the proper destination within the disaster area.

Supporting: Refuge	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION</i>	

1	Provide advice to the public about the welfare needs of the animals, availability of space within their facilities, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.
2	Provide insight and additional information on animal care during an evacuation for inclusion into the Primary Evacuation Plan and will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and the EOC during an incident.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Provide advice to the public about the welfare needs of the animals, availability of space within their facilities, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.
2	Provide insight and additional information on animal care during an evacuation for inclusion into the Primary Evacuation Plan and will cooperate with local law enforcement agencies and the EOC during an incident.

Supporting: Veterinarian Representative	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX E - EVACUATION	
1	Provide advice to the public about the welfare and sheltering needs of the animals, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Direction and Control

1. The primary responsibility for evacuation activities rests with the local government. Public officials are expected to:
 - a. Provide security and access control for the evacuated area,
 - b. Provide temporary shelter and mass care support for the evacuees,
 - c. Coordinate the return of people to their homes as safety permits,
 - d. Manage recovery operations, and
 - e. Return to normal operations.
2. The Emergency Operating Center may be activated because of the primary hazard event. Executive direction and control of the incident and any ensuing evacuation may be conducted from the EOC as outlined in Annex A. The Emergency Management Director may coordinate all evacuation support activities.
3. Large-scale evacuations spanning multiple jurisdictions or regions require comprehensive response strategies. To facilitate resource support and coordination of the Incident Command Post(s) across local or regional boundaries, it is suggested that a Regional Unified Command structure or Multi-Agency Coordination Centers (MACC) be established.

4. Reception plans of the counties or cities agreeing, by established Mutual Aid Agreements or MOUs, to host evacuees and the designated shelters for large-scale or regional evacuations need to be implemented early in the response. Area hospitals will be alerted to the situation.
5. Implement appropriate portions of the jurisdiction's COOP-COG Plan to ensure that vital and essential functions of government services continue during and after a disaster, especially when government facilities and staff are affected.

B. Evacuation Order

1. The Chief Executive of the affected political subdivision will normally order an evacuation.
2. In situations where rapid evacuation is critical to the continued health and safety of the population, the Incident Commander may order an evacuation.
3. During floods, evacuation orders will generally be initiated after evaluation and recommendation of Merritt Dam failure/flooding considerations are in Appendix 1 of this Annex.
4. In a radiological incident/accident, the evacuation order will be based on the recommendation of the Nebraska Health and Human Services.
5. All evacuation orders will contain instructions for at-risk populations to take medications, supplies and special equipment with them or to notify partners for transportation assistance.
6. All governmental agencies will account for their financial expenditures from the time of the threat or incident occurrence, during and after the evacuation and re-entry.
7. All potentially impacted jurisdictions supporting the response will be notified of evacuation decisions and given briefings as the response progresses.

C. Evacuation Decision Considerations

Evacuation may be only one of several protective action alternatives. Decision makers must exercise care to ensure that a directed evacuation will not place the affected population into a more dangerous situation than posed by the primary hazard. When ordering the evacuation, the following considerations should be addressed:

1. Weather conditions,
2. Evacuation routes, their capacities and susceptibilities to hazards,
3. The availability and readiness of shelters for evacuees,
4. Effective means of providing public information and direction, especially to people with access and functional needs.

5. Modes of transportation for evacuees and for those unable to provide their own,
6. The location in the evacuation area of people with access and functional needs including nursing home or hospital patients, day care centers, apartment complexes, schools, jails, businesses, other congregate areas. These may pose unique evacuation problems and the evacuation itself could be more life threatening than the initial hazard.
7. In the event of a hazardous material incident the choice needs to be made between evacuation and in-place shelter. The decision should be based on the wind speed and direction and density of the plume and the chemical substance involved.

D. Evacuation Area Definition

The definition of the area to be evacuated will be determined by those officials recommending or ordering the evacuation based on the advice of appropriate advisory agencies. In the case of hazardous materials incident/accidents, fire chiefs should refer to the DOT Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Guide book, or follow the recommendation provided by CHEMTREC. In all cases, the hazard situation will be continually monitored in case changing circumstances, such as a wind shift, require redefinition of a potentially affected area. The PIO will ensure that the evacuation area is described to the public in understandable terms.

E. Public Notification

Persons to be evacuated should be given as much warning time as possible.

1. Pre-evacuation Warning: For slow moving events, pre-evacuation notice should be given to affected residents. Residents should be advised that they might have to move out with little or no additional notice. Those with concerns for their pets should be advised to implement their family evacuation plans. Consideration should be given to early evacuation of schools and large gatherings. Hospitals and nursing homes will be kept fully advised of the situation and be given earliest possible warning because of the extra time required to evacuate.
2. Evacuation Warning: All warning systems will be utilized to direct the affected population to evacuate. Wherever possible, the warning should be given on a direct basis as well as through the media. The use of vehicles moving through the affected area with sirens and public address is usually effective. Door-to-door notification should be considered, particularly in rural areas. Responders should sweep the evacuated area to ensure all persons have been advised. Persons refusing to follow evacuation instructions will be advised of possible consequences and then left alone until all who are willing to leave have been provided for. Time permitting, further efforts may be made to persuade them to evacuate. In accordance with the jurisdiction's Primary Evacuation Plan, persons with animals refusing to evacuate may be advised that further attempts at evacuation will be made only when there is the capability to assist them without risking the lives and safety of the rescuers. See Attachment 1, Responsibilities of Household Animal Owners.

3. Emergency Public Information: The Public Information Officer will ensure that evacuation information is disseminated to the media in a timely manner. Instructions to the public such as traffic routes to be followed, location of temporary reception centers as well as situation updates will be issued as that information becomes available. Specific public information guidelines are contained in Annex D.
4. Both government and non-government shelter agencies and managers need to be notified and briefed early in the process: Shelters require lead time in preparation to receive evacuees. In large scale or regional events, the host counties, cities, villages beyond the affected jurisdiction(s) need notice as soon as possible in the response phase.

F. Movement

Law enforcement agencies will direct and control the vehicular and pedestrian traffic flow during the evacuation.

1. The jurisdiction's primary evacuation plans will be used to determine the specific evacuation routes at the time of the evacuation decision.
2. Evacuation procedures and instructions will be part of the warning and subsequent public information releases.
3. If at all possible, two-way traffic will be maintained on all evacuation routes to allow continued access for emergency vehicles. Specific traffic control points will be determined at the time based on anticipated traffic volume and identifiable problem areas.
4. The Dispatch Center will coordinate the use of wrecker services needed to clear disabled vehicles.
5. Traffic control devices such as signs and barricades will be provided by the Cherry County Road.
6. Fuel shortages that could be experienced by the evacuees will be addressed under the primary plan.

G. Transportation of People with Access and Functional Needs

The need to determine requirements for special transportation may exist. These responsibilities are assigned in the Annex Actions below. Responsible parties will coordinate with the EOC and social service support agencies, for the use of transportation resources to support the evacuation, especially transportation for people with access and functional needs.

1. Assembly (Staging) Area: If the potential evacuated population is of significant size, there could be many people without private transportation. Convenient centralized locations in the evacuation area, such as schools or churches, will be identified as assembly areas. These locations will be announced in evacuation instructions issued by the Public Information Officer. Residents will be instructed

to go to the assembly areas for transportation. The transportation of persons with animals, other than service animals, will be a consideration in the Evacuation Action Plan.

2. Transportation of People with Access and Functional Needs: There could be cases where people with access and functional needs located in the evacuation area will not be able to get to the assembly point or would need special types of transport. The Cherry County Emergency Management Director will make provisions for the use of government or volunteer vehicles to transport these individuals. The public will be instructed to notify the Cherry County Dispatch of any special transportation problems.
3. Health Care Transportation: The evacuation of the nursing homes or the hospital poses special transportation problems. The institutions' administrators will determine specific transportation needs and coordinate with the Cherry County Emergency Management if transportation assistance is needed. Ambulances from fire and rescue departments within the County may be the primary resource for medical transport. The health care provider should maintain a list patients using durable medical equipment and arrange for transportation for this specialized need.
4. Transportation Resources: School buses, handi-buses operated by the Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, and HeadStart might be available during emergencies. The Emergency Manager and the EOC maintain a listing of all such resources (Annex L).

H. Mass Care of Evacuees

While many evacuees will go to the homes of friends and relatives, there may be requirements for temporary mass lodging and feeding. The jurisdiction may have to provide temporary reception centers until the Red Cross can establish short term shelters. Mass care of evacuees will be managed by the American Red Cross. Mass Care operations are covered in Annex I.

I. Health Care Facilities

Evacuations of health care facilities create special problems and may extend the time required to clear the affected area. Health care evacuation considerations are addressed in Annex G.

J. Schools

1. All schools have internal emergency evacuation plans.
2. Cherry County Cody-Kilgore Public Schools have 5 radio-equipped buses with a total capacity of 100 passengers. Assuming 20 passenger capacity buses, unknown additional buses would be necessary or buses would need to make more than one trip. If buses are required to make more than one trip, they will take students and staff to a temporary staging area outside the hazard area and return for additional passengers.

K. Access Control

1. Law enforcement agencies will establish a perimeter control to provide security and protection of property. An access pass system will be established.
2. Curfews may need to be established to limit risks to responders and victims who might wish to remain or re-enter the disaster area.

L. Re-entry

Reoccupation of an evacuated area requires the same considerations, coordination, and control of the items undertaken in the original evacuation and is addressed in the initial and all revised Evacuation Action Plans. The chief executives will make the re-entry decision and issue a Re-entry order after the threat has passed, the evacuated area has been inspected and found safe by fire, law, health, and utilities personnel. Some specific re-entry considerations are:

1. Ensure that the threat which caused evacuation is over.
2. Ensure that search, rescue and recovery missions are completed so that survivors and any human or animal remains have been attended to and recovered.
3. If needed, ensure that homes have been inspected to determine if they are safe to return to and unsafe structures are so marked to prevent entry.
4. Determine the number of persons in shelters who will have to be transported back to their homes.
5. If homes have been damaged, determine the long-term housing requirements.
6. Coordinate traffic control and movement back to the area.
7. Implement the portion of the Evacuation Plan that provides assistance to individuals with lost or missing family members.
8. Inform the public of proper re-entry actions, particularly cautions they should take with regard to re-activating utilities in addition to issuing instructions for proper clean-up and debris disposal.
9. Implement the portion of the Evacuation Plan that provides assistance to individuals requiring counseling, see Annex G, or financial or housing assistance.

M. State Support

Under disaster conditions, evacuation support and resources may be available from a number of state agencies. Assistance will generally be requested through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Assistance includes manpower, transportation, supplies and technical advice. The following agencies may become involved in the emergency evacuation of an area.

1. Department of Transportation: The Department of Transportation will provide updated information on road conditions, load bearing capacities and usability to support evacuation or rerouting of traffic. They will also provide equipment and manpower to maintain or repair roads and bridges to usable condition in support of an evacuation. Personnel may assist in traffic control by erecting barricades, warning lights and signs, or providing manpower.
2. Health and Human Services: The Nebraska Health and Human Services will make recommendations to local authorities and the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency regarding health problems within an area which may dictate that evacuation of that area is necessary. Special consideration will be given to hospital and nursing home evacuation. If an evacuation is initiated, maintenance of the health standards in reception areas will be closely monitored. This agency is responsible for the prevention of overcrowding, spread of disease, and the development of unsanitary conditions/practices.
3. State Fire Marshal: The State Fire Marshal may recommend that evacuation of an area be initiated because of an existing fire emergency. The State Fire Marshal may coordinate manpower from local fire departments for disaster assistance.
4. Nebraska State Patrol: The State Patrol will establish control points for traffic control, assist in maintaining order, issue passes to prevent unauthorized entry into areas, obtain medical help and direct emergency vehicles to the proper destination within the disaster area.
5. Nebraska National Guard: The National Guard will provide support to the civil authorities when authorized by the Governor. Any National Guard facility or area may be used as an assembly or dispersal area in support of evacuation procedures with the approval of the Nebraska National Guard on request by the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.
6. Game and Parks Commission: The Game and Parks Commission field personnel may be able to provide information on local conditions or augment law enforcement personnel in traffic control. The Game and Parks Commission also has boats available to assist in evacuation during floods.

N. Non-Governmental Organizations

The Nebraska Humane Society and the local affiliates may provide advice to the public about the welfare and sheltering needs of the animals, trained staff to assist in mass care shelters, and resources such as food, cages and medical supplies for evacuated animals.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE

- A. After each evacuation of any scale, the incident involved officials, first responders, Emergency Management, other support agencies and jurisdictions, and possibly interested citizens will conduct a post-incident critique and write after-action reports (AAR) and evaluations. These documents will be the basis for review of and revision of policy.

- B. The County Emergency Management Director is responsible for the annual review and update of this Annex. The AARs and evaluations will provide guidance in this annual update.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan process. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX E - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	Responsibilities of Household Animal Owners
Appendix 1	Flood/Dam Failure Evacuation

ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

Coordinating Agency:

Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Communications
City/Village Streets
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Hospital
Incident Commander
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska National Guard
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
USDA County Emergency Board
Utility Companies

Primary Agency:

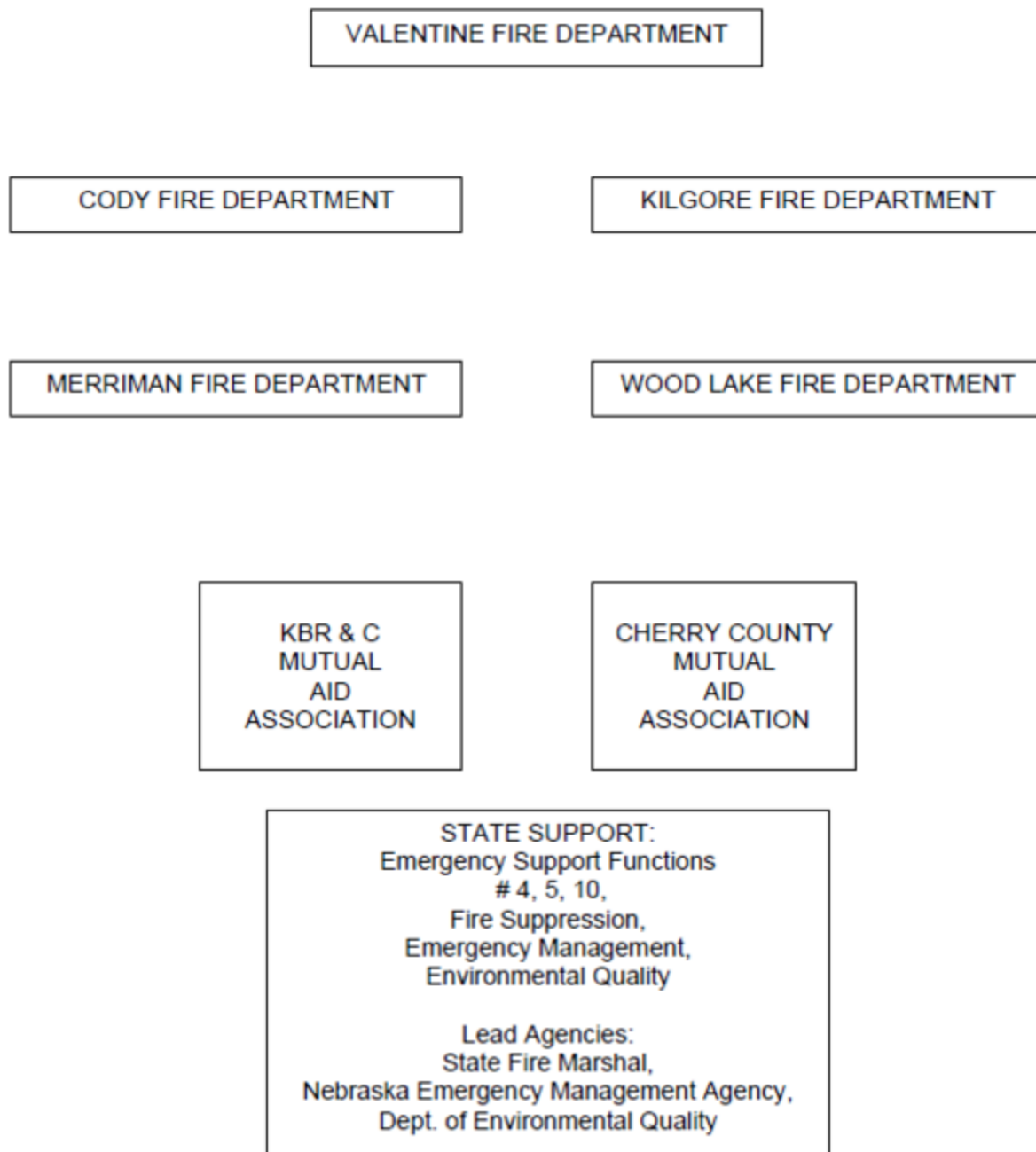
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Fire Chief
Fire Department
Law Enforcement Officials
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Police Department

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
First Responders

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Governor
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
Utilities Dept
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex describes the direction, control, roles and responsibilities for a coordinated response for Fire Services during, or as a result of a natural or man-made disaster or a nuclear crisis.

II. SITUATION

- A. Cherry County is vulnerable to severe weather and structures failures that could destroy property and cause loss of life.
- B. Trucks, trains and airplanes can carry hazardous materials within the county. There are a number of sites in the county that store hazardous materials and substances. Because of this, the potential for accidents and incidents involving hazardous materials and substances exists.
- C. A risk analysis of fixed facilities and known transportation routes, where potential release situations with possible consequences beyond the boundaries of the facility or adjacent to the transportation route, was completed in conjunction with SARA Title III planning.
- D. SARA Title III requires that facilities report the use and storage of all extremely hazardous materials and materials included under the Community-Right-to Know category in the facility and other emergency plans. The most current information is included this Annex.
- E. Cherry County is served by 15 Fire Departments, 3 of which operate Rescue Squads (Attachment 1). All Fire Departments are members of the Cherry County Mutual Aid Association.
- F. There are 15 private or company fire brigades located in Cherry County.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Existing fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations through their own resources or mutual aid.
- B. Clearing roads to permit passage of emergency vehicles is a high priority responsibility of Public Works subsequent to any disaster (Annex K).
- C. Law enforcement will handle on-scene traffic and crowd control to permit access to emergency personnel and equipment.
- D. The Nebraska Department of Health And Human Services, Office of Radiological Health will advise the local Fire Departments on the radiological response activities of a radiological incident/accident involving the county.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The primary responsibilities of the Fire Services are the prevention and suppression of fires; providing rescue services; and responding to hazardous material incidents.
- B. The Fire Chief of each district in the County is designated as the Community Emergency Coordinator (CEC) for hazardous materials incidents as defined in the Superfund Amendment. As CEC, the Fire Chief:
 - 1. Receives notification from facilities that an accidental release of an extremely hazardous substance has occurred.

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2. Makes determination to implement those portions of the plan relating to hazardous material incident response, as necessary.
 3. Provides notification to the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the public that the plan has been activated.
- C. The Fire Chief of each jurisdiction or fire district is responsible for the coordination, planning, training, and development of the Fire Department's operational policy for their respective jurisdiction including:
1. Fire Fighting,
 2. Coordination of Fire Services during a natural disaster, and
 3. Acting in the role of the CEC, coordinating with other governmental response authorities and Facility Emergency Coordinators in the event of a hazardous material incident.
- D. During emergency operations, the Fire Chief(s) of the affected jurisdiction(s), or a designated representative, will serve as a member of the EOC staff.
- E. In a situation that affects more than one Fire Department in the county and an Emergency Operations Center is activated, each department will select a member to represent their district on the EOC Staff. This representative will:
1. Coordinate data regarding requirements (i.e., personnel, equipment, supplies, reporting requirements, etc.) of the Fire Departments.
 2. Act as a liaison between Fire Departments and the local government and other agencies/organizations.
 3. Report general activities and status of Fire Services at EOC briefings.
- F. Overall Fire Service Responsibilities are:
1. Fire Chief
 - a. Develop standard operating procedures, provide training, and use the Incident Command System per the NIMS and implement policies for the department.
 - b. Coordinate and direct volunteers assisting the Fire Department.
 - c. Maintain a current file of information submitted under Title III to include:
 - i. The current list of reporting facilities and the Facility Emergency Coordinators (FEC).
 - ii. Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Inventory lists or Tier II reports.
 - d. Develop departmental tactical response plans for facilities where hazardous materials are produced, used, or stored.

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- e. Coordinate fire inspections for homes or commercial buildings during or after a disaster to determine if the facility is safe for occupancy.
- f. Alerts all emergency response organizations, governmental, non-governmental and private support agencies of the dangers associated with technological hazards and fire during emergency operations.

2. Senior Fire Officer

- a. Direct the level of response, request mutual aid or other assistance, and make decisions concerning the Fire Department's actions and policies during emergency operations.
- b. Direct search and rescue operations.
- c. Request the Medical Coordinator in the event of a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) if required (Annex G).
- d. Authorize Fire Department personnel and equipment to respond to mutual aid requests.

G. Line of Succession

Each Fire Department's line of succession is as follows:

- 1. Fire Chief,
- 2. Senior Fire Officer on duty.

The following are Actions specific to Annex F.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex F.

Coordinating: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</i>	
1	Advise the local Fire Departments on the radiological response activities of a radiological incident/accident involving the county.

Primary: Fire Chief	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS</i>	
1	Responsible for the coordination, planning, training, and development of the Fire Department's operational policy for their respective jurisdiction which includes: Fire fighting, coordination of Fire Services during a natural disaster, and acting in the role of the CEC, coordinating with other governmental response authorities and Facility Emergency Coordinators in the event of a hazardous material incident.

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2	Develop standard operating procedures, provide training, and use the Incident Command System per the NIMS and implement policies for the department.
3	Maintain a current file of information submitted under Title III to include: the current list of reporting facilities and the Facility Emergency Coordinators (FEC) and Safety Data Sheets (SDS), Inventory lists or Tier II reports.
4	Develop departmental tactical response plans for facilities where hazardous materials are produced, used, or stored.
5	Ensure that personnel are selected and trained in both radiological monitoring equipment operation and agency emergency response procedures before responding to a radiological incident.
6	Prepare and submit reports required by Statutes of the State of Nebraska and as requested by other state agencies.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	
1	Receives notification from facilities that an accidental release of an extremely hazardous substance has occurred.
2	Determines to implement those portions of the plan relating to hazardous material incident response, as necessary.
3	Provide notification to the Local Emergency Planning Committee and the public that the plan has been activated.
4	Serve as a member of the EOC staff.
5	Coordinate data regarding requirements (i.e., personnel, equipment, supplies, reporting requirements, etc.) of the Fire Departments.
6	Act as a liaison between Fire Departments and the local government and other agencies/organizations.
7	Report general activities and status of Fire Services at EOC briefings.
8	Coordinate and direct volunteers assisting the Fire Department.
9	Coordinate fire inspections for homes or commercial buildings during or after a disaster to determine if the facility is safe for occupancy.
10	Alert all emergency response organizations, governmental, non-governmental and private support agencies of the dangers associated with technological hazards and fire during emergency operations.
11	Direct the level of response, request mutual aid or other assistance, and make decisions concerning the Fire Department's actions and policies during emergency operations.
12	Authorize Fire Department personnel and equipment to respond to mutual aid requests.
13	Request mutual aid when the emergency extends beyond the capabilities of the local Fire Department.
14	Notify the local Emergency Management Director, if one is appointed, or the County Emergency Management Director to coordinate additional support.
15	Prepare and submit reports required by Statutes of the State of Nebraska and as requested by other state agencies.

Primary: Fire Department

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

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| 1 | Maintain their normal administrative records of personnel, equipment and material used. |
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1	Coordinate data regarding requirements (i.e., personnel, equipment, supplies, reporting requirements, etc.) of the Fire Departments.
2	Report general activities and status of Fire Services at EOC briefings.
3	Notify the local Emergency Management Director, if one is appointed, or the County Emergency Management Director to coordinate additional support.
4	Responsible for the initial response, and, if possible, containment of hazardous material incidents within their level of training and certification.

Primary: Law Enforcement Officials

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1	Handle on-scene traffic and crowd control to permit access to emergency personnel and equipment.
2	Coordinate all searches involving fires and personal injuries.
3	Responsible for searches involving lost or missing persons, fugitives, and bomb scares.

Primary: Nebraska State Patrol

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1	Handle on-scene traffic and crowd control to permit access to emergency personnel and equipment.
2	Define the hazard area.
3	Limit access requirements.
4	Provide advice on the hazards involved and making recommendations to local executives.
5	Responsible for searches involving lost or missing persons, fugitives, and bomb scares.

Primary: Police Department

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1	Define the hazard area.
2	Limit access requirements.
3	Provide advice on the hazards involved and making recommendations to local executives.
4	Responsible for searches involving lost or missing persons, fugitives, and bomb scares.

Supporting: Cherry County Emergency Management Director

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

1	Request assistance from the state and/or other agencies/organizations required at the scene.
2	Coordinate additional support and for notification of and reporting to the appropriate state agencies.
3	Support operations to the fullest extent possible and would normally be contacted as early as possible in major fire, explosion, or hazardous material incidents or accidents.
4	Utilize the Fire Department personnel and equipment to support other agencies or organizations during an emergency/disaster, dependent on the current situation and resources available.

Supporting: Sheriff	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX F - FIRE SERVICES AND HAZARDOUS MATERIALS	
1	Direct search and rescue operations.
2	Request the Medical Coordinator in the event of a Multiple Casualty Incident (MCI) if required (Annex G).
3	Responsible for all searches involving missing or downed aircraft other than military.
4	Utilize the Fire Department personnel and equipment to support other agencies or organizations during an emergency/disaster, dependent on the current situation and resources available.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Mutual Aid

1. The Senior Fire Officer will request mutual aid when the emergency extends beyond the capabilities of the local Fire Department.
2. When an emergency extends beyond the capabilities of mutual aid resources, the Senior Fire Officer will:
 - a. Notify the local Emergency Management Director, if one is appointed, or the County Emergency Management Director to coordinate additional support.
 - b. Request assistance from the state and/or other agencies/organizations required at the scene.

B. Hazardous Materials

Specific policies, responsibilities, and operational procedures for hazardous material response including radiological are contained in Appendix 1 to this Annex. The following general guidelines apply for hazardous material response:

1. The local Fire Department is responsible for the initial response, and, if possible, containment of hazardous material incidents within their level of training and certification. The Incident Commander will coordinate with law enforcement regarding:
 - a. Defining the hazard area,
 - b. Limiting access requirements,
 - c. Providing advice on the hazards involved and making recommendations to local executives.
2. Direct advisory or technical support will be requested through the Communications Center.
 - a. Accidents involving chemicals

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- i. Chemtrec (1-800-424-9300),
 - ii. NEMA Duty Officer,
 - iii. Nebraska Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE),
 - iv. The nearest MOU (Memoranda of Understanding) Hazmat Response Team is North Platte.
- b. Accidents involving radioactive materials
 - i. Immediate notification to the Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services is required. Once they have been notified, it is their responsibility to determine what radiation control actions are necessary to protect the public.
 - ii. Each Fire Chief will ensure that personnel are selected and trained in both radiological monitoring equipment operation and agency emergency response procedures before responding to a radiological incident.
 - iii. In addition, all major hazardous material incidents will be reported to the County Emergency Management Director for coordinating additional support and for notification of and reporting to the appropriate state agencies.

C. Searches

- 1. The Senior Fire Officer of the jurisdiction will coordinate all searches involving:
 - a. Fires,
 - b. Personal injuries.
- 2. Law enforcement officials are responsible for searches involving:
 - a. Lost or missing persons,
 - b. Fugitives,
 - c. Bomb scares.
- 3. The Air Force Rescue Coordination Center (AFRCC) is responsible for all searches involving missing or downed aircraft other than military.
- 4. When a search extends beyond the capabilities of the coordinating agency, the County Emergency Management Director will be notified to coordinate additional requirements.
- 5. Additional resources (personnel, equipment, supplies) may be available through:
 - a. Mutual Aid,

- b. Local, state, and/or federal agencies, and
- c. Volunteer organizations.

D. Rescue

Rescue operations are usually performed by the Fire Department. Annex G has a detailed description of emergency medical operations. Each jurisdiction is responsible for providing rescue, emergency treatment, and transportation for the seriously ill or injured. This is accomplished through:

- 1. The local Fire Department's Rescue Unit. See Annex G, Attachment 2, for EMS resources.
- 2. Mutual aid agreements with adjacent Fire Department's Rescue Units when the local Fire Department does not operate a Rescue Unit or when the Rescue Unit is unavailable.
- 3. The Rescue Units of the individual Fire Departments have the capability to provide Basic Life Support only. Emergency Medical Service will have to be called if Advance Life Support Service is required.

E. Resources

- 1. The State Fire Marshal has certain fire response and investigative responsibilities as set forth in State Statutes. In addition, the Fire Marshal will support operations to the fullest extent possible and would normally be contacted as early as possible in major fire, explosion, or hazardous material incidents or accidents.
- 2. Agencies available to support Fire Services along with contact information are listed in the Cherry County Mutual Aid Association Resource Directory and the Cherry County Emergency Management Resource Lists.

F. Support to Other Agencies

The Senior Fire Officer has the authority to utilize the Fire Department personnel and equipment to support other agencies or organizations during an emergency/disaster, dependent on the current situation and resources available. Areas of possible support include:

- 1. Law Enforcement: traffic and crowd control.
- 2. Health and Medical: first aid stations, public health (i.e., collecting water samples, etc.), and transportation to assist a medical facility during evacuation.
- 3. Radiological Protection: radiological monitoring and decontamination.
- 4. Public Works: debris clearance.

G. Extended Operations

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1. All fire and rescue personnel in the county or jurisdiction may go on full time status with twelve (12) hour shifts. An exception will be the individuals who are considered by the Executive Group to be key personnel in other areas.
2. Mutual aid information may be coordinated through the EOC.
3. The fire districts within the county will maintain their normal jurisdictional responsibilities.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE and LOGISTICS

A. Administration

The individual Fire Departments will maintain their normal administrative records of personnel, equipment and material used. Accurate record keeping will identify specific needs to the Resources Coordinator (Annex L).

B. Reports

Each Fire Chief will prepare and submit reports required by Statutes of the State of Nebraska and as requested by other state agencies.

C. General

Some of the information contained in this Annex may also be found in the publication "Rural Fire Plan, Cherry County Mutual Aid Association" and supporting documents. Additional detailed information specifically pertaining to the Mutual Aid Association is contained in these publications and has not been duplicated in this Plan.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

1. In addition to the prescribed training required by Fire Departments for normal operations, fire personnel should be trained in:
 - a. Radiological monitoring/decontamination - every two years,
 - b. Hazardous materials response to the level determined by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations. It is critical that responders never perform a function for which they are not adequately trained and equipped.
2. Intra-agency action will be taken to inform other emergency support agencies of the physical hazards associated with fire emergencies.
3. The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan procedures. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

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B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX F - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>Fire Resources</u>
Appendix 1	<u>Hazardous Materials Response</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 1	<u>Regulated Facilities</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 2	<u>Agency Contact Information</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 3	<u>Public Safety Procedures</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 4	<u>Evacuation Plans</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 5	<u>Response Resources</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 6	<u>Training Schedule</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 7	<u>Exercise Schedule</u>
Appendix 1 / Attachment 8	<u>Incident Report</u>
Appendix 2	<u>Radiological Ingestion Response</u>

ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

Coordinating Agency:

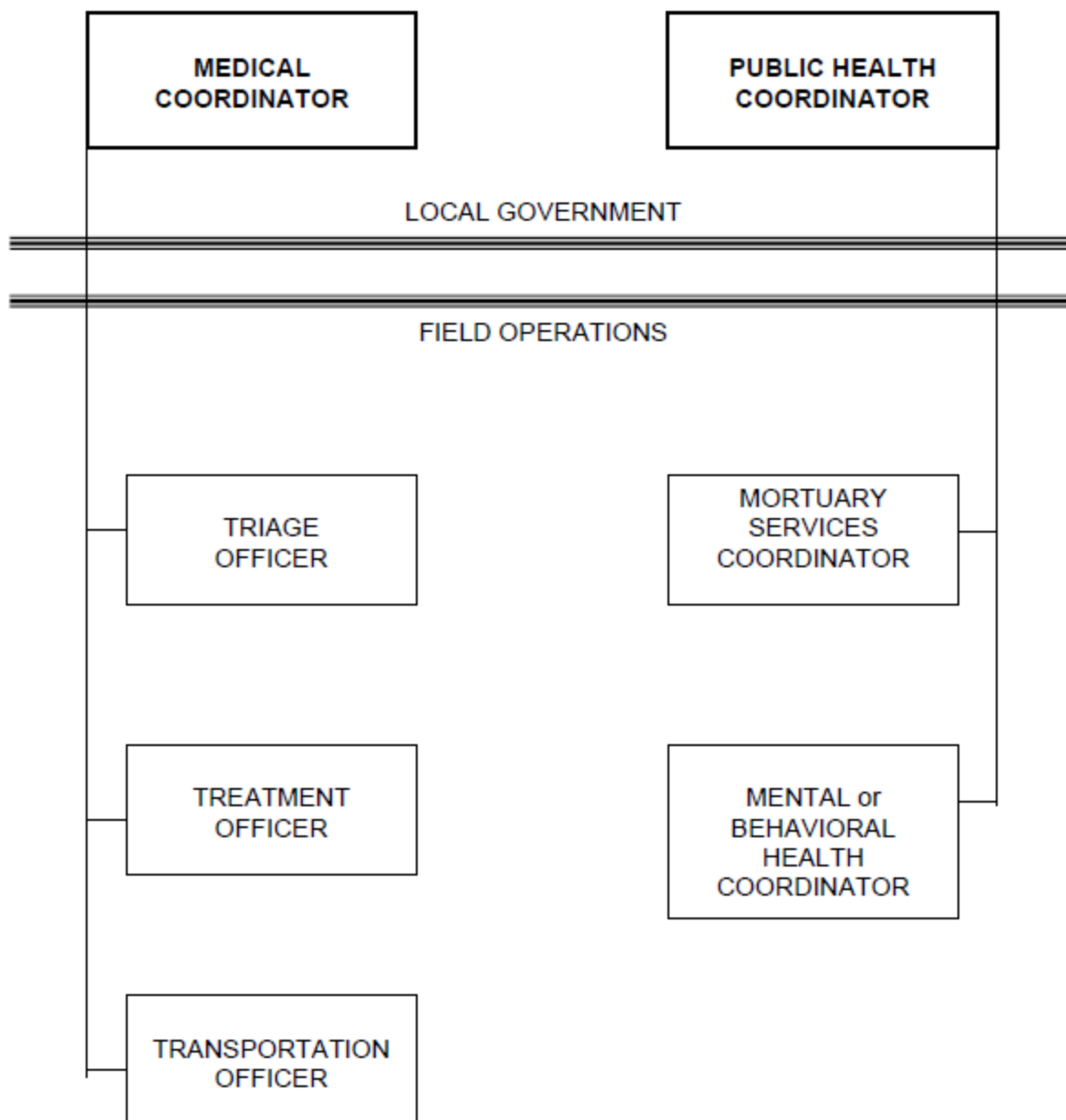
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Primary Agency:

Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Communications
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Incident Commander
Law Enforcement Officials
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Police Department
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
Utilities Dept



I. PURPOSE

A. Medical

This provides guidance for a coordinated response for medical care and treatment for the ill and injured during or from a disaster.

B. Public Health

This provides guidance for coordinated public health services and interventions during

and following a disaster. Functions include early detection and surveillance; epidemiologic investigation; implementation of control measures to reduce, contain or prevent disease; communication of essential information to the healthcare community, public and media; distribution and delivery of prophylactic medication or vaccination, if needed; and environmental surety.

C. Behavioral Health

This annex describes the behavioral health resources available to reduce harmful stress levels of citizens and to respond to the behavioral health needs of survivors, emergency responders in the field, and functional needs individuals in time of disaster.

D. Medical Reserve Corps (MRC)

The MRC, a component of the Citizen Corps program, recruits and prepares health and medical professionals, as well as skilled non-medical individuals to volunteer in local communities. These volunteers are available to assist local medical, health care systems and health care facilities when needed during a disaster or public health emergency.

E. Social Services

This annex describes the role and responsibilities of local social services and agencies able to provide for the coordination and implementation of specialized support to disaster survivors, first responders and/or functional needs individuals.

II. SITUATION

- A. The potential exists for a multiple casualty incident resulting from a naturally occurring, manmade, or terrorist event involving weapons of mass destruction which would stress emergency medical services. Public health hazards in the form of disease outbreak situations may also stress the existing medical system.
- B. Cherry County Hospital is the only hospital in Cherry County. Licensure capacity is listed as 22.
- C. There are 0 nursing homes, 1 Assisted Living facilities , and 1 Home Health Care clinics in the county licensed by the Nebraska Health and Human Services, Department of Regulation and Licensure. Facility details are found in Attachment 1.
- D. There are 1 Emergency Medical Services (EMS) within the county (Attachment 2).
- E. There is one clinic with medical staff of twenty-three RNs, six LPNs, three X-Ray technicians, and four Lab Techs.
- F. The Cherry County Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, the Cherry County Area Agency on Aging and other private agencies have the capability to respond to the serious needs of the population should a major disaster occur.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Any incident that generates an emergency patient load that exceeds the normal day-to-day capabilities of local emergency medical resources or poses a public health threat to the residents may be considered a disaster.
- B. Mutual Aid and outside resources will be available to assist the county in natural, technological and man-made emergencies/disasters and incidents involving threatened or deliberate terrorist use of weapons of mass destruction.
- C. Any hospital or nursing home evacuating patients to facilities in other local or regional facilities will provide the medical records of patients, professional staff, and as many supplies and equipment as practical.
- D. There are indirect and direct public health threats associated with specific types of emergencies and disasters. These might include non-outbreak situations (for example, contaminated drinking water, chemical exposures, and sewage discharges), disease outbreaks (for example E. coli 0157, anthrax, meningitis, West Nile Virus, plague, smallpox, and SARS), sanitation problems, an overload of mortuary service capabilities and community mental health issues.
- E. People not normally clients of the local Social Services agency may require some form of public assistance under disaster conditions.
- F. The local/regional Public Health agency (ies) will work in partnership with the Emergency Manager and the mass care shelter manager to plan for and assist them to accommodate people who have access and functional needs. Public Health will provide recommendations for communications methods, public information message development, special equipment and supplies that may be needed and locating local care providers to assist individuals whose needs cannot be met at the shelter.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Medical, Public Health, Mental or Behavioral Health, Medical Reserve Corps and Social Services operations are each described separately, but close coordination is required to fulfill the overall responsibility of safeguarding and minimizing the adverse health factors which may affect our citizens during and/or after an emergency or disaster. To provide a coordinated and effective response, the health and human services functions have been separated into two areas, local government support and field operations (see page G-1).
 - 1. Local government support and coordination entails coordinating emergency services such as law enforcement, fire, rescue, and public works, and providing logistical support where required. Both the Medical Coordinator and the Public Health Coordinator represent their respective functions on the EOC Staff.
 - 2. Field operations direction and control should follow the Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) developed by the local health, mental or behavioral health, state social services and local area medical professionals/facilities.
- B. Health and Medical Responsibilities

1. Emergency Medical Services:

- a. Basic Life Support is the responsibility of Cherry County Hospital Ambulance. Advanced Life Support Services (ALS) is the responsibility of Cherry County Hospital Ambulance, and Rosebud Ambulance, Rosebud Reservation, SD.
 - i. The notification for emergency medical assistance comes from Cherry County Dispatch Center via pagers, radio or telephone.
 - ii. The ambulance/rescue crew will initiate an Incident Command System and will coordinate field operations and transport of victims with Cherry County Hospital.
 - iii. Incident Command will notify Cherry County Hospital as soon as possible if the patient being transported is potentially contaminated from a HazMat incident and provide information about the hazardous substance involved.
 - iv. The Ambulance/Rescue Chief will ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
 - v. The following functions are needed:
 - a. Triage: Assessing patients and assigning priorities for medical treatment and transport.
 - b. Treatment: Providing care and treatment of patients while being held for transportation to medical facilities.
 - c. Transportation: Coordinating with Cherry County Hospital for directing patient transport to receiving hospitals and/or medical facilities.
- b. Air ambulance support would be requested from Hospital.

2. Medical Coordination

- a. A member of the EOC staff will appoint a Medical Coordinator in the event a disaster extends beyond mutual aid capabilities. The Medical Coordinator will act as a liaison between the medical community and the local government.
- b. When an incident occurs which requires medical field operations, the Medical Coordinator will support medical mutual aid requests and coordinate additional requirements.
- c. The Medical Coordinator, with the support of the Logistics Chief/Manager and/or Emergency Management Director, will locate supplies and/or

equipment to support medical operations in the event of an actual or anticipated shortage. Requests for professional medical volunteers from local health care facilities may be requested through the Emergency Manager.

3. Public Health Coordination

- a. The Cherry County Health Director or a Cherry County Public Health District designee will serve as the Public Health Coordinator and is responsible for coordinating activities required to safeguard public health and minimize the spread of disease. The Public Health Coordinator is the liaison between public health officials and the local government.
- b. The Public Health Coordinator will coordinate with the Emergency Management Director, County Emergency Board, and other agencies as applicable. This is critical in the care and sheltering of populations with functional needs.
- c. The Public Health Coordinator will assess the need for crisis counseling for disaster survivors and disaster workers. If crisis counseling is deemed necessary, the Public Health Coordinator will request assistance from and coordinate with the local ministerial association and/or the Heartland Mental Health Center to provide the necessary services.
- d. The Public Health Coordinator or designee is responsible for initial size-up, hazard evaluation and assessment related to existing or anticipated public health threats. The Public Health Coordinator or designee will determine the scope and level of the public health response and what assistance may or may not be needed. Depending upon the nature of the incident, the Health Department may take the lead or assume a support role. Specific capabilities, which correspond to the Target Capabilities List in Homeland Security Presidential Directive 8 include, but are not limited to, the following:
 - i. Environmental Health Water Safety: The Department would coordinate with DHHS about potential drinking water contamination. DHHS and/or Cherry County Public Health Department would direct the certified public water operators within the county to provide bottle water, direct or recommend boil water orders, or perform additional sampling, depending upon the situation, to confirm contamination. For private wells, Cherry County Public Health Department would contact the homeowner and make appropriate recommendations.
 - ii. Environmental Health Emergency Sanitary Sewage Disposal: The Department would recommend portable toilets for use by incident site clean-up crews, residents and the public as needed. The Department would also coordinate with the American Red Cross, Salvation Army, and the County Emergency Management to inform and advise the public of emergency individual sewage disposal procedures.

- iii. Vector Control: The Department would survey and map affected area(s); provide mosquito trapping and testing of mosquitoes for West Nile Virus; identify problem areas so that preventive measures (i.e., larviciding) for vectors may be taken; recommend other prevention methods such as drainage of standing water and use of mosquito abatement techniques over potential breeding sites as needed. Rodent and insect control is expedited by public complaint. Exterior mouse and rat infestations are exterminated by the Department. Extermination of interior insect and rodent infestations are required of homeowners.
- iv. Food Safety: The Department would coordinate with the Nebraska Department of Agriculture, United States Department of Agriculture (USDA) and Food and Drug Administration (FDA) to identify the extent of contamination, embargo and recall food as necessary, and request laboratory and investigation assistance as needed. Reports of human illness would be forwarded by the Department's Epidemiology Section to DHHS Epidemiologist. Contaminated food will be transported to the Cherry County Sanitary Landfill for disposal.
- v. Mass Prophylaxis: Based upon the results of epidemiologic investigation and in compliance with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and DHHS recommendations, the Public Health District/Department would vaccinate or provide antibiotic prophylaxis. See Appendix 1.
- vi. Isolation and Quarantine: The Public Health Coordinator or designee would determine measures necessary to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases into the county and to remove or quarantine any person or persons having such disease. The Public Health District/Department, in consultation with DHHS, the CDC, and other local health experts (as deemed necessary) will determine the specific community-wide containment strategy(s) to be implemented and the geographic area in which it will be implemented. The Public Health Coordinator or designee, in consultation with DHHS and County Attorney, shall produce the written order of isolation or quarantine.
- vii. Epidemiological Investigation: The Public Health District/Department Epidemiology Section is responsible for the evaluation of suspected and confirmed communicable disease events and the identification of situations of public health importance that may require the implementation of aggressive disease containment measures that go beyond the routine measures employed on a daily basis. Confirmed or suspected communicable diseases of possible significant public health concern identified by Epidemiology staff will be immediately reported to and evaluated by the Epidemiology Section Supervisor for analysis. Based upon determination that the reported disease or event is unusual and/or poses a significant, immediate threat to

the community, the Public Health Coordinator will consult with DHHS, and the CDC.

- viii. Emergency Public Information: The Public Health District/Department would provide information, updates, guidelines and recommendations to the healthcare community including treatment recommendations and protocols and plans for prophylaxis if warranted. The District/Department would also relay appropriate information and recommendations to the public through responsible media and public relations activities. The Department would use the State Health Alert Network (HAN) to get out time critical information to HAN recipients (physicians and healthcare organizations) in Cherry County or to areas surrounding the incident. The Department would coordinate and consult with the County Emergency Management Agency to use public alerting systems if necessary.
- ix. Re-entry: The District/Department may recommend when it is safe to reoccupy an area after evacuation caused by a hazardous material release or a communicable disease outbreak.

4. Mental (Behavioral) Health Coordinator:

- a. The Mental (Behavioral) Health Coordinator will work closely with the Social Services Coordinator and will coordinate behavioral health services for victims, family members, first responders, health and medical personnel as well as the general public. Within the general population are those identified as having access and functional needs, at-risk or having increased vulnerability to the effects of a crisis. These populations are:
 - i. Individuals with disabilities, including developmental, physical and/or mental illness.
 - ii. People with a history of substance (drug or alcohol) abuse.
 - iii. Children under the age of 18.
 - iv. Adults age 65 and over.
 - v. Non-English speaking populations.
 - vi. Individuals who are homeless.
 - vii. Long term care and residential nursing facilities.
- b. Locations where the Mental (Behavioral) Health response/services may be available include:
 - i. Sites where the survivors and families of victims will be such as, shelters, meal sites, disaster application centers, American Red

Cross service centers, hospitals, survivor's homes, farms, morgues, etc.,

- ii. Mass care centers and immunization clinics,
 - iii. Hotline sites,
 - iv. Community outreach sites such as community centers, shopping malls, locations announced through the media, etc., and
 - v. Sites where responders gather such as the incident site, staging and material storage areas.
- c. Services will be coordinated with the American Red Cross, local ministerial associations or interchurch ministries, community volunteers, Critical Incident Stress Management personnel and others as appropriate.
 - d. An outreach program providing information and messages relating to services and health topics may be established. This public education information will be prepared in collaboration with, local service providers and coordinated with the various DHHS Public Information Officers.
 - e. The Mental (Behavioral) Health Coordinator will make recommendations and provide status reports to the Public Health Coordinator.
 - f. The local Ministerial Association, with possible referral to the Ainsworth Mental Health Center, will conduct the initial crisis counseling.
 - g. Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) Teams are available to provide stress management sessions for fire, EMS, law enforcement, dispatchers, hospital, corrections and emergency management personnel following a disaster/emergency situation. Contact the Nebraska State Patrol Troop area where the disaster/emergency situation is located to activate a CISM response.
5. Social Services Coordinator

The Administrator of the Valentine Office of the Department of Health and Human Services will serve as the Social Services Coordinator. The Coordinator will advise local executives on matters pertaining to social services, ensure that activities are administered in an orderly, efficient manner, develop procedures for determining needs of disaster survivors, and process inquiries concerning disaster survivors. The existing Health and Human Services staff, augmented as necessary from other organizations, will serve as support staff. Health and Human Services will distribute USDA donated foods to local organizations and Red Cross to provide mass feeding for disaster survivors and, if implemented, will administer the Emergency Food Stamp Program. All agencies will participate to the extent of their mandated responsibilities.

6. Community Services

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- a. Various community services programs function as vital support on a routine basis and are an important resource in disaster response and recovery activities. Their ability to respond to community needs is based on the organized efforts of many volunteers. Services provided by the community include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Food for disaster survivors,
 - ii. Clothing,
 - iii. Temporary shelter.
- b. Churches and church groups are vital community resources and function as support organizations to provide response and recovery assistance to disaster survivors. They may provide:
 - i. Food to disaster survivors,
 - ii. Clean-up and recovery equipment and labor assistance,
 - iii. Crisis counseling for disaster survivors/workers.
- c. In addition to the local church groups, assistance in disaster recovery activities can be obtained from the Mennonite Disaster Service, the Adventists Community Services, and other non-profit, volunteer-based, disaster recovery organizations. Most of these organizations are affiliated with Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster (VOAD). Contact with these groups can be made through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency.
- d. The Cherry County Area Agency on Aging assesses the needs of the elderly population in Cherry County to include food, clothing, housing, and transportation. During disaster situations, emotional stress experienced by the elderly is greatly increased; therefore, referral recommendations to local mental health organizations for crisis counseling may be initiated by this group to aid recovery from the effects of the disaster.
- e. The Cherry County Handi-Bus Program assists by providing the handicapped and elderly with transportation services.

The following are Actions specific to Annex G.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex G.

Coordinating: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES	
1	Determine the specific community-wide containment strategy(s) to be implemented and the geographic area in which it will be implemented.

2	Coordinate and consult with the County Emergency Management Agency to use public alerting systems if necessary.
3	Recommend when it is safe to reoccupy an area after evacuation caused by a hazardous material release or a communicable disease outbreak.
4	Coordinate behavioral health services for victims, family members, first responders, health and medical personnel as well as the general public.
5	Recommend and provide status reports to the Public Health Coordinator.
6	Provide medical surge capabilities during emergencies and disasters.
7	Advise local executives on matters pertaining to social services, ensure that activities are administered in an orderly, efficient manner, develop procedures for determining needs of disaster survivors, and process inquiries concerning disaster survivors.
8	Assess the needs of the elderly population to include food, clothing, housing, and transportation.

Primary: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Determine the specific community-wide containment strategy(s) to be implemented and the geographic area in which it will be implemented.
2	Coordinate and consult with the County Emergency Management Agency to use public alerting systems if necessary.
3	Recommend when it is safe to reoccupy an area after evacuation caused by a hazardous material release or a communicable disease outbreak.
4	Coordinate behavioral health services for victims, family members, first responders, health and medical personnel as well as the general public.
5	Recommend and provide status reports to the Public Health Coordinator.
6	Provide medical surge capabilities during emergencies and disasters.
7	Advise local executives on matters pertaining to social services, ensure that activities are administered in an orderly, efficient manner, develop procedures for determining needs of disaster survivors, and process inquiries concerning disaster survivors.
8	Assess the needs of the elderly population to include food, clothing, housing, and transportation.

Supporting: American Red Cross

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Identify any functional needs individuals and in the event of a disaster, ensure that their needs and levels of care are met.
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Supporting: Cherry County Attorney

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Act as a liaison between the medical community and the local government.
2	Produce the written order of isolation or quarantine.
3	Relay appropriate information and recommendations to the public through responsible media and public relations activities.
4	Responsible for coordinating the interment of the dead, when mortuary capabilities are exceeded.
5	Assign bodies to local funeral homes.
6	Establish temporary morgue facilities.
7	Coordinate emergency interment.

8	Obtain the use of a suitable building that is easily accessible to the disaster area.
9	Notify the EOC of the morgue location.
10	Coordinate with all the area funeral homes for the recovery, transportation, preservation and identification of the bodies and body parts, respecting cultural and religious differences to the extent possible.
11	Request refrigerated trucks from local trucking companies to hold bodies pending transfer to funeral homes.

Supporting: Cherry County Public Information Officer

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Act as a liaison between the medical community and the local government.
2	Relay appropriate information and recommendations to the public through responsible media and public relations activities.

Supporting: Hospital

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Assess and prepare patients for evacuation.
2	Assure medical records are transported with patients.
3	Identify and transport essential medications and supplies to include medical hard goods, dressings, food, day to day support items.

Supporting: Ministerial Association

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Conduct the initial crisis counseling.
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Supporting: Public Health Coordinator

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Coordinate activities required to safeguard public health and minimize the spread of disease.
2	Coordinate with the Emergency Management Director, County Emergency Board, and other agencies as applicable.
3	Responsible for initial size-up, hazard evaluation and assessment related to existing or anticipated public health threats.
4	Determine measures necessary to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases into the county and to remove or quarantine any person or persons having such disease.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Coordinate activities required to safeguard public health and minimize the spread of disease.
2	Coordinate with the Emergency Management Director, County Emergency Board, and other agencies as applicable.
3	Assess the need for crisis counseling for disaster survivors and disaster workers.

4	Request assistance from and coordinate with the local ministerial association and/or the Mental Health Center to provide the necessary services.
5	Responsible for initial size-up, hazard evaluation and assessment related to existing or anticipated public health threats.
6	Determine the scope and level of the public health response and what assistance may or may not be needed.
7	Determine measures necessary to prevent the introduction of communicable diseases into the county and to remove or quarantine any person or persons having such disease.
8	Produce the written order of isolation or quarantine.
9	Consult with DHHS, and the CDC based upon the determination that the reported disease or event is unusual and/or poses a significant, immediate threat to the community.
10	Notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to coordinate State assistance.

Supporting: Sheriff

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
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Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Recruit and prepare health and medical professionals, as well as skilled non-medical individuals to volunteer in local communities.
2	Assist by providing the handicapped and elderly with transportation services.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Support medical mutual aid requests and coordinate additional requirements.
2	Provide first responders and emergency managers with a database of health professionals.
3	Assist by providing the handicapped and elderly with transportation services.
4	Identify and assist any elderly, infirm or access and functional needs individuals who may be unable to evacuate on their own.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Recruit and prepare health and medical professionals, as well as skilled non-medical individuals to volunteer in local communities.
2	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
3	Assist by providing the handicapped and elderly with transportation services.
4	Update and/or revise this Annex based upon the correlation of information provided by the Medical, Public Health and Social Services Coordinators.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Support medical mutual aid requests and coordinate additional requirements.
2	Locate supplies and/or equipment to support medical operations in the event of an actual or anticipated shortage.

3	Provide first responders and emergency managers with a database of health professionals.
4	Assist by providing the handicapped and elderly with transportation services.
5	Identify and assist any elderly, infirm or access and functional needs individuals who may be unable to evacuate on their own.

Cherry County Roads Superintendent

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
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Chief Elected Official (CEO)

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
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Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Coordinate with the Emergency Management Director and Public Health Coordinator to meet the critical potable water requirements, if there is a water shortage.
2	Contact state, federal, or other agencies, as appropriate, and request assistance.
3	Coordinate the efforts of various agencies to meet individual human needs.
4	Provide information to individuals on the various disaster assistance programs available as a result of the Presidential Disaster Declaration.
5	Provide a bank of telephones for individuals to make direct application for assistance.

Nebraska Health and Human Services System

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Use the State Health Alert Network (HAN) to get out time critical information to HAN recipients (physicians and healthcare organizations) or to areas surrounding the incident.
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Nursing Home

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Ensure that all personnel are trained to respond to a hazardous materials incident according to levels of response training set by their employer in compliance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX G - HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES

1	Assess and prepare patients for evacuation.
2	Assure medical records are transported with patients.
3	Identify and transport essential medications and supplies to include medical hard goods, dressings, food, day to day support items.

V. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Mass Casualty/Fatality Incident

1. Incident Commander will establish a command post that is responsible for patient care operations at the scene including personnel assignment.
2. The Lead Emergency Medical Technician or Physician on scene will triage and assign priority categories based on urgency and chance of survival.
3. The command post will be in communication with the Cherry County Hospital. Determination of receiving facility will be predicated on medical facility patient loads and nature of injuries, and levels of care needed and available. Patient transfer between receiving hospitals will be coordinated by the responding hospitals.
4. The incident command will normally determine requirements for and request medical mutual aid. If necessary, the Medical Coordinator will support the mutual aid requests and coordinate additional resource requirements.
5. Cherry County Hospital will coordinate with law enforcement officials on additional security requirements at the hospital.
6. Shortages (or anticipated shortage) of medical supplies/equipment or personnel will be reported to the Medical Coordinator for procurement.

B. Mortuary Services (Mass Fatality Plan)

1. When mortuary capabilities are exceeded during a disaster, the County Attorney is responsible for coordinating the interment of the dead. Disposition of the deceased will be in accordance with Nebraska statutes and will respect religious, ethnic and cultural differences to the extent possible. Additionally the County Attorney may:
 - a. Assign bodies to local funeral homes,
 - b. Establish temporary morgue facilities,
 - c. Coordinate emergency interment.
2. Emergency Morgue: If a request for an emergency morgue is made through the Sheriff's Office, then the County Attorney acting as coroner, will:
 - a. Obtain the use of a suitable building that is easily accessible to the disaster area,
 - b. Notify the EOC of the morgue location,
 - c. Coordinate with all the area funeral homes for the recovery, transportation, preservation and identification of the bodies and body parts, respecting cultural and religious differences to the extent possible.

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- d. If conditions warrant, request refrigerated trucks from local trucking companies to hold bodies pending transfer to funeral homes.
- e. The locally developed Mass Fatality Plan includes a description of the procedures and agencies use to identify and respond to damage to grave sites and cemeteries.
- f. The local Mass Fatality Plan will address how the next of kin will be notified and bodies claimed by the surviving family and for the disposition of unclaimed bodies.

C. Evacuation of In-patient Medical Facilities

- 1. The hospital and nursing homes are responsible for developing internal procedures for:
 - a. Assessing and preparing patients for evacuation,
 - b. Assuring medical records are transported with patients,
 - c. Identifying and transporting essential medications and supplies to include medical hard goods, dressings, food, day to day support items.
- 2. The Administrator or designated representative of the affected facility(s) will coordinate evacuation requirements, including transportation, with the EOC.
- 3. Receiving facilities will be in accordance with Hospital Emergency Plans.

D. Support to Medical Professionals

The hospital will work closely with the local rescue services in providing emergency transportation to and from critical medical facilities. Volunteers, such as 4-wheel drive vehicle owners/clubs, snowmobile owners/clubs, and amateur radio operators (depending on situation - i.e., winter storms) will be utilized to provide this transportation.\

E. Public Health Threats

- 1. In an anticipated or actual public health threat, the Public Health Coordinator or the Emergency Manager will notify the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency to coordinate State assistance.
- 2. In the event of water shortages, Public Works should coordinate with the Emergency Management Director and Public Health Coordinator to meet the critical potable water requirements.
- 3. The Nebraska Emergency Management Agency will contact state, federal, or other agencies, as appropriate, and request assistance for Cherry County.

F. Social Services

The Social Services Coordinator will coordinate the efforts of various agencies to meet individual human needs. During actual or impending disaster situations requiring the

lodging and feeding of a considerable number of people, procedures outlined in Annex I, Mass Care will be supported by Health and Human Services agencies.

1. Disaster Recovery Center (DRC): Upon a Presidential Disaster Declaration, a representative of Health and Human Services may participate in the Disaster Recovery Center. The DRCs will provide information to individuals on the various disaster assistance programs available as a result of the Presidential Disaster Declaration. The Center will also provide a bank of telephones for individuals to make direct application for assistance.
2. Functional Needs: Disaster survivors and functional needs groups may require assistance to meet their necessary expenses and serious needs (food, clothing, housing, medical and financial). The Valentine Office of the Department of Health and Human Services, in coordination with community services, such as the Red Cross, and the Area Agency on Aging will identify any functional needs individuals and in the event of a disaster, ensure that their needs and levels of care are met.
3. Counseling: Mental health professionals, members of the local ministerial association and public school counselors may provide emergency counseling to disaster survivors. This counseling may occur at several locations and will be coordinated between the Mental Health Coordinator and the Public Health Director.
4. Evacuation: Health and Human Services, in coordination with the Area Agency on Aging and Handi-Bus Service will attempt to identify and assist any elderly, infirm or access and functional needs individuals who may be unable to evacuate on their own. The availability of this service will be emphasized in emergency public information releases and should be coordinated with the PIO.

VI. ADMINISTRATIVE and LOGISTICS

The Emergency Management Director will update and/or revise this Annex based upon the correlation of information provided by the Medical, Public Health and Social Services Coordinators.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

1. In addition to the training required for normal operations, health and medical personnel should be trained to respond to a hazardous material incident to the level determined by their employer in accordance with OSHA and EPA regulations.
2. The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan procedures. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

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1. Every effort will be made to incorporate local and where possible regional health care facilities involvement into the hospital and nursing home's annual exercise.
2. Emergency medical professionals and volunteers will participate in these exercises to the maximum extent possible.
3. All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX G - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>Health and Medical Resources</u>
2	<u>Emergency Medical Resources</u>
3	<u>Activation of ESAR-VHP</u>
4	<u>MRC Map & Contacts</u>
Appendix 1	<u>Medical Countermeasure Plan</u>
Appendix 2	<u>Agricultural Disease Response Plan</u>
Appendix 2/Attachment 1	<u>Animal Disease Initial Response Plan</u>
Appendix 2/Attachment 2	<u>Potential Animal Holding Areas</u>

ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

Coordinating Agency:

Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Communications
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska State Patrol
Police Department
Sheriff
US Forest Service

Primary Agency:

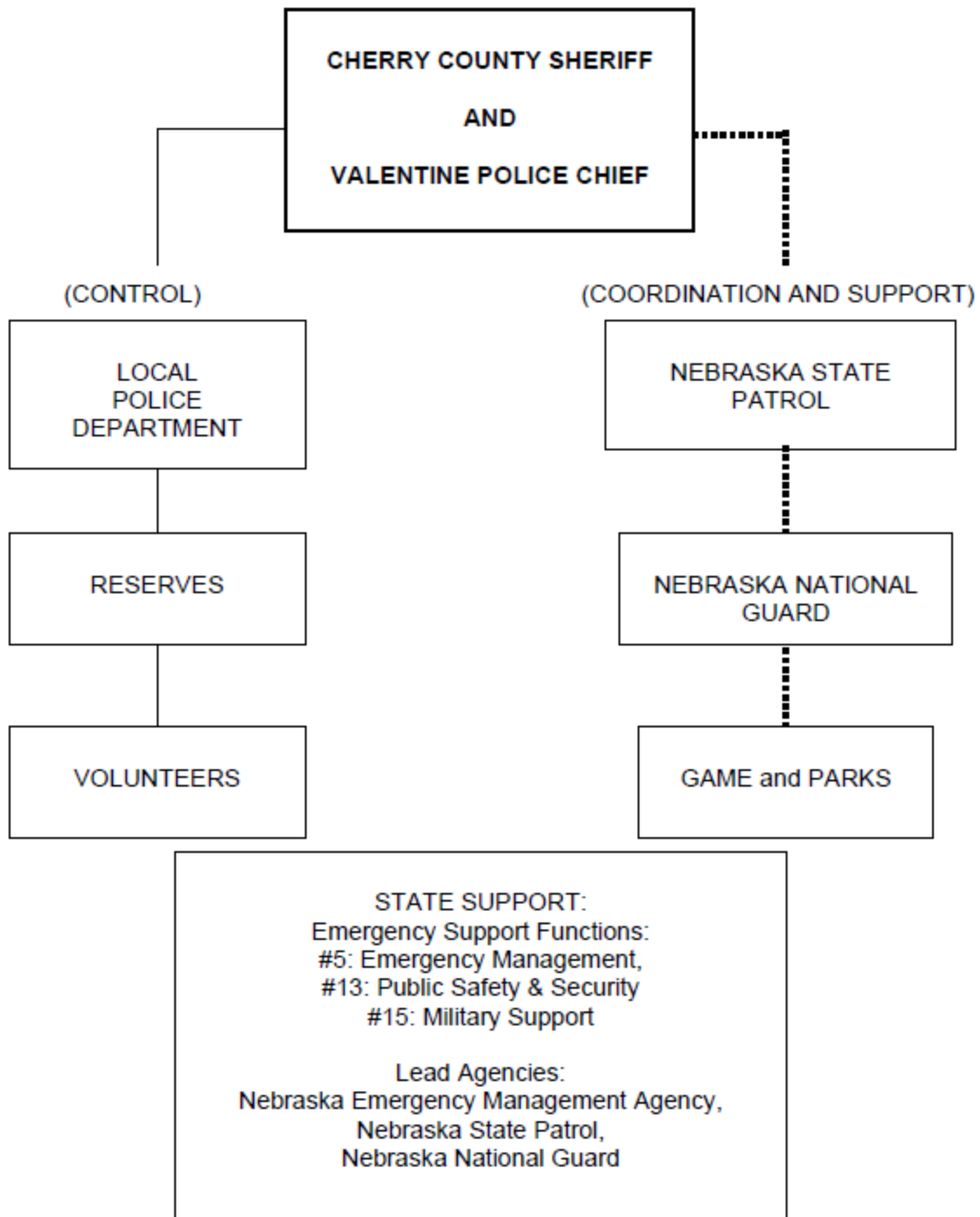
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Chief
Hospital
Incident Commander
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska State Fire Marshal

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Law Enforcement Officials

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LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex assigns responsibilities and provides coordination guidelines between the law enforcement agencies operating during disasters to ensure the safety of all citizens in Cherry County, to maintain law and order, protect public and private property, and provide protection for essential industries, supplies, and facilities.

II. SITUATION

During disasters, law enforcement agencies will need to expand their normal operations to provide increased control, protection, and security. Mutual aid, state and federal law enforcement agencies may be available to support local law enforcement. There are 2 law enforcement agencies in Cherry County (Attachment 1).

During threats or incidents of terrorism, the roles and responsibilities of the law enforcement agencies are detailed in the Terrorism Appendix 1 of this annex.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

Local law enforcement activities will increase significantly during disaster operations. Additional law enforcement resources and services may be available through existing law enforcement agency mutual aid agreements. If local capabilities are overwhelmed, outside support may be obtained from state and federal law enforcement agencies. Areas that may require support are:

- A. Traffic and crowd control,
- B. Evacuation,
- C. Search and rescue operations,
- D. Security,
- E. Acts of terrorism or other federal crimes,
- F. Civil disobedience,
- G. Quarantine.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

The Cherry County Sheriff and city/village police departments are responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions. Troopers from the Nebraska State Patrol are available to support local law enforcement requirements. Nebraska National Guard units are available to provide support subsequent to a Governor's Disaster Proclamation. Jurisdictional law enforcement responsibilities are:

- A. City/Village Police Departments
 - 1. Maintain law enforcement in their jurisdictions.
 - 2. Participate in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
 - 3. Maintain records of disaster related costs.
- B. County Sheriff

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1. Directs the County Sheriff's Office.
2. Coordinates search operations in rural areas.
3. Establishes mutual aid agreements with adjacent jurisdictions.
4. Coordinates evacuation procedures and special contingency planning with local law enforcement.
5. Maintains records of disaster related costs.

C. Nebraska State Patrol

1. Performs law enforcement activities within the county in accordance with responsibilities assigned by State Statutes.
2. Participates in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
3. Maintains records of disaster related costs.
4. Coordinates Nebraska State Patrol operations with the county. The State Patrol may set up its Mobile Command Post, if needed.

D. Game and Parks provides law enforcement in state parks and recreation areas and may assist county law enforcement agencies.

E. Other Support:

1. Reserve/Auxiliary Training: the County Sheriff has reserve law enforcement personnel who are qualified and will be used.
2. Volunteers: if utilized, will assist law enforcement personnel as directed.
3. Nebraska National Guard: Under disaster emergency conditions proclaimed by the Governor, the National Guard assistance may be requested through the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency. Mission support provided to law enforcement includes:
 - a. Security of disaster area.
 - b. Search and rescue operations.
 - c. Assisting the county law enforcement resources during evacuation activities.
 - d. Providing transportation and communications resources.
 - e. Traffic management, including roadblocks.
 - f. Providing aerial reconnaissance of disaster areas.
 - g. Assisting with crowd control and riots.

- h. Providing support during acts of terrorism.

The following are Actions specific to Annex H.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex H.

Coordinating: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate emergency worker identification requirements with law enforcement officials.

Coordinating: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate with law enforcement, is responsible for annual review and update of this Annex.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate emergency worker identification requirements with law enforcement officials.
2	Determine the need and issue volunteers identification cards/passes.

Coordinating: Emergency Management	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Provide local government emergency response identification cards/passes.

Coordinating: Nebraska State Patrol	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Perform law enforcement activities within the county in accordance with responsibilities assigned by State Statutes.
2	Participate in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
3	Coordinate Nebraska State Patrol operations with the county.
4	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.
5	Provide traffic and crowd control to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation of the disaster area.
6	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Provide support subsequent to a Governor's Disaster Proclamation.
2	Perform law enforcement activities within the county in accordance with responsibilities assigned by State Statutes.
3	Participate in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
4	Maintain records of disaster related costs.
5	Coordinate Nebraska State Patrol operations with the county.
6	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.
7	Use emergency vehicles with sirens and public address systems to ensure notification of all residents in an affected area.
8	Provide traffic and crowd control to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation of the disaster area.
9	Issue directives banning parking on emergency routes.

10	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
11	Provide security for emergency response forces during disaster operations and establish a secure cordon around the disaster site(s).
12	Support damage assessment by providing an initial definition of the disaster area.
13	Maintain security of all the damaged areas and the essential facilities.
14	Approach cautiously from upwind, uphill or upstream, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
15	Stay clear of Vapor, Fumes, Smoke and Spills, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
16	Keep a safe distance from the scene, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
17	Isolate the area protecting themselves and others, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
18	Identify hazards with the hazards using placards, container labels, shipping documents or people on scene.
19	Assess situation when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
20	Obtain help by calling for assistance from qualified personnel, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
21	Respond to their level of training and capability, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Perform law enforcement activities within the county in accordance with responsibilities assigned by State Statutes.
2	Coordinate Nebraska State Patrol operations with the county.
3	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.

Coordinating: Police Department	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Maintain law enforcement in their jurisdictions.
3	Participate in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
4	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.
5	Provide traffic and crowd control to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation of the disaster area.
6	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Maintain law enforcement in their jurisdictions.
3	Participate in evacuation procedures and special contingency planning.
4	Maintain records of disaster related costs.
5	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.
6	Use emergency vehicles with sirens and public address systems to ensure notification of all residents in an affected area.
7	Provide traffic and crowd control to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation of the disaster area.
8	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
9	Provide security for emergency response forces during disaster operations and establish a secure cordon around the disaster site(s).
10	Coordinate search efforts involving lost or missing persons, fugitives, and bomb threats.

11	Support damage assessment by providing an initial definition of the disaster area.
12	Maintain security of all the damaged areas and the essential facilities.
13	Approach cautiously from upwind, uphill or upstream, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
14	Stay clear of Vapor, Fumes, Smoke and Spills, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
15	Keep a safe distance from the scene, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
16	Isolate the area protecting themselves and others, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
17	Identify hazards with the hazards using placards, container labels, shipping documents or people on scene.
18	Assess situation when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
19	Obtain help by calling for assistance from qualified personnel, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
20	Respond to their level of training and capability, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
21	Work with an area Humane Society, a local veterinary clinic or local animal care volunteers to assist the evacuation, sheltering, care of sick and injured and the final disposition of loose domestic, zoo, pet store, school and kenneled animals when owners cannot be contacted.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT</i>	
1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Maintain law enforcement in their jurisdictions.
3	Maintain records of disaster related costs.
4	Provide law enforcement for its jurisdiction.

Coordinating: Sheriff

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Direct the County Sheriff's Office.
3	Establish mutual aid agreements with adjacent jurisdictions.
4	Coordinate evacuation procedures and special contingency planning with local law enforcement.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Direct the County Sheriff's Office.
3	Coordinate search operations in rural areas.
4	Coordinate evacuation procedures and special contingency planning with local law enforcement.
5	Maintain records of disaster related costs.
6	Select a temporary control area if a need arose to temporarily control a group of riotous or rowdy persons exceeding the capacity of the jail facility.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Responsible for law enforcement within their respective jurisdictions.
2	Direct the County Sheriff's Office.

Primary: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Select personnel to be trained in both radiological monitoring equipment operation and agency emergency response procedures.

Primary: Nebraska Game and Parks Commission	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Provide law enforcement in state parks and recreation areas and may assist county law enforcement agencies.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Provide law enforcement in state parks and recreation areas and may assist county law enforcement agencies.
2	Provide guidance on the handling or disposal of displaced or injured wild animals.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Provide law enforcement in state parks and recreation areas and may assist county law enforcement agencies.

Supporting: Cherry County Attorney	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
2	Declare a curfew.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.

Supporting: Cherry County Board Chair	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.

Supporting: Cherry County Commissioners	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.
2	Declare a curfew.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Support local law enforcement requirements.

Supporting: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	
1	Release evacuation information and instructions on a scheduled and timely basis.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT	

1	Release evacuation information and instructions on a scheduled and timely basis.
2	Declare a curfew.

Supporting: Law Enforcement Officials

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.
2	Provide security for emergency response forces during disaster operations and establish a secure cordon around the disaster site(s).
3	Coordinate search efforts involving lost or missing persons, fugitives, and bomb threats.
4	Support damage assessment by providing an initial definition of the disaster area.
5	Maintain security of all the damaged areas and the essential facilities.
6	Approach cautiously from upwind, uphill or upstream, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
7	Stay clear of Vapor, Fumes, Smoke and Spills, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
8	Keep a safe distance from the scene, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
9	Isolate the area protecting themselves and others, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
10	Identify hazards with the hazards using placards, container labels, shipping documents or people on scene.
11	Assess situation when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
12	Obtain help by calling for assistance from qualified personnel, when dealing with hazardous material incidents.
13	Respond to their level of training and capability, when dealing with hazardous materials incidents.
14	Work with an area Humane Society, a local veterinary clinic or local animal care volunteers to assist the evacuation, sheltering, care of sick and injured and the final disposition of loose domestic, zoo, pet store, school and kenneled animals when owners cannot be contacted.

Supporting: Nebraska National Guard

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX H - LAW ENFORCEMENT

1	Security of disaster area.
2	Search and rescue operations.
3	Assist the county law enforcement resources during evacuation activities.
4	Provide transportation and communications resources.
5	Provide traffic management, including roadblocks.
6	Provide aerial reconnaissance of disaster areas.
7	Assist with crowd control and riots.
8	Provide support during acts of terrorism.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. General

Emergency law enforcement operations will be an expansion of normal operations and responsibilities. Each law enforcement agency is responsible for providing law enforcement for its jurisdiction. Upon request, they may assist in similar functions outside their jurisdictional area.

B. Coordination

1. In an event involving a number of individual law enforcement agencies, it will be the responsibility of each agency chief to ensure that effective coordination and cooperation between agencies is accomplished.
2. If the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is activated, the affected jurisdiction's law enforcement chief will have the responsibility of advising and making recommendations to the Executive Group.

C. Warning

Law enforcement personnel may support warning procedures by using emergency vehicles with sirens and public address systems to ensure notification of all residents in an affected area.

D. Traffic and Crowd Control

Law enforcement agencies have the major responsibility of providing traffic and crowd control to ensure a safe and orderly evacuation of the disaster area.

1. Law enforcement units will be located at traffic control points on streets and roads designated as evacuation routes.
2. Where possible, evacuation routes will be confined to all-weather roads to provide easy accessibility and minimize the possible effects of inclement weather on evacuation operations.
3. Emergency routes will be designated as necessary. The law enforcement chief or the Executive Group will issue directives banning parking on emergency routes.
4. The law enforcement PIO, in coordination with the EM and PIO, will release evacuation information and instructions on a scheduled and timely basis.
5. Spontaneous evacuation from the hazard area can be anticipated prior to an order for evacuation.

E. Security and Access Control

Individual jurisdictions will maintain regular security protection. Law enforcement personnel will establish and enforce policies and procedures for movement in restricted disaster areas.

1. Security

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- a. Security will be provided by the law enforcement agency having primary jurisdiction.
- b. A security guard may be posted to prohibit unauthorized personnel from entering the EOC.
- c. The Chief Executive may declare a curfew.
- d. Law enforcement personnel will provide security for emergency response forces during disaster operations and establish a secure cordon around the disaster site(s).

2. Access Control

- a. Members of the EOC Staff will coordinate emergency worker identification requirements with law enforcement officials.
- b. Access Control Points will be used to manage access to the disaster area.
- c. Other than immediate response emergency personnel, entry into a disaster area will be controlled by a pass system.
- d. If a segment of the population is evacuated, control points will be established on routes providing access to the evacuated area. Operational responsibility will be coordinated among the various law enforcement agencies.

3. Passes and Identification

- a. The County Emergency Management personnel will provide local government emergency response identification cards/passess. Possession of this card permits full-time entry into restricted disaster areas.
- b. The Emergency Management Director will determine the need and issue volunteers identification cards/passess.
- c. City employees are issued permanent identification cards by the Cherry County Emergency Management Director. Possession of this card will permit access to restricted areas within the city.
- d. Local government personnel not issued permanent identification cards will be issued the cards on a temporary, as-needed basis by the appropriate law enforcement agency in coordination with the Emergency Management Director.
- e. Media personnel within the county are provided with identification cards by their individual agencies. Except for unusual circumstances, these identification cards will be recognized for entry into restricted areas.

F. Search Coordination

Law enforcement officials are responsible for the coordination of search efforts involving:

1. Lost or missing persons,
2. Fugitives,
3. Bomb threats.

G. Extended Disaster Operations

1. All law enforcement personnel in the county may go on full time status with 12-hour shifts to maintain a 24-hour capability. An exception will be individuals who are considered by the Executive Group to be key personnel in other areas.
2. Mutual aid information may be coordinated through the EOC by the law enforcement chiefs.

H. Damage Assessment

Law enforcement agencies will support damage assessment by providing an initial definition of the disaster area. They will maintain security of all the damaged areas and the essential facilities. This may include cordoning the disaster site.

I. Radioactive Materials Incident/Accident

Each law enforcement chief should select personnel to be trained in both radiological monitoring equipment operation and agency emergency response procedures.

J. Hazardous Materials Incident

In the event of a hazardous materials incident, law enforcement personnel will:

1. Approach cautiously from upwind, uphill or upstream.
2. Stay clear of Vapor, Fumes, Smoke and Spills;
3. Keep a safe distance from the scene;
4. Isolate the area protecting themselves and others;
5. Identify hazards the hazards using placards, container labels, shipping documents or people on scene;
6. Assess situation;
7. Obtain help by calling for assistance from qualified personnel.
8. Respond to their level of training and capability.

K. Prisoners

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1. On a day-to-day basis, the jail population of the county is transported to and confined in Valentine, Nebraska. The facility has the capability to house 30 prisoners. If a need arose to temporarily control a group of riotous or rowdy persons exceeding the capacity of the jail facility, the County Sheriff would be responsible for selecting a temporary control area.
2. The protection or evacuation of the prisoner population is the responsibility of the jurisdiction. If prisoners need to be re-located, they will be moved to the nearest facility that can accommodate them.
3. Transportation requirements will be coordinated through the Cherry County Justice Center.

L. Animal Control/Pet Disaster Planning

1. Local law enforcement will work with an area Humane Society, a local veterinary clinic or local animal care volunteers to assist the evacuation, sheltering, care of sick and injured and the final disposition of loose domestic, zoo, pet store, school and kennel animals when owners cannot be contacted. Nebraska Game and Parks will be contacted for guidance on the handling or disposal of displaced or injured wild animals.
2. During sheltering situations, Red Cross disaster shelters do not accept pets because of the state's health and safety regulations. Service animals, such as guide dogs or trained companion animals that assist people with disabilities, are the only animals allowed in Red Cross shelters. See Annex E, Attachment 1 for animal owners' responsibilities.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

A. Plan Maintenance

The Emergency Management Director, in coordination with law enforcement, is responsible for annual review and update of this Annex.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

1. All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

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2. Law enforcement personnel will participate in exercises designed to examine the feasibility of this County Local Emergency Operating Plan.

ANNEX H - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	Law Enforcement Resources
Appendix 1	Terrorism

ANNEX I - MASS CARE

Coordinating Agency:

First Responders

Primary Agency:

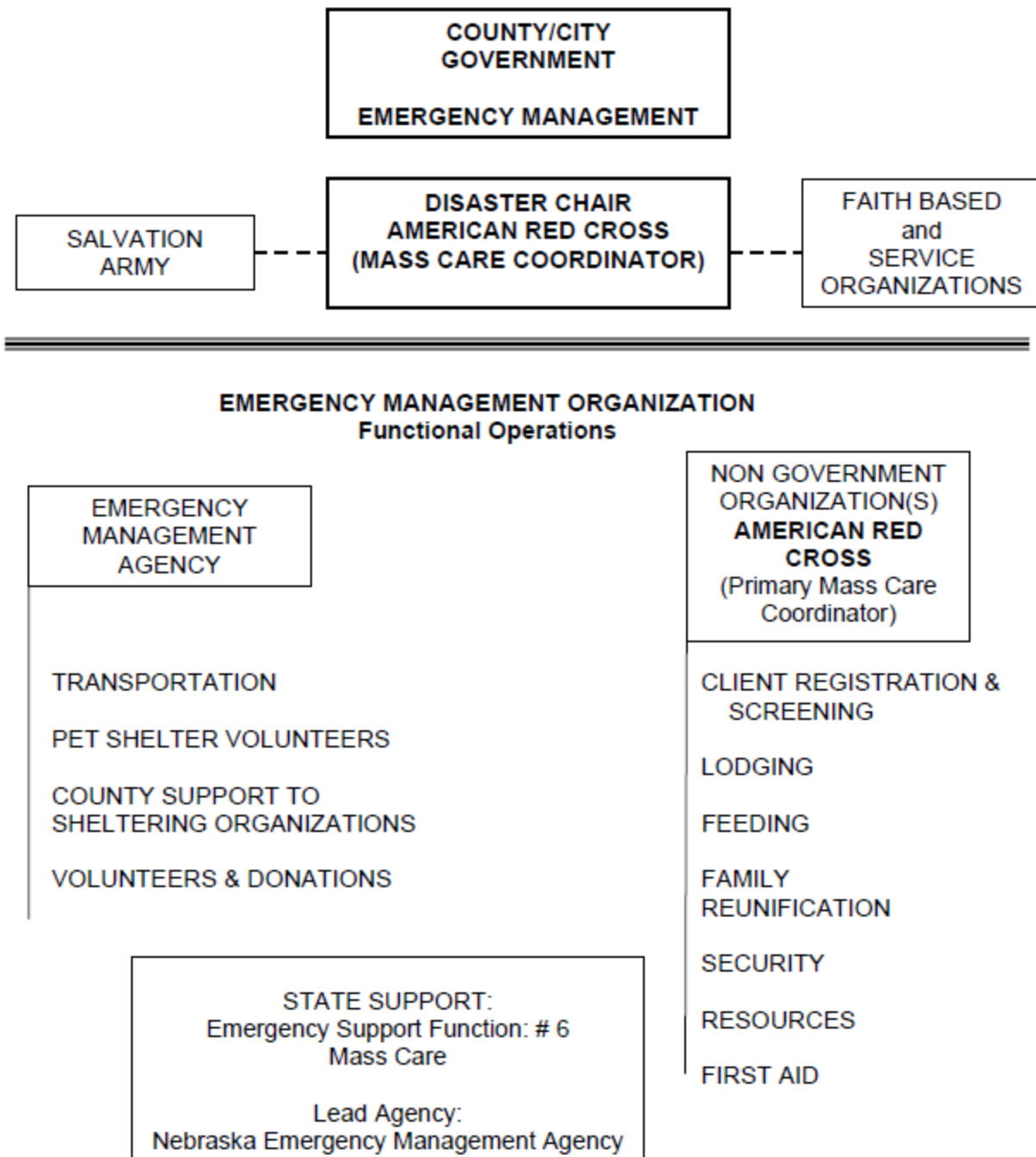
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Chief
Sheriff

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Communications
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Incident Commander
Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service

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Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Police Department
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

This Annex establishes management plans, procedures, policies and guidelines for providing temporary lodging, feeding, coordination of bulk distribution of emergency relief items and the general welfare of people forced to leave their homes. These plans also address the care, sheltering and essential needs of household animals. Mass care involves many components; this Annex will emphasize the temporary housing/sheltering of victims.

II. SITUATION

- A. Within Cherry County, hazards have been identified that could cause an evacuation of some portion of the county, see Annex E. Although the county has a resident population of approximately 5,779, there is no conceivable hazard that would require mass care of the full population. The most likely situations would be from a few families displaced to as many as one thousand people displaced by a natural disaster.
- B. Tourists or travelers and other overnight occupants from the nearly 358 motel/hotel beds in facilities located along Highways 20 and 83 in Valentine may also need to move to shelters.
- C. The Emergency Manager and/or the American Red Cross has identified buildings suitable to lodge or feed evacuees. See Attachment 1.
- D. The Emergency Manager in coordination with the American Red Cross, have identified facilities appropriate for sheltering household animals and agencies capable of providing assistance.
- E. Individuals, families, unaccompanied children and those with access and functional needs that do not relocate may require temporary support of food, water, cleaning supplies and other relief materials, physical, behavioral and financial support during the response and recover phases.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. The local jurisdiction may have to provide initial sheltering until the American Red Cross can mobilize and begin temporary shelter operations. Long term sheltering is not addressed in this Annex.
- B. Sheltering information will be released to the public and responders as soon as the Executive Boards or Emergency Manager determines the need, and available resources and shelter support systems can be implemented.
- C. Persons or organizations controlling potential shelters will cooperate and make the facilities available per existing agreements or MOUs.
- D. The American Red Cross (ARC) will manage and coordinate mass care operations. Cherry County, local government and the local health department will support all mass care activities, particularly as the requirements become greater and the American Red Cross nears its limit in resources. Cherry County Public Health Department will provide recommendations for communication methods, public information message development, special equipment and supplies that may be needed and locating local care providers to assist individuals whose needs cannot be met at the shelter.
- E. The selection and preparation of shelters will be based on the number and kinds of populations needing protection, the shelter's proximity to transportation systems and distance from the incident site.
- F. Family reunification and disaster relief program information will be available at each shelter opened.

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- G. Other professional and volunteer organizations, which normally respond to disaster situations, will do so.
- H. Assistance from outside the county through mutual aid agreements and from state and federal level emergency oriented agencies may be available.
- I. Facilities and staffing planned for mass care use will be available at the time of need. Lodging facility capacities are based on 40 - 60 square feet per space.
- J. Experience has shown that under localized emergency conditions, a high percentage (50 percent or more) of evacuees will seek shelter with friends or relatives rather than go to established shelters.
- K. Essential public and private services will be continued during a mass care situation. Normal activities in some schools and churches may have to be curtailed or discontinued.
- L. If the threat of an evacuation is due to a visible hazard or has been discussed in the media, some spontaneous evacuation will occur prior to an implementing order. Therefore, mass care operations may start early in any disaster period.
- M. Planning assistance for shelters, especially for access and functional needs individuals is available at: www.ada.gov/pcatoolkit/chap7shelterchk.htm.
- N. Household animal shelters may be co-located with mass care shelters or they may be separate congregate facilities.
- O. Household animal shelters will generally accept domesticated animals such as dogs, cats, birds, rabbits, rodents, turtles.
- P. If established, household animal shelters will provide the basic needs for approved animals of food, water, sanitation, security, basic medical care, environmental protection and reunification with the owners.

IV. ORGANIZATION/RESPONSIBILITIES

The ultimate responsibility for the care of evacuees in the county rests with local governments. In most emergencies, some level of government support will be required. The appropriate City/Village Emergency Management Director with the support of the County Emergency Management Director will act for their jurisdictions in coordinating mass care activities until the American Red Cross can respond.

A. Emergency Management

- 1. The Emergency Management Director or selected staff will be responsible for identifying appropriate lodging and feeding facilities, coordinating utilization of transportation resources, supporting evacuee registration and overseeing lodging and feeding operations.

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2. The local jurisdiction may have to provide temporary shelter until the American Red Cross can mobilize and begin operations.
3. The County EOC will monitor shelters to maintain manageable distribution of victims, support staff and supplies.
4. The Public Information Officer of support organizations will assemble, prepare and disseminate sheltering, family reunification, points of distribution of emergency supplies and disaster relief program information as appropriate. In a large disaster, this will be coordinated through the functions of a Joint Information Center (JIC).

B. American Red Cross (ARC):

The American Red Cross will carry out the temporary Mass Care coordination function. The nature and scope of the emergency will determine specific actions but the American Red Cross will be responsible for carrying out its mandated responsibilities as indicated in the Act of Congress, January 5, 1905, as amended, 36 U.S.C. The American Red Cross will not assume responsibility for government functions but will support state and local government and will provide assistance to individuals and families as indicated and within current American Red Cross disaster relief policies. American Red Cross will coordinate registration of evacuees, shelter, feeding and other support as the situation may indicate. The American Red Cross will be responsible for only those costs committed by its authorized representative.

C. Supporting Organizations:

1. The Salvation Army and other disaster relief organizations may support mass care operations as provided for in their plans and procedures.
2. The USDA County Emergency Board (CEB) maintains a listing of food, feed, and seed facilities located within the county which may be of assistance for mass care operations.
3. The Cherry County Public Health Department agencies will work in partnership with the Emergency Manager, American Red Cross and the mass care shelter manager to plan for and assist them to accommodate people who have access and functional needs.
4. Local or regional humane societies or other volunteer, animal support organizations will establish and maintain the household animal sheltering system.

The following are Actions specific to Annex I.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex I.

Primary: Cherry County Emergency Management Director

<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE</i>
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1	Responsible for identifying appropriate lodging and feeding facilities, coordinating utilization of transportation resources, supporting evacuee registration and overseeing lodging and feeding operations.
2	Maintain a resource directory.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Act for their jurisdictions in coordinating mass care activities until the American Red Cross can respond.
2	Responsible for identifying appropriate lodging and feeding facilities, coordinating utilization of transportation resources, supporting evacuee registration and overseeing lodging and feeding operations.
3	Ensure effective coordination of resources.
4	Select shelter sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director and have a signed shelter agreement between ARC and the facility management.
5	Obtain permission from owners to use other facilities as required for American Red Cross use.
6	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure that the public is kept informed about location of mass care facilities, places of contact for missing relatives, and continued emergency services.
7	Determine transportation and other resource needs and coordinate utilization of resources.
8	Maintain a resource directory.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Maintain a resource directory.

Primary: Emergency Medical Services

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Provide disaster health service through American Red Cross staff in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Department Coordinators.

Supporting: American Red Cross

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Identify buildings suitable to lodge or feed evacuees.
2	Identify facilities appropriate for sheltering household animals and agencies capable of providing assistance.
3	Offer training in Shelter Operation Workshop and Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operations and will provide these trained persons for disaster operations when requested by the County Emergency Management Director.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Identify buildings suitable to lodge or feed evacuees.
2	Identify facilities appropriate for sheltering household animals and agencies capable of providing assistance.
3	Manage and coordinate mass care operations.
4	Assemble, prepare and disseminate sheltering, family reunification, points of distribution of emergency supplies and disaster relief program information as appropriate.
5	Carry out the temporary Mass Care coordination function.
6	Responsible for carrying out its mandated responsibilities as indicated in the Act of Congress, January 5, 1905, as amended, 36 U.S.C.

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7	Support state and local government and will provide assistance to individuals and families as indicated and within current American Red Cross disaster relief policies.
8	Coordinate registration of evacuees, shelter, feeding and other support as the situation may indicate.
9	Responsible for only those costs committed by its authorized representative.
10	Manage lodging and mass feeding operations.
11	Ensure effective coordination of resources.
12	Maintain all functions and staffing according to American Red Cross policy.
13	Provide shelter managers.
14	Select shelter sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director and have a signed shelter agreement between ARC and the facility management.
15	Provide food service.
16	Provide disaster health service through American Red Cross staff in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Department Coordinators.
17	Maintain records.
18	Provide staff lodging.
19	Maintain American Red Cross shelter identity.
20	Maintain order.
21	Provide evacuee locator and welfare inquiry services (Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operations), especially for lost, missing or displaced children.
22	Establish first aid stations in reception and shelters, as necessary.
23	Responsible for meal planning, coordination of mobile feeding, identifying feeding sites and resources for the procurement of food and related supplies.
24	Select feeding sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director.
25	Request health inspections through the Public Health Department Coordinator.
26	Procure food and supplies.
27	Maintain records and reports.
28	Provide and maintain mobile feeding units.
29	Register evacuees, and as applicable, will share the numbers with appropriate government agencies concerning evacuees housed in American Red Cross shelters.
30	Establish a Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operation to answer requests from relatives and friends concerning the safety and welfare of evacuees or those in disaster areas.
31	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure that the public is kept informed about location of mass care facilities, places of contact for missing relatives, and continued emergency services.
32	Maintain records of all expenses incurred by their mass care activities.

Supporting: Animal Shelters

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Establish and maintain the household animal sheltering system.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Establish and maintain the household animal sheltering system.
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Supporting: Cherry County Board Chair

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Ensure that adequate records of local government expenses are maintained.
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Supporting: Cherry County Commissioners	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Ensure that adequate records of local government expenses are maintained.

Supporting: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Responsible for identifying appropriate lodging and feeding facilities, coordinating utilization of transportation resources, supporting evacuee registration and overseeing lodging and feeding operations.
2	Maintain a resource directory.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Act for their jurisdictions in coordinating mass care activities until the American Red Cross can respond.
2	Responsible for identifying appropriate lodging and feeding facilities, coordinating utilization of transportation resources, supporting evacuee registration and overseeing lodging and feeding operations.
3	Ensure effective coordination of resources.
4	Select shelter sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director and have a signed shelter agreement between ARC and the facility management.
5	Obtain permission from owners to use other facilities as required for American Red Cross use.
6	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure that the public is kept informed about location of mass care facilities, places of contact for missing relatives, and continued emergency services.
7	Determine transportation and other resource needs and coordinate utilization of resources.
8	Maintain a resource directory.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Maintain a resource directory.

Supporting: Cherry County Public Information Officer	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure that the public is kept informed about location of mass care facilities, places of contact for missing relatives, and continued emergency services.

Supporting: Chief Elected Official (CEO)	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Ensure that adequate records of local government expenses are maintained.

Supporting: Clerk/Treasurer's Office	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	
1	Ensure that adequate records of local government expenses are maintained.

Supporting: Emergency Management	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE	

1	Assemble, prepare and disseminate sheltering, family reunification, points of distribution of emergency supplies and disaster relief program information as appropriate.
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Supporting: Emergency Management Communications

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Assemble, prepare and disseminate sheltering, family reunification, points of distribution of emergency supplies and disaster relief program information as appropriate.
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Supporting: Emergency Medical Services

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Provide disaster health service through American Red Cross staff in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Department Coordinators.
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Supporting: EOC Supporting Staff

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Maintain records of all expenses, volunteer time, cash, food and other support material donations.
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Supporting: Fire Department

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Handle incoming and outgoing traffic.
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Supporting: Hospital

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Maintain communications with the EOC and brief the county EOC at scheduled times about the numbers housed, fed, status of supplies, condition of facility and other concerns affecting those being sheltered.
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Supporting: Law Enforcement Officials

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Coordinate welfare inquiry listings, along with registration listings for comparison with missing persons lists.
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Supporting: Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Handle incoming and outgoing traffic.
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Supporting: Nursing Home

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Maintain communications with the EOC and brief the county EOC at scheduled times about the numbers housed, fed, status of supplies, condition of facility and other concerns affecting those being sheltered.
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Supporting: Public Health Coordinator

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Provide disaster health service through American Red Cross staff in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services and the Public Health Department Coordinators.
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Supporting: Salvation Army

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Support mass care operations as provided for in their plans and procedures.
2	Provide registration and identification of victims, missing persons services, locating individuals and answering inquiries from concerned relatives and families outside the disaster area.
3	Provide temporary shelter in the Salvation Army Citadel.
4	Mass feeding in Salvation Army temporary facilities assigned for that purpose.
5	Provide mobile feeding, hot meals or snacks, for disaster victims and emergency workers at the disaster scene.

Supporting: USDA County Emergency Board

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Maintain a listing of food, feed, and seed facilities located within the county which may be of assistance for mass care operations.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX I - MASS CARE

1	Maintain a listing of food, feed, and seed facilities located within the county which may be of assistance for mass care operations.
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V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. American Red Cross Functions:

The American Red Cross will manage lodging and mass feeding operations. They will work with the Emergency Management Director to ensure effective coordination of resources. American Red Cross activities will be in accordance with the current ARC disaster guidelines and procedures.

1. Temporary Sheltering: When shelter facilities are opened by the American Red Cross, it will be the responsibility of the American Red Cross to maintain all functions and staffing according to American Red Cross policy. Some functions will be to:
 - a. Provide shelter managers,
 - b. Select shelter sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director and have a signed shelter agreement between ARC and the facility management,
 - c. Provide food service,
 - d. Provide disaster health service through American Red Cross staff in cooperation with the Emergency Medical Services and the Cherry County Public Health Department Coordinators. Services may include first aid, replacement of medication, immunizations, mental health services, etc.

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- e. Maintain records,
 - f. Staff Lodging,
 - g. Maintain American Red Cross shelter identity,
 - h. Maintain order,
 - i. Provide evacuee locator and welfare inquiry services (Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operations), especially for lost, missing or displaced children. Additional help from other local social services or volunteer agencies may be available.
 - j. Establish first aid stations in reception and shelters, as necessary.
 - k. Shelter managers will maintain communications with the EOC and brief the county EOC at scheduled times about the numbers housed, fed, status of supplies, condition of facility and other concerns affecting those being sheltered.
 - l. Shelter managers and agencies will coordinate with the EOC during the development of plans for and the initiation of shelter closings.
 - m. During the registration of evacuees at a shelter, those with access and functional needs will be identified, protecting the individual's privacy, and with a coordinated effort between the American Red Cross and Cherry County Public Health Department agencies, appropriate sheltering and care will be identified.
2. Feeding: As needed, meals and snacks will be provided to evacuees and workers through both mobile units and fixed feeding sites. American Red Cross will be responsible for meal planning, coordination of mobile feeding, identifying feeding sites and resources for the procurement of food and related supplies. Some specific functions will be to:
- a. Select feeding sites in coordination with the Emergency Management Director,
 - b. Request health inspections through the Cherry County Public Health Department Coordinator,
 - c. Procure food and supplies,
 - d. Maintain records and reports,
 - e. Provide and maintain mobile feeding units.
3. Registration: The American Red Cross will register evacuees, and as applicable, will share the numbers with appropriate government agencies concerning evacuees housed in American Red Cross shelters.

B. Salvation Army Functions:

The Salvation Army at North Platte may provide the following support during mass care operations.

1. Registration and identification of victims, missing persons services, locating individuals and answering inquiries from concerned relatives and families outside the disaster area.
2. The Salvation Army has no Citadel location in Valentine for temporary shelter.
3. Mass feeding in Salvation Army temporary facilities assigned for that purpose.
4. Mobile feeding, hot meals or snacks, for disaster victims and emergency workers at the disaster scene.

C. Lodging/Feeding Facilities:

1. Facility List: Attachment 1 is the list of available lodging/feeding facilities.
2. Selection: The designation of specific lodging and feeding facilities will depend on the actual situation and the location of the hazard area. Selected facilities will be located far enough from the hazard area so that there is no possibility of the threat extending to the mass care facility. The best possible facilities will be selected from the list in Attachment 1 or from lists maintained by the American Red Cross.
3. Agreements: The American Red Cross has agreements to use facilities in the county. The Emergency Management Director will obtain permission from owners to use other facilities as required.
4. Access and functional needs: Selection and operations of temporary lodging facilities for institutionalized or access and functional needs groups (nursing homes, hospitals, etc.) will be coordinated with those organizations to ensure the facilities are adequate.

D. Implementation:

Provisions of this plan concerning mass care will be implemented as soon as a need for temporary sheltering or feeding is noted. While a coordinated government/American Red Cross decision is desirable, the American Red Cross may independently activate their operations.

1. Preparedness Phase: Communications will be established with all agencies. Essential personnel, including volunteers, will be alerted and required material resources (cots, blankets, food, etc.) located and prepositioned, if necessary.
2. Response Phase: In the event of a major disaster, actions for the reception of evacuees, including the opening the Registration Center and selected lodging/feeding facilities, will begin.

3. De-activation stage: Communications and messages will change to reflect the closing or consolidation of shelters. Facilities will be restored to pre-event conditions, supplies and material will be returned to storage or disposed of according to law or agency SOPs. All signage will be removed. All expenses will be documented and records made available to the EOC.

E. Registration of Evacuees:

1. Evacuees will register at the designated lodging facilities in accordance with American Red Cross procedures. If it is necessary for shelters to be opened before the American Red Cross is available to begin registration, local officials may make copies of the registration form, Attachment 2, to begin the process. During the registration process, individuals, with medical or other functional needs that may require more services than the American Red Cross can provide, will be identified so that the appropriate placement and care can be provided to the individual.
2. Registration of evacuees' household animals helps to protect both the sheltering agency and the animal owners. A suggestion animal registration form is provided in Attachment 3.

F. Welfare Inquiries:

The American Red Cross may establish a Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operation to answer requests from relatives and friends concerning the safety and welfare of evacuees or those in disaster areas. Incoming and outgoing traffic will generally be handled by the NE-073 Amateur Radio Club and the Civil Air Patrol. Local volunteer groups in Cherry County will conduct welfare search missions. Welfare inquiry listings, along with registration listings, will be coordinated with the EOC and law enforcement agencies for comparison with missing persons lists.

G. Emergency Public Information:

The American Red Cross and the Emergency Management Director will coordinate with the Public Information Officer to ensure that the public is kept informed about location of mass care facilities, places of contact for missing relatives, and continued emergency services.

H. Resource Support:

The County Emergency Management Director will determine transportation and other resource needs and coordinate utilization of resources. The Emergency Management Director maintains a resource directory.

I. Humane Society or volunteer animal support organizations:

Animal care and welfare will be provided within the capabilities of the jurisdiction. It is expected that owners will provide as much care and maintenance of their property as possible. Those volunteer organizations providing this service and facilities for owners unable to care for their pets or for animals with unknown ownership, will provide information to owners who register their pets for care, will provide adequate housing,

basic medical care, food, water, exercise, will maintain facility sanitation, and manage animal-owner reunification, dispose of wastes, carcasses and demobilize the facility when no longer needed.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

- A. The County and the American Red Cross will maintain records of all expenses incurred by their mass care activities. The Executive Group will ensure that adequate records of local government expenses are maintained.
- B. The American Red Cross offers training in Shelter Operation Workshop and Disaster Welfare Inquiry Operations and will provide these trained persons for disaster operations when requested by the County Emergency Management Director.
- C. Animal care providers will maintain records of all expenses, volunteer time, cash, food and other support material donations.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training:

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

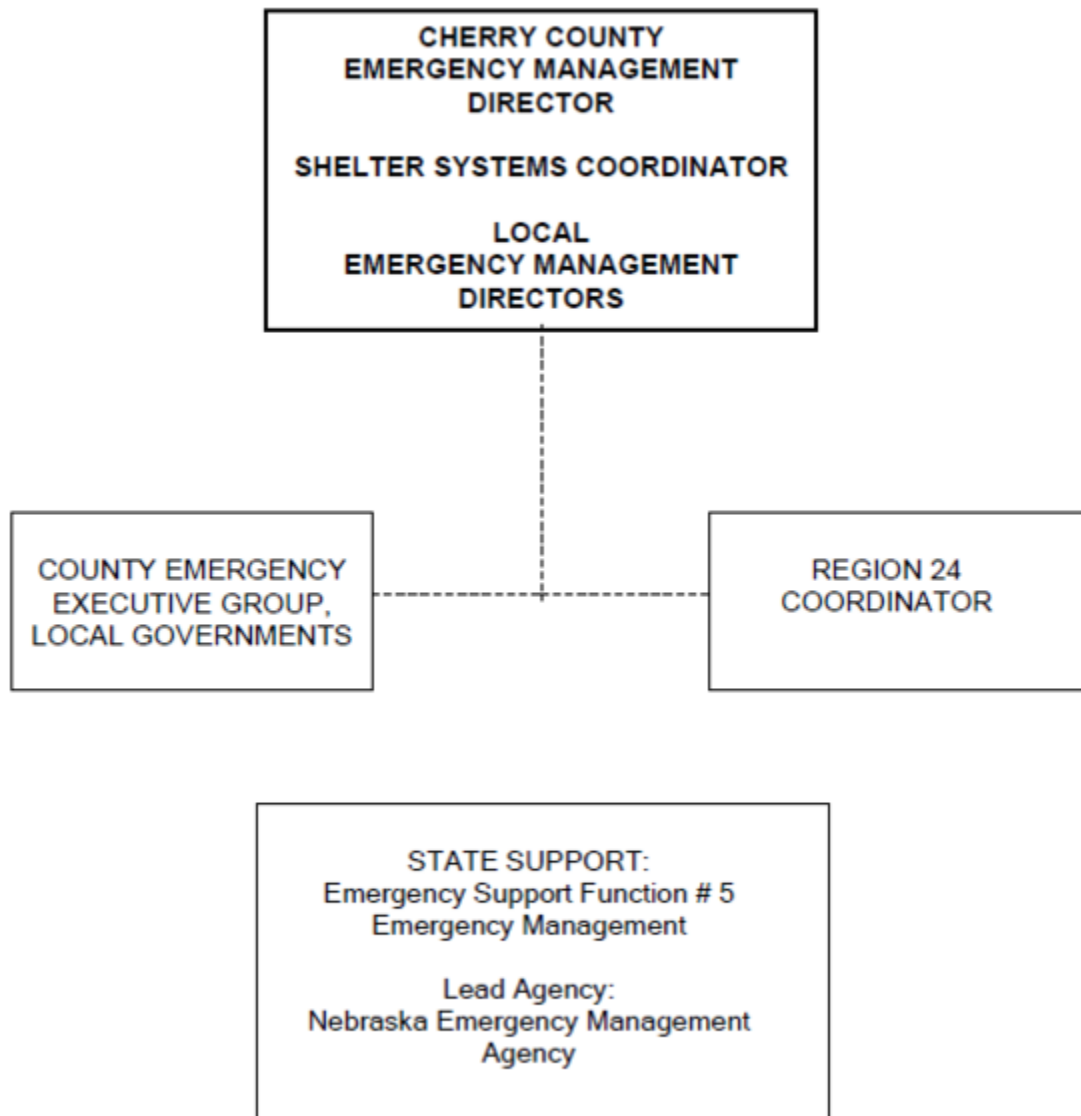
B. Exercising:

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX I - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>Listing of Mass Care Facilities</u>
2	<u>Listing of Functional Need Resource Contacts</u>
3	<u>Evacuation Registration Form</u>
4	<u>Pet Registry at Public Shelter</u>

ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER



I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annex is to outline procedures necessary for the protective sheltering of citizens and transients if severe weather, nuclear crisis, or other hazardous events threaten or occur.

II. SITUATION

- A. Tornadoes, winter storms and prolonged heat waves are the usual natural events impacting the county.
- B. The Cherry County Courthouse has been identified as tornado, warming/cooling shelters (Attachment 1). These buildings are considered to have the best capability to provide protection and are located in areas easily accessible to the public and will generally be open during normal working hours.
- C. Industrial and transportation accidents may release hazardous materials into the water or air. Such incidents may require localized sheltering or evacuation.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. There will be sufficient warning and time for people to find shelter.
- B. Buildings identified as protective shelters will be available at the time of need.
- C. Other public buildings, although not identified as shelters, may be open and offer protection to the public.
- D. Buildings identified as shelters are ADA compliant.
- E. Severe weather protective actions may be short term, spontaneous, and consist primarily of a relatively small sector of Cherry County residents seeking immediate shelter.
- F. During severe weather, segments of the populations will require transportation to the shelters.
- G. Citizens in areas of hazardous materials releases will follow either evacuation or shelter-in-place directives.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Organizations

Protective sheltering programs in the communities may be carried out by the County Emergency Management Director, assisted by local Emergency Management Directors, Red Cross and other support agencies.

B. Responsibilities

The responsibilities of those identified agencies and organizations providing or managing protective shelters, include, but are not limited to:

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1. Inspecting and selecting potential shelter sites, assuring that the facilities can support access and functional needs individuals, including non-English speaking persons.
2. Maintaining the current listing and usage agreements for shelter facilities.
3. Maintaining current listings of shelter resources needed (i.e., supplies, equipment, material, staff).
4. Developing, maintaining and exercising management policies, procedures specific to the individual facilities.

The following are Actions specific to Annex J.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex J.

American Red Cross	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER</i>	
1	Provide inspection and selection of potential shelter sites, assuring that the facilities can support access and functional needs individuals, including non-English speaking persons.
2	Maintain the current listing and usage agreements for shelter facilities.
3	Maintain current listings of shelter resources needed (i.e., supplies, equipment, material, staff).
4	Develop, maintain and exercise management policies, procedures specific to the individual facilities.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER</i>	
1	Carry out protective sheltering programs in the communities.
2	Provide inspection and selection of potential shelter sites, assuring that the facilities can support access and functional needs individuals, including non-English speaking persons.
3	Maintain the current listing and usage agreements for shelter facilities.
4	Maintain current listings of shelter resources needed (i.e., supplies, equipment, material, staff).

Cherry County Attorney	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER</i>	
1	Order an evacuation or to shelter in place in the event of a hazardous materials incident.

Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER</i>	
1	Provide inspection and selection of potential shelter sites, assuring that the facilities can support access and functional needs individuals, including non-English speaking persons.
2	Maintain the current listing and usage agreements for shelter facilities.
3	Maintain current listings of shelter resources needed (i.e., supplies, equipment, material, staff).

4	Ensure that the public is made aware of the basic policies/actions they should use for protection.
5	Develop, maintain and exercise management policies, procedures specific to the individual facilities.
6	Maintain a current listing of identified shelters in the event of severe weather/tornadoes.
7	Aid in the development of a disaster plan for their facility.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER	
1	Carry out protective sheltering programs in the communities.
2	Provide inspection and selection of potential shelter sites, assuring that the facilities can support access and functional needs individuals, including non-English speaking persons.
3	Maintain the current listing and usage agreements for shelter facilities.
4	Maintain current listings of shelter resources needed (i.e., supplies, equipment, material, staff).
5	Ensure that the public is made aware of the basic policies/actions they should use for protection.
6	Maintain a current listing of identified shelters in the event of severe weather/tornadoes.
7	Assist school officials, administrators of hospitals and nursing homes, and directors/owners of other facilities or businesses in determining the safest area within their facility or of the nearest protective facility during a severe weather incident.
8	Make a determination of resources remaining and to support requests for outside assistance (Annex L).
9	Provide periodic spot announcements on pertinent aspects of the protective shelter program.
10	Provide useful and current information should a protective shelter situation arise.

Cherry County Public Information Officer

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER

1	Ensure that the public is made aware of the basic policies/actions they should use for protection.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER

1	Ensure that the public is made aware of the basic policies/actions they should use for protection.
2	Provide periodic spot announcements on pertinent aspects of the protective shelter program.
3	Provide useful and current information should a protective shelter situation arise.

Emergency Management

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER

1	Make a determination of resources remaining and to support requests for outside assistance (Annex L).
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Sheriff

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX J - PROTECTIVE SHELTER

1	Order an evacuation or to shelter in place in the event of a hazardous materials incident.
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2	Make a determination of resources remaining and to support requests for outside assistance (Annex L).
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V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

A. Tornado Policy/Procedures

This policy is to provide timely notification of a tornado watch or warning.

1. When the National Weather Service issues a tornado WATCH that includes any portion of the county, that information will be transmitted to the public by both radio and television. During a tornado WATCH condition, people can continue their normal activities.
2. If a tornado is indicated by radar or actually sighted, then a tornado WARNING will be issued. People in the threatened area should immediately seek shelter and remain there until the WARNING period has expired.
3. Prior to and during the event, the Cherry County Emergency Management Director, in coordination with the Public Information Officer, will ensure that the public is made aware of the basic policies/actions they should use for protection.
4. Special Populations:
 - a. Schools: When schools are in session, students, teachers, staff and visitors should respond as directed by an existing school disaster/tornado plan. Generally, teachers will gather the students in the most solid area of the school structure such as rest rooms or interior corridors without exterior openings. Large span rooms such as auditoriums, gymnasiums, or corridors that have exterior openings and rooms with windows should not be used. If the school structure does not have protective capability and if time permits, all should move to the nearest structure that would provide protection.
 - b. Hospitals and Nursing homes: Staff, patients, residents and visitors should follow the facilities protection plan. In general, such plans include moving ambulatory patients to areas of the building providing the best protection such as the basement or small span, interior rooms on the main floor, then using the best methods available to protect patients who cannot be moved.
 - c. Recreation Areas: Visitors to Cherry County should respond to a tornado warning in accordance with the current safety plan for Cherry County.

B. Extreme Temperatures

During winter storms, prolonged excessive heat, or power outages, residents may be advised that warming or cooling shelters are available. These shelters usually operate for the short term. Those needing transportation should contact the EOC Transportation Officer to arrange expedient transportation. Victims using warming or cooling shelters

may require specialized medical care or behavioral management; shelter managers should arrange for local medical support and mental health/behavioral modification assistance.

C. Hazardous Materials Incident

1. The responsibilities for hazardous materials incidents is detailed in Annex F. In general, during incidents with immediate life safety issues, the Incident Commander may order an evacuation or to shelter in place.

In situations affording more time, the Incident Commander will recommend that the chief elected official will issue such orders.

2. Evacuations will follow the appropriate sections of the jurisdiction's primary evacuation plan.
3. In the event of a HazMat spill or accident, it is sometimes safer to keep affected citizens inside with doors and windows closed. Instructions should be given to:
 - a. Move inside,
 - b. Close all doors, windows, dampers, fans, shut off all ventilation, heating and air conditioner systems,
 - c. Move to a small room and seal the door and windows with plastic and tape, and
 - d. Tune your radio to the EAS station.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

A. Administration

1. Public Tornado/Severe Weather Shelters:

The County Emergency Management Director will maintain a current listing of identified shelters. The listing will be periodically reviewed to assure the continued availability and usability of each facility planned for use and in the event of change in owner, continued formal agreement for use of the facility. Where possible, tornado shelters are clearly marked.

2. Other Facilities:

The Emergency Management Director may assist school officials, administrators of hospitals and nursing homes, and directors/owners of other facilities or businesses in determining the safest area within their facility or of the nearest protective facility. The Emergency Management Director may also aid in the development of a disaster plan for their facility.

B. Logistics

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Records of supplies, materials, and equipment used will be maintained to assist the Logistics Chief in making a determination of resources remaining and to support requests for outside assistance (Annex L).

C. Public Education

The County Emergency Management Director will work directly with the Public Information Officer to provide to the public:

1. Periodic spot announcements on pertinent aspects of the protective shelter program.
2. Useful and current information should a protective shelter situation arise.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX J - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	<u>Tornado and Extreme Temperature Shelters</u>

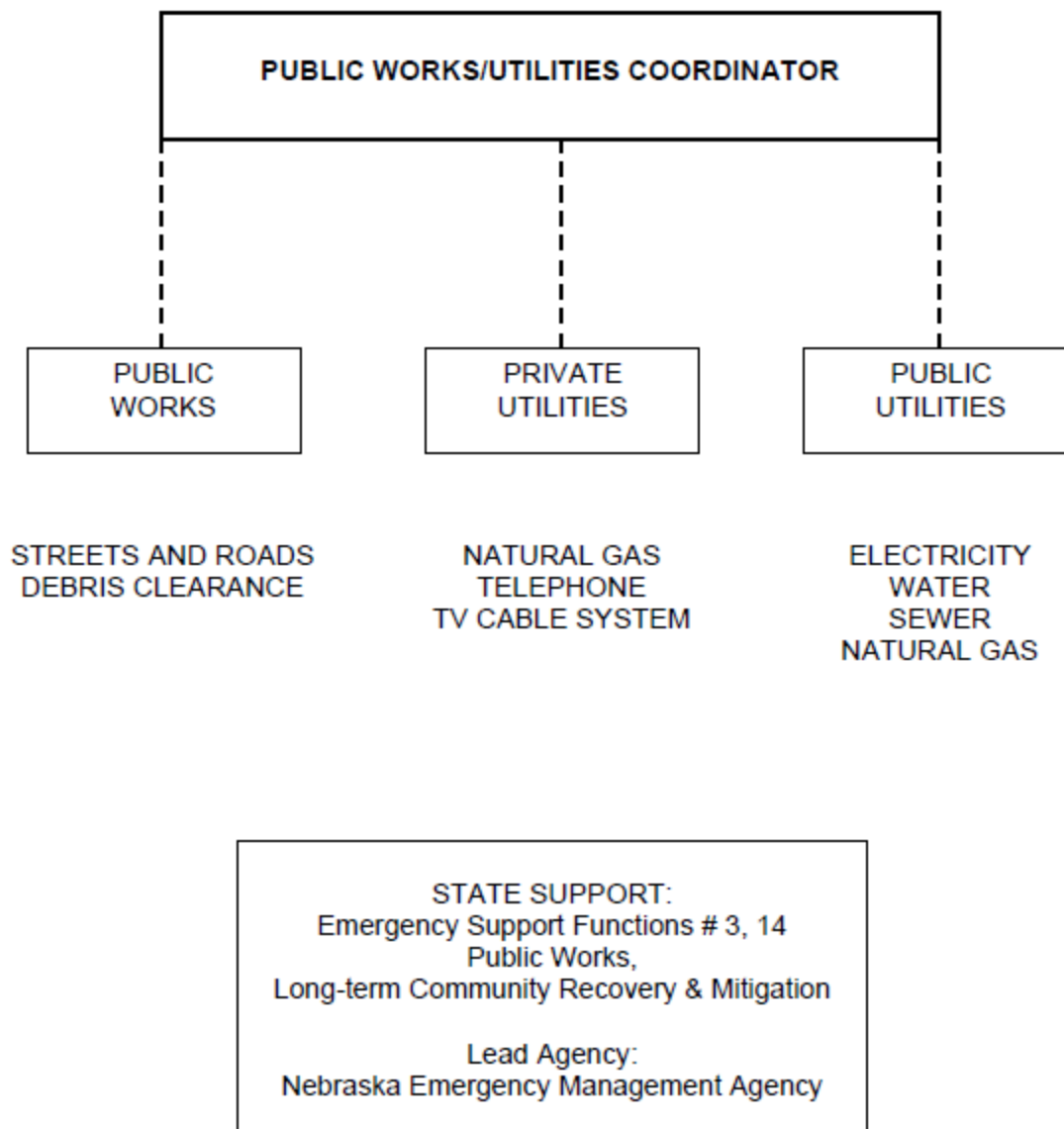
ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
City/Village Streets
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Agency
Emergency Management Communications
Emergency Medical Services
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Chief
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Incident Commander
Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission

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Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
Police Department
President of City Council
Public Health Coordinator
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Sheriff
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Veterinarian Representative



I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Annex is to provide plans and procedures for:

- A. The continuation or restoration of those public services essential for basic human needs.
- B. Debris removal (see Annex C, Appendix 1) and public access restoration.

II. SITUATION

Cherry County and its communities are subject to natural and man-made hazards resulting in the disruption of public works/utility services, limiting the movement of people and equipment, or having a deteriorating effect on the safety and welfare of the people.

III. ASSUMPTION and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. The continued operation of public works and utility services is essential for effective and efficient response and recovery actions.
- B. The primary responsibilities of the county and urban public works departments are the restoration and maintenance of essential public services.
- C. Private utility companies will cooperate with government services. The list of utility service providers is found in Annex A, Attachments 1 and 2.
- D. The County Road Department and each town's street department will restore and maintain roads/streets to facilitate traffic movement.
- E. Assistance from outside the county will be available through mutual aid and other existing agreements.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Road Forman of Road Dist #1 will serve as the Public Works/Utilities Coordinator. This Coordinator will be a member of the EOC staff for the purpose of collecting information and ensuring coordination among the Executive Group, various department heads, and government/private utilities.
- B. Each of the individual departments within the Public Works/Utilities function will be responsible for emergency/disaster operations within their normal operational areas. Specific disaster procedures will be outlined in departmental Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs).
- C. Each department will coordinate and manage their mutual aid support.
- D. Private utilities are responsible for restoration of their services. The list of utility service providers is found in Annex A, Attachments 1 and 2.

The following are Actions specific to Annex K.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex K.

Supporting: Chairperson of Village Board	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Responsible for annually reviewing this Annex; this review may include input from each public works/utility department head.

2	Responsible for preparing and maintaining Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for disaster operations within their respective department.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Collect information and ensure coordination among the Executive Group, various department heads, and government/private utilities.
2	Coordinate with the head of affected organizations, both public and private.
3	Assist departments in determining staging areas for incoming assistance and coordinating mutual aid support.
4	Gather information on damage in the public works/utilities area.
5	Assess general damage in the public works/utilities area by obtaining damage reports from affected departments; present summary to the Executive Group at EOC briefings.
6	Ensure departments are documenting actual damage with photographs that can later be used for disaster assistance requests.
7	Alert departments to track disaster operation expenses.
8	Work with department heads and the EOC in prioritizing the restoration of services for each affected community.
9	Coordinate with those doing the damage assessments to ensure that all affected structures, public and private, are inspected for safety and habitability.
10	Attend EOC briefings.
11	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.
12	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
13	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
14	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
15	Make emergency repairs, then permanent repairs on roads/streets, bridges, other structures.
16	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.
17	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
18	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.
19	Advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.
20	Ensure the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service.
21	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
22	Provide adequate supplies of potable water and identifies sources of additional supplies, if needed.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Work with each affected department head in coordinating recovery from the disaster.
2	Coordinate with other public works/utility departments, not directly involved in disaster operations, to obtain their support in the restoration/recovery activities.
3	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
4	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
5	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
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8	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
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10	Advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.
11	Ensure the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service.
12	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.

Supporting: Cherry County Attorney

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Attend EOC briefings.
2	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.
3	Assist law enforcement and fire officials in protecting suspected crime scenes.

Supporting: Cherry County Board Chair

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Gather information on damage in the public works/utilities area.
2	Attend EOC briefings.
3	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
4	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
5	Make emergency repairs, then permanent repairs on roads/streets, bridges, other structures.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
2	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
3	Make emergency repairs, then permanent repairs on roads/streets, bridges, other structures.

Supporting: Cherry County Commissioners

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Work with department heads and the EOC in prioritizing the restoration of services for each affected community.
2	Attend EOC briefings.
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Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
2	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.

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4	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.

Supporting: Cherry County Communications

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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2	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.
3	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
4	Assist law enforcement and fire officials in protecting suspected crime scenes.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
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Supporting: Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Assist departments in determining staging areas for incoming assistance and coordinating mutual aid support.
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Supporting: Cherry County Emergency Management Director

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Assist departments in determining staging areas for incoming assistance and coordinating mutual aid support.
2	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Work with each affected department head in coordinating recovery from the disaster.
2	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.

Supporting: Cherry County Public Information Officer

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Attend EOC briefings.
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Supporting: Cherry County Roads Superintendent

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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6	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
7	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.

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6	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
7	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.

Supporting: Chief Elected Official (CEO)

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Alert departments to track disaster operation expenses.
2	Work with department heads and the EOC in prioritizing the restoration of services for each affected community.
3	Coordinate with those doing the damage assessments to ensure that all affected structures, public and private, are inspected for safety and habitability.
4	Attend EOC briefings.

Supporting: City/Village Streets

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Start the early implementation of the existing snow removal plans.
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Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Gather information on damage in the public works/utilities area.
2	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.
3	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
4	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.
5	Advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.
6	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
7	Ensure that emergency power is available for the key facilities if electricity cannot be restored to all of the community.
8	Provide adequate supplies of potable water and identifies sources of additional supplies, if needed.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Coordinate with other public works/utility departments, not directly involved in disaster operations, to obtain their support in the restoration/recovery activities.
2	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.
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6	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.

Supporting: Emergency Management

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Attend EOC briefings.
2	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.
3	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
4	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
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Supporting: Emergency Management Agency	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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2	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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Supporting: Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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3	Provide priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
4	Make emergency repairs, then permanent repairs on roads/streets, bridges, other structures.
5	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.

Supporting: Fire Chief	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.

Supporting: Fire Department	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	

1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: Law Enforcement Officials	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: Nebraska Department of Transportation	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency	
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5	Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.

Supporting: Nebraska National Guard	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: Nebraska Public Service Commission	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	

1	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
2	Provide emergency power.
3	Ensure that emergency power is available for the key facilities if electricity cannot be restored to all of the community.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.

Supporting: Nebraska State Patrol

<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
2	Assist law enforcement and fire officials in protecting suspected crime scenes.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: Police Department

<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

Supporting: President of City Council

<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Start the early implementation of the existing snow removal plans.
2	Responsible for annually reviewing this Annex; this review may include input from each public works/utility department head.
3	Responsible for preparing and maintaining Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for disaster operations within their respective department.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES</i>	
1	Collect information and ensure coordination among the Executive Group, various department heads, and government/private utilities.
2	Coordinate with the head of affected organizations, both public and private.
3	Assist departments in determining staging areas for incoming assistance and coordinating mutual aid support.
4	Assess general damage in the public works/utilities area by obtaining damage reports from affected departments; present summary to the Executive Group at EOC briefings.
5	Ensure departments are documenting actual damage with photographs that can later be used for disaster assistance requests.
6	Alert departments to track disaster operation expenses.
7	Work with department heads and the EOC in prioritizing the restoration of services for each affected community.
8	Coordinate with those doing the damage assessments to ensure that all affected structures, public and private, are inspected for safety and habitability.
9	Attend EOC briefings.
10	Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.
11	Assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.

12	Assess the damage to streets and roads.
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17	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.
18	Advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.
19	Ensure the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service.
20	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES	
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Supporting: Sheriff

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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| 1 | Coordinate with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes. |
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Supporting: Street Superintendent

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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| 1 | Clear fallen debris from streets and roads. |
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Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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| 1 | Coordinate with other public works/utility departments, not directly involved in disaster operations, to obtain their support in the restoration/recovery activities. |
| 2 | Clear fallen debris from streets and roads. |

3	Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
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Supporting: Utilities Dept

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

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5	Ensure the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service.
6	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
7	Provide emergency power.
8	Ensure that emergency power is available for the key facilities if electricity cannot be restored to all of the community.
9	Provide adequate supplies of potable water and identifies sources of additional supplies, if needed.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX K - PUBLIC WORKS / UTILITIES

1	Coordinate with other public works/utility departments, not directly involved in disaster operations, to obtain their support in the restoration/recovery activities.
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4	Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles.
5	Advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.
6	Ensure the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service.
7	Ensure that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

Generally, department heads will continue to operate from their normal locations, but their primary actions during disaster operations will be to assess damage, then prioritize and restore interrupted services. The Public Works/Utilities Coordinator may work with each affected department head in coordinating recovery from the disaster.

A. Specific actions of the Public Works/Utilities Coordinator may include, but are not limited to:

1. Coordinating with the head of affected organizations, both public and private.
2. Assisting departments in determining staging areas for incoming assistance and coordinating mutual aid support.

3. Gathering information on damage in the public works/utilities area:
 - a. Assessing general damage in the public works/utilities area by obtaining damage reports from affected departments; present summary to the Executive Group at EOC briefings.
 - b. Ensuring departments are documenting actual damage with photographs that can later be used for disaster assistance requests. Pictures of debris piles should also be taken before disposal of the debris; dimensions need to be included with the photos.
 - c. Alerting departments to track disaster operation expenses. Examples of fiscal expenditures that should be recorded, fully detailed, and maintained are:
 - i. Personnel costs, including:
 - a. Department employee overtime,
 - b. Additional help hired for disaster-related work.
 - c. Emergency response work, such as use of a vehicle, barricade erection, sand bagging to protect lift stations, etc.
 - ii. Equipment:
 - a. Hours of actual use of department equipment in disaster operations,
 - b. Rental or lease equipment.
 - iii. Materials and supplies, from stock or purchased, that are used in direct support of emergency operations and recovery actions.
 - iv. Ad hoc contracts entered into for emergency operations and recovery actions.
 - v. Expenses incurred with the removal, transport, storage and disposal of debris.
4. Working with department heads and the EOC in prioritizing the restoration of services for each affected community. Annex A, Attachment 1 and 2 lists the providers of public works and utilities services for each community in the county.
5. Coordinating with those doing the damage assessments to ensure that all affected structures, public and private, are inspected for safety and habitability.
6. Attending EOC briefings.
7. Coordinating with other public works/utility departments, not directly involved in disaster operations, to obtain their support in the restoration/recovery activities.

8. Coordinating with law enforcement and fire officials to protect suspected crime scenes.

B. Restoration of Services:

The Public Works/Utilities Coordinator will ensure that the following are completed as applicable to the disaster recovery:

1. Public Works:

a. Roads and Street Departments

- i. Assess the damage to streets and roads.
- ii. May assist in establishing detour routings; provide barricades for traffic control.
- iii. Provides priority service/repair to roads and streets designated as primary evacuation routes or to those needed for emergency vehicle traffic for initial disaster response.
- iv. Make emergency repairs, then permanent repairs on roads/streets, bridges, other structures.
- v. If weather conditions dictate, start the early implementation of the existing snow removal plans. The Plans for snow removal will include expanding snow removal activities to facilitate the movement of vehicles supporting emergency operations.
- vi. Assist law enforcement and fire officials in protecting suspected crime scenes.

b. Debris Clearance and Trash Removal

- i. Clear fallen debris from streets and roads.
- ii. Remove debris from public and private property (as established by jurisdiction's policy) and transport to selected sites for disposal.
- iii. Separate debris into hazardous materials, special and common waste piles. See Annex D for classification of debris. Initiate a recycling program for white goods, electronics and other material. The Department of Environment and Energy (NDEE) can advise on separation, recycle and disposal methods.

2. Utilities:

The Public Works/Utilities Coordinator ensures the timely restoration of interrupted community power, natural gas, water/sewer, and telephone service. This may include, but is not limited to, the following:

- a. Ensures that utility repairs are made, as prioritized, to key facilities necessary for disaster operations.
- b. Provides emergency power. Existing emergency power systems will be checked and refueled as needed during any disaster. Action will be taken to ensure that emergency power is available for the key facilities if electricity cannot be restored to all of the community.
- c. Provides adequate supplies of potable water and identifies sources of additional supplies, if needed.

Other Disaster Functions

PLANNER NOTE: Determine specific responsibilities for community hazards in both the public works and in the utilities area. Hazards may include flooding, tornadoes, high winds, snow storms, but check Basic, III A for county hazards list. Can include the following:

3. Radioactive Material Incident/Accident:

If trained in both radiological monitoring equipment operation and emergency response procedures, may provide support to the fire department during containment or decontamination activity in the event of a radiological accident/incident.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

A. Administration:

A record of costs and expenses incurred in direct support of an emergency or disaster situation will be maintained to support subsequent reimbursement claims to State and Federal government.

B. Plan Maintenance:

1. The Public Works/Utilities Coordinator will be responsible for annually reviewing this Annex; this review may include input from each public works/utility department head. Revisions to this Annex will be submitted to the Emergency Management Director for inclusion in LEOP updates/revisions Annex, A, Attachments 1 and 2.
2. Public Works/Utilities Department supervisors will also be responsible for preparing and maintaining Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs) for disaster operations within their respective department.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training:

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All

training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising:

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP)

ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

Coordinating Agency:

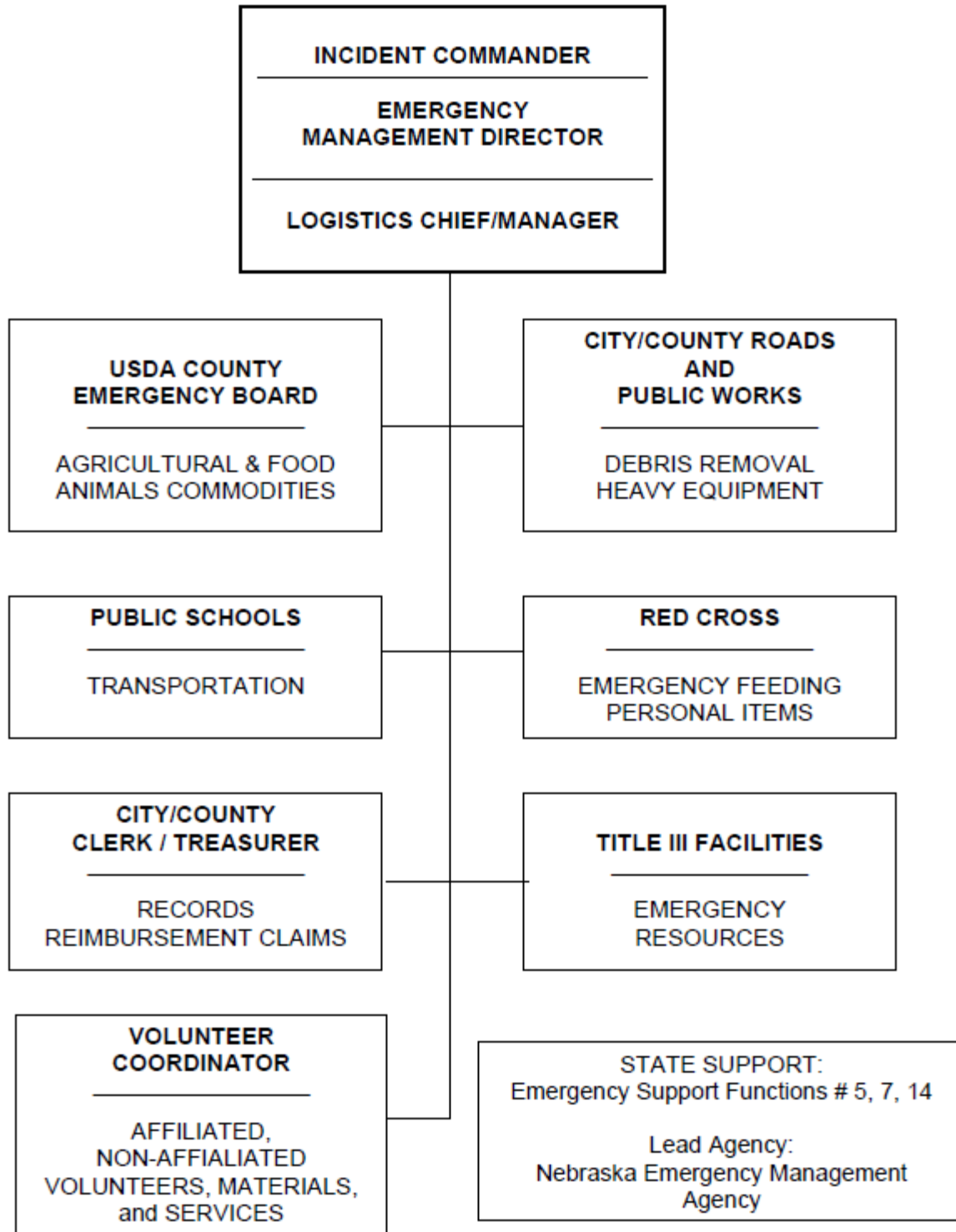
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Emergency Management
EOC Supporting Staff
President of City Council

Primary Agency:

Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
Fire Chief
Incident Commander
Sheriff

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
County Attorney
Emergency Management Communications
Emergency Medical Services
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
Fire Department
First Responders
Governor
Hospital
Law Enforcement Officials
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Police Department
Refuge
School
US Forest Service



I. PURPOSE

This Annex provides guidelines for the procurement, storage, control, allocation and financial recording and accountability and of labor, materials, equipment; and contracted services; for the coordination of a volunteer labor force; and the donation of goods, services and money which

are required to provide the incident management team with timely and appropriate resources in the event of a disaster within Cherry County.

II. SITUATION

- A. The Cherry County Hazard Analysis or the Emergency Management Agency has identified a number of hazards which could occur and cause extensive damage to both public and private property requiring a coordinated management of response and recovery resources within the County.
- B. Cherry County, its communities, agencies, and businesses have sufficient resources to support activities associated with most emergency or disaster operations. The Emergency Manager maintains the point of contacts and resources lists.
- C. Resource Management starts with the Incident Commander; and the initial need for additional resources is at the IC's request. If the incident expands to where Multi-Agency coordination is needed, the EOC will be activated in support of the Incident Commander. At that time, resource management, procurement, distribution and tracking, replacement and restoration will transition from the IC and the dispatcher to the Logistics Chief/Manager or Administrative section within the EOC.
- D. During an event, Multi-Agency Coordination resource management coordination activities generally take place within the EOC. When multi-agency coordination entities are established, the Executive Board may also prioritize and coordinate resource allocation and distribution of resources.
- E. The Nebraska Emergency Management Act, section 81-829.31, sections 81-829.36 to 81-829.75, July 1996, describes such emergency powers of governments to supersede existing procurement procedures or expedite resource coordination, procurement and management.

III. ASSUMPTIONS and PLANNING FACTORS

- A. Resources are defined as: personnel, teams, equipment, supplies and facilities that are available or potentially available for assignment, deployment or allocation in support of incident management and emergency response and recovery activities.
- B. The affected jurisdiction must effectively complete these primary tasks:
 - 1. Establish systems for describing, inventorying, requesting and tracking resources,
 - 2. Activate those systems prior to, during and after an incident,
 - 3. Dispatch resources prior to, during and after an incident,
 - 4. Demobilize, recall, dispose, restore or replace resources during or after incidents.
- C. Local resources will be activated and used at the onset of the incident. Should these resources become unavailable or exhausted; the local jurisdiction will request additional resources according to their local, county or regional plan which may include Mutual Aid

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Agreements or Memoranda of Understanding (MOU) concerning shared or available resources.

- D. The impacted jurisdiction may have to provide its own sustainability for 48 hours or more before additional help can arrive.
- E. If the need arises, local government will assume control of and ensure appropriate and equitable distribution and use of existing resources. Rationing will be implemented, if necessary.
- F. County, cities, and villages will support requests for resources per MOUs or as they have the ability to respond to the requesting jurisdiction.
- G. Para-professional and volunteer agencies will provide resource support, equipment and personnel, within their capabilities.
- H. Each facility that reports under Title III requirements has an emergency response plan that lists their available emergency resources. This list may also be available at local fire departments and in Annex F, Appendix 1, Attachment 1.
- I. Assistance will be available from other counties through mutual aid agreements. Pre-incident agreements among all parties providing or requesting resources are necessary to enable effective and efficient resource management. Pre-incident agreements may be established with governmental, non-governmental, private and non-profit entities to provide response and recovery support.
- J. Citizens within Cherry County and neighboring areas will volunteer to support the recovery efforts following a disaster. Coordination of these volunteers will be assigned to a Volunteer Coordinator who will work with the Logistics Chief/Manager and Emergency Manager.
- K. Following a local declaration of emergency, support may be available through state emergency resources such as those available through the State Administrative Services, <http://das.nebraska.gov/materiel/index.html>, to supplement local deficiencies, meet critical requirements, and replace expended emergency resources.
- L. Spontaneous and un-solicited donations of food, water, personnel, equipment and supplies may interfere with priority response and recovery activities.
- M. Some local resources will not be available for use. Cataclysmic disruption of government services (pandemic influenza) or physical destruction of infrastructure a city or village will require outside resources and assistance.

IV. ORGANIZATION and RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. First Response and other local support agencies will:
 - 1. Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).

2. Certify that responding personnel meet professional standards of training, experience and performance required for the incident.
3. Manage and maintain specialized equipment (such as decontamination systems) and inventories with special shelf life (medications, respirator filters, PPE, batteries and the like) in a state of readiness.

B. Incident Commander and command staff

The Incident Commander will follow both the NIMS and the local plans of operations that include the procedure for requesting resources and the development of staging areas as needed for efficient field deployment.

C. Emergency Manager

The Emergency Manager's responsibilities are defined in other parts of the Plan, especially in the Basic Plan and Annex A. Additional specific responsibilities required prior to, during and after a disaster may include:

1. Development, coordination and distribution of specific response plans, Memorandums of Agreement documents, and available resource lists prior to potential events.
2. During an event, may serve as the EOC Manager in the EOC and maintain communication with the IC, the Executive Board and supporting organizations.
3. Advise and assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and Volunteer Coordinator as needed.

D. EOC Executive Board, elected and appointed officials

The Executive Board will support the incident according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and this Plan as described in the LEOP Basic Plan and Annexes. Responsibilities include establishing response and recovery priorities, providing resources to the Incident Commander, providing information to the public and financial decisions.

E. The EOC/MACC Logistics Function (NIMS) - Logistics Chief/Manager

1. When the incident expands beyond normal day-to-day mutual aid support or the Incident Commander requests additional resources from the EOC, and the Emergency Manager determines that additional personnel are required, the Logistics Chief/Manager will be notified or activated.
2. The Cherry County Clerk has been appointed as the Logistics Chief/Manager and is responsible for the overall logistics and resource management activities within the county and is a member of the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) Staff.
3. Prior to an incident, in cooperation and coordination with the Emergency Manager and others as needed, the Logistics Chief/Manager will have:

- a. Obtained, reviewed, maintained and distributed to first response agencies the county and local resource lists. These lists are contained in various Annexes of the LEOP: A, F, G, H, I, K and L.
- b. Developed a plan to keep un-needed, unsolicited contractors, vendors and volunteers away from the disaster scene, EOC and municipal offices. This plan should include the coordination system with law enforcement and information being released by the PIO.
- c. Developed a plan for return, storage or disposal of surplus equipment or supplies.
- d. Developed a plan for the rehabilitation, replenishment, disposal and return of equipment and supplies and the rehabilitation, replenishment of personnel.
- e. Developed plans and agreements to have non-expendable resources fully functional and ready for mobilization. The organization with invoicing responsibility for the incident, or as defined in pre-incident agreements, replaces broken or lost items.
- f. In the case of human resources, pre-incident plans should include:
 - i. Processes to supply crews with food, sanitation, medical support, rest and recuperation time and facilities for the same,
 - ii. Notification and mobilization guidelines,
 - iii. Process as to monitor the occupational health and mental health issues and their impact on responders. See Annex G, reference Critical Incident Stress Management, and support by non-profits such as the Red Cross and Salvation Army.
 - iv. Expendable resources are re-stocked at the point at which the resources were issued. The incident management organization bears the cost of expendable resources, as authorized by jurisdictional procedures or in preplanned financial agreements concluded by the preparedness organizations.
- g. Developed a process or learned how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
- h. Understand and will perform resource management tasks either at the Incident Commander's request or in accordance with jurisdictional planning requirements.
- i. At the direction of the Executive Group, assume direct control of resources identified as critical items, to assure most efficient utilization.

- j. Implement and modify the pre-incident resource management operations plans above to accommodate the incident.
 - k. Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).
 - l. Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group. The NIMS protocols under the Logistics, Administration and Finance organization will be the model for operations.
 - m. Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
 - n. During the event, maintain an inventory of available resources and recommend to the Executive Group the most efficient use of existing/remaining resources.
- 4. Because of the potential magnitude and complexity of the resource program, the Logistics Chief/Manager may select a supporting staff.
 - 5. In the event that there is no pre-designated Logistics Chief/Manager, one will be appointed by the Executive Board or the Chief Executive Officer of the jurisdiction will assume the responsibilities above.

F. The Volunteer Coordinator

- 1. A Volunteer Coordinator may be named to work with the Logistics Chief/Manager and the Emergency Manager. The Volunteer Coordinator will coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations. Additional Guidelines are in Attachment 3 of this Annex.
- 2. Additional responsibilities may include but be limited to the following:
 - a. Implement pre-incident agreements or develop agreements with area VOAD organizations to assist in the coordination of donations and volunteers.
 - b. Consider using trained, credentialed and previously identified Community Emergency Response Teams, CERTs, or 2-1-1 volunteers to assist with donations and volunteers.
 - c. Coordinate with the PIO and the EM to develop and implement media releases that provide direction to those wishing to donate or volunteer.
- 3. Develop, prior to the incident, volunteer registration/information forms to receive, catalog skills, track on-the job training and safety briefing including the volunteers medications or physical limitations, deployment location and duration, assigned supervisor and after work assessment. See Attachment 4.

4. Volunteer mobilization plans should include considerations for:

- a. Security of the scene and the check-in center,
- b. Traffic control, parking and security of volunteers' property,
- c. Utilities, sanitation, first aid, protected rest facilities for volunteers,
- d. Sanitation, janitorial and garbage service for the feeding centers, mass shelters, household animal shelters,
- e. Staffing of trained mass care shelter or household animal shelters support personnel, and
- f. Means or system to prevent conflicting volunteer job assignments or assignments to tasks completed.

G. Jurisdiction's Clerk's / Treasurer's Office

The Clerk/Treasurers responsibilities are stated in the Basic Plan. This (these) Office(s) will assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and the Emergency Manager in developing and implementing a system of records for evaluating status of resources and supplies, emergency procurement and contract letting, and completing reports and procedures to verify and obtain reimbursement claims from local, state, and federal governments.

H. The County Roads Superintendent, City/Village Streets and Public Works

These Department(s) will assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal. The Logistics Chief/Manager and Emergency Manager will ensure that resource listings are prepared and maintained.

I. The USDA County Emergency Board (CEB)

The CEB maintains an inventory of agricultural products and food animal resources and will act in an advisory capacity regarding availability, use and protection of these resources. This board can assist the Logistics Chief/Manager in the management and requisition of needed materials and supplies.

J. Other support agencies/Departmental Heads of local government

These various support organizations in cooperation and coordination with the Emergency Manager, provide lists of resources that could be deployed during a disaster.

The various supervisors or department heads of local government agencies and private organizations will be responsible for managing the resources of their individual agencies/organizations when supporting overall disaster resource needs.

K. The Cherry County Emergency Management Director will coordinate the requisition and management of needed public transportation resources (buses, handi-vans, etc.).

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- L. The Facility Emergency Coordinator (FEC) of each Title III facility (hazmat reporting facility) will coordinate the requisition and management of the facility- owned emergency resources.
- M. The American Red Cross will assume the lead role in providing for displaced persons. The Red Cross will procure the necessary food and personal care items needed.

The following are Actions specific to Annex L.

The following are Responsibilities specific to Annex L.

Coordinating: Cherry County Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Develop, coordinate and distribute specific response plans, Memorandums of Agreement documents, and available resource lists prior to potential events.
2	Obtain, review, maintain and distribute to first response agencies the county and local resource lists.
3	Implement and modify the pre-incident resource management operations plans above to accommodate the incident.
4	Implement pre-incident agreements or develop agreements with area VOAD organizations to assist in the coordination of donations and volunteers.
5	Develop, prior to the incident, volunteer registration/information forms to receive, catalog skills, track on-the job training and safety briefing including the volunteers medications or physical limitations, deployment location and duration, assigned supervisor and after work assessment.
6	Ensure that resource listings are prepared and maintained.
7	Review this Annex annually and modify as needed to reflect local operational capabilities and plans.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Follow both the NIMS and the local plans of operations that include the procedure for requesting resources and the development of staging areas as needed for efficient field deployment.
2	Develop, coordinate and distribute specific response plans, Memorandums of Agreement documents, and available resource lists prior to potential events.
3	Advise and assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and Volunteer Coordinator as needed.
4	Request additional resources from the EOC.
5	Determine that additional personnel are required, the Logistics Chief/Manager will be notified or activated.
6	Responsible for the overall logistics and resource management activities within the county and is a member of the Emergency Operating Center (EOC) Staff.
7	Obtain, review, maintain and distribute to first response agencies the county and local resource lists.
8	Assume direct control of resources identified as critical items, to assure most efficient utilization.
9	Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).

10	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
11	Maintain an inventory of available resources and recommend to the Executive Group the most efficient use of existing/remaining resources.
12	Coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations.
13	Consider using trained, credentialed and previously identified Community Emergency Response Teams, CERTs, or 2-1-1 volunteers to assist with donations and volunteers.
14	Coordinate with the PIO and the EM to develop and implement media releases that provide direction to those wishing to donate or volunteer.
15	Coordinate the requisition and management of the facility- owned emergency resources.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.

Coordinating: Emergency Management

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).
2	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.

Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
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Coordinating: EOC Supporting Staff

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Ensure that resource listings are prepared and maintained.
2	Review this Annex annually and modify as needed to reflect local operational capabilities and plans.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations.
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Coordinating: President of City Council

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).
2	Develop a plan for return, storage or disposal of surplus equipment or supplies.
3	Develop a plan for the rehabilitation, replenishment, disposal and return of equipment and supplies and the rehabilitation, replenishment of personnel.

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4	Develop plans and agreements to have non-expendable resources fully functional and ready for mobilization.
5	Develop a process or learn how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
6	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
7	Select a supporting staff.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Support the incident according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and this Plan as described in the LEOP Basic Plan and Annexes.
2	Establish response and recovery priorities.
3	Provide resources to the Incident Commander.
4	Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).
5	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
6	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
7	Select a supporting staff.
8	Coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Establish response and recovery priorities.
2	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
3	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.

Primary: Cherry County Board Chair

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Develop a process or learn how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
2	Select a supporting staff.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Select a supporting staff.

Primary: Cherry County Commissioners

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT

1	Develop a process or learn how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
2	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Support the incident according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and this Plan as described in the LEOP Basic Plan and Annexes.
2	Establish response and recovery priorities.
3	Request additional resources from the EOC.
4	Determine that additional personnel are required, the Logistics Chief/Manager will be notified or activated.
5	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
6	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Establish response and recovery priorities.
2	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
3	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.

Primary: Chief Elected Official (CEO)	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).
2	Select a supporting staff.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Select a supporting staff.

Primary: Fire Chief	
Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Follow both the NIMS and the local plans of operations that include the procedure for requesting resources and the development of staging areas as needed for efficient field deployment.
2	Understand and will perform resource management tasks either at the Incident Commander's request or in accordance with jurisdictional planning requirements.

Primary: Incident Commander	
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Understand and will perform resource management tasks either at the Incident Commander's request or in accordance with jurisdictional planning requirements.

Primary: Sheriff	
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<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Develop a plan to keep un-needed, unsolicited contractors, vendors and volunteers away from the disaster scene, EOC and municipal offices.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Understand and will perform resource management tasks either at the Incident Commander's request or in accordance with jurisdictional planning requirements.

Supporting: American Red Cross

<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Certify that responding personnel meet professional standards of training, experience and performance required for the incident.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Assume the lead role in providing for displaced persons.
2	Procure the necessary food and personal care items needed.

Supporting: Chairperson of Village Board

<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).
2	Manage and maintain specialized equipment (such as decontamination systems) and inventories with special shelf life (medications, respirator filters, PPE, batteries and the like) in a state of readiness.
3	Develop a plan for return, storage or disposal of surplus equipment or supplies.
4	Develop a plan for the rehabilitation, replenishment, disposal and return of equipment and supplies and the rehabilitation, replenishment of personnel.
5	Develop plans and agreements to have non-expendable resources fully functional and ready for mobilization.
6	Develop a process or learn how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
7	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
8	Select a supporting staff.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Support the incident according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and this Plan as described in the LEOP Basic Plan and Annexes.
2	Establish response and recovery priorities.
3	Provide resources to the Incident Commander.
4	Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).
5	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
6	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.
7	Select a supporting staff.

8	Coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Establish response and recovery priorities.
2	Initiate and control actions needed to comply with the desires and decisions of the Executive Group.
3	Coordinate the actions of the various agencies, offices, groups, and individuals involved with the procurement, temporary storage, distribution, utilization and control of local resources.

Supporting: Cherry County Roads Superintendent

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.

Supporting: Emergency Management Communications

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Develop a plan to keep un-needed, unsolicited contractors, vendors and volunteers away from the disaster scene, EOC and municipal offices.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Advise the Executive Group on current status and recommend actions to be taken (i.e., implementing emergency ordinances required for price controls, procuring equipment, rationing, etc.).

Supporting: Fire Department

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).

Cherry County Attorney

Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Provide information to the public and financial decisions.
Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Provide information to the public and financial decisions.

Cherry County Communications

Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	
1	Review this Annex annually and modify as needed to reflect local operational capabilities and plans.
Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT	

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1	Provide resources to the Incident Commander.
2	Understand and will perform resource management tasks either at the Incident Commander's request or in accordance with jurisdictional planning requirements.
3	Assume direct control of resources identified as critical items, to assure most efficient utilization.

Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Select a supporting staff.
2	Develop, prior to the incident, volunteer registration/information forms to receive, catalog skills, track on-the job training and safety briefing including the volunteers medications or physical limitations, deployment location and duration, assigned supervisor and after work assessment.
3	Review this Annex annually and modify as needed to reflect local operational capabilities and plans.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Serve as the EOC Manager in the EOC and maintain communication with the IC, the Executive Board and supporting organizations.
2	Advise and assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and Volunteer Coordinator as needed.
3	Provide resources to the Incident Commander.
4	Request additional resources from the EOC.
5	Determine that additional personnel are required, the Logistics Chief/Manager will be notified or activated.
6	Select a supporting staff.
7	Coordinate the work requirements from the disaster with the volunteer assets which include people and donations.

Cherry County Public Information Officer	
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide information to the public and financial decisions.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide information to the public and financial decisions.

City/Village Streets	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).
2	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Assist in the management and requisition of heavy equipment (trucks, earth moving equipment, etc.), dirt or sand, barricades, and in the coordination of debris removal.

Clerk/Treasurer's Office	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Develop a process or learn how the jurisdiction's financial management system will operate during a disaster so that documentation can be kept, bills paid, emergency contracts issued, and reimbursements can be requested.
2	Assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and the Emergency Manager in developing and implementing a system of records for evaluating status of resources and supplies, emergency procurement and contract letting, and completing reports and procedures to verify and obtain reimbursement claims from local, state, and federal governments.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Support the incident according to the Nebraska Emergency Management Act and this Plan as described in the LEOP Basic Plan and Annexes.
2	Assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and the Emergency Manager in developing and implementing a system of records for evaluating status of resources and supplies, emergency procurement and contract letting, and completing reports and procedures to verify and obtain reimbursement claims from local, state, and federal governments.
3	Maintain official records and accounting of materials and supplies used and funds expended in support of emergency operations for possible reimbursements by local, state, or federal governments.
<i>Recovery (Post Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Assist the Logistics Chief/Manager and the Emergency Manager in developing and implementing a system of records for evaluating status of resources and supplies, emergency procurement and contract letting, and completing reports and procedures to verify and obtain reimbursement claims from local, state, and federal governments.
2	Maintain official records and accounting of materials and supplies used and funds expended in support of emergency operations for possible reimbursements by local, state, or federal governments.

Emergency Management Agency	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Develop a plan for return, storage or disposal of surplus equipment or supplies.

EOC Logistics Manager	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Manage and maintain specialized equipment (such as decontamination systems) and inventories with special shelf life (medications, respirator filters, PPE, batteries and the like) in a state of readiness.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Implement the jurisdiction's response management plan as directed by either the Incident Commander or the EOC operating as a Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC), depending on the Logistics Manager's assignment and the scope of disaster.

Street Superintendent	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).

USDA County Emergency Board	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Maintain an inventory of agricultural products and food animal resources and will act in an advisory capacity regarding availability, use and protection of these resources.
<i>Response (During Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Maintain an inventory of agricultural products and food animal resources and will act in an advisory capacity regarding availability, use and protection of these resources.
2	Assist the Logistics Chief/Manager in the management and requisition of needed materials and supplies.

Utilities Dept	
<i>Preparedness (Pre-Event) Actions for ANNEX L - RESOURCE MANAGEMENT</i>	
1	Provide to the Emergency Manager, prior to an incident and periodically as requested for planning purposes, lists of resources available for deployment during an incident. (See various Annexes in this Plan).

V. CONCEPT of OPERATIONS

- A. The EOC Logistics Manager will implement the jurisdiction's response management plan as directed by either the Incident Commander or the EOC operating as a Multi-Agency Coordination Center (MACC), depending on the Logistics Manager's assignment and the scope of disaster.
- B. Efficient and effective resource management requires the full support from governmental, non-governmental, not-for profit and private sectors. Local resources used during the operational period of the disaster could include:
 1. Food products from local food retail and wholesale sources.
 2. Manual labor materials and hardware items from local hardware stores and lumberyards.
 3. Transportation needs will primarily be obtained from the Local schools The transportation resource listing is maintained by the Emergency Manager, see Attachment 1.
- C. The first priority for transportation is to support the evacuation of school children and citizens without private vehicles, including hospitals and nursing home patients. Some specific transportation considerations are:
 1. Specialized transportation includes alternate vehicles for use as ambulances or handi-buses.
 2. Public transportation includes buses to support an evacuation.
 3. Tractor-trailers (semi's), vans, pickups, other trucks and farm equipment can be used to move supplies and materials.

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- D. All vehicles designated as essential to emergency operations will be serviced by local government during the operational period. Disaster related costs must be documented.
- E. Labor requirements will be obtained through local government and private agency's utilization of their own personal resources, volunteer agencies, fraternal and social organizations, and job service sources. Normal work assignments may be re-assigned for the duration of the declared emergency.
- F. Heavy equipment resources will initially come from government agencies such as the Cherry County Roads Department. Additional assistance may be requested from the State Department of Transportation. Also, heavy equipment could be contracted from construction firms and private contractors. See Attachment 2 for a listing of heavy equipment resources.
- G. Unless otherwise determined, equipment provided by the various agencies and private organizations will be maintained and parked in the "yards", but preferable in the designated staging areas.
- H. All volunteers will register with a Volunteer Coordinator. Procedures for managing a volunteer work force are discussed in Attachment 3.
- I. Volunteers assigned to work on public facilities and grounds must be registered, have their work assignments tracked and in some incidents they must be screened to:
 - 1. Assure the safety and security of the volunteers,
 - 2. Assure the safety and security of the victims and property,
 - 3. Assign the best qualified volunteers to appropriate tasks in a timely manner,
 - 4. Reduce the risk of liability to the jurisdiction,
 - 5. To document the hours of donated labor that may be used to off-set the non-Federal share of Category A (Debris management) and Category B (Emergency Protection) programs costs. See Annex C, Attachment 1, Debris Management.
- J. All responding organizations and agencies will develop, maintain and provide upon request, records of appropriate materiel, equipment, professional services and financial donations. All resources used such as equipment, expendables, non-expendables, human resources including volunteers will be tracked and accounted for through the response and recovery phases.

VI. ADMINISTRATION and LOGISTICS

- A. The County, City/Village Clerks/Treasurers will maintain official records and accounting of materials and supplies used and funds expended in support of emergency operations for possible reimbursements by local, state, or federal governments. All department heads will maintain appropriate records regarding specific contracts, contractual agreements, employee overtime, and equipment operating costs and make these available upon request.

- B. The Emergency Manager, Logistics Manager and other appropriate local officials, will review this Annex annually and modify as needed to reflect local operational capabilities and plans.

VII. TRAINING and EXERCISING

A. Training:

The training program will be consistent with the Homeland Security Exercise Plan. All training supported by the Homeland Security grant process must be DHS (Department of Homeland Security) approved.

B. Exercising:

All exercises and drills will be evaluated and any follow-up activities conducted in accordance with the Homeland Security Exercise and Evaluation Program (HSEEP).

ANNEX L - LIST OF ATTACHMENTS

Attachment #	Item
1	Transportation Resources
2	Heavy Equipment Resources
3	Procurement Contract Compliance
Appendix 1	Volunteer Coordination
Appendix 1/Attachment 1	Citizen Corps
Appendix 1/Attachment 2	Volunteer Registration, Work Assignment Forms

ANNEX - LEOP DATA

Coordinating Agency:

Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
Chief Elected Official (CEO)
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Emergency Management Communications
Fire Department
Law Enforcement Officials
LEPC Chair or Representative
Police Department
Public Health Coordinator
Sheriff

Primary Agency:

Cherry County Board Chair
Emergency Management
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Chief
Hospital
Incident Commander

Support Agencies:

American Red Cross
Animal Shelters
Chairperson of Village Board
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
City/Village Streets
County Attorney
Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Emergency Management Agency
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
First Responders
Governor
Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Ministerial Association
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services

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Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard
Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
Nursing Home
President of City Council
Refuge
Salvation Army
Salvation Army
School
School
School Teachers
Street Superintendent
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service
US Forest Service
USDA County Emergency Board
Utilities Dept
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative

Provided below is a list of the Departments and Organizations pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Federal

Department of Homeland Security (DHS)
Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)
Federal Aviation Administration (FAA)
Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)
Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)
National Park Service
National Weather Service
Refuge
US Forest Service

State

Governor
Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services
Nebraska Department of Natural Resources
Nebraska Department of Transportation
Nebraska Emergency Management Agency
Nebraska Game and Parks Commission
Nebraska Hazardous Incident Team
Nebraska Health and Human Services System
Nebraska National Guard

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Nebraska Public Service Commission
Nebraska State Fire Marshal
Nebraska State Patrol
University of Nebraska System - Nebraska Forest Service

County

Cherry County Attorney
Cherry County Board Chair
Cherry County Commissioners
Cherry County Communications
Cherry County Deputy Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Emergency Management Director
Cherry County Public Information Officer
Cherry County Roads Superintendent
County Attorney
Emergency Medical Services
Fire Chief
Hospital
Incident Commander
Ministerial Association
Nursing Home
Salvation Army
School
Sheriff
USDA County Emergency Board
Utility Companies
Veterinarian Representative

Jurisdiction

Chief Elected Official (CEO)
Clerk/Treasurer's Office
Emergency Management
Emergency Management Communications
Fire Department
Law Enforcement Officials
Police Department
Public Health Coordinator

Municipality

Chairperson of Village Board
City/Village Streets
Emergency Management Agency
President of City Council
Street Superintendent
Utilities Dept

Private Sector

School

Non-Profit

American Red Cross

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Local/Regional Amateur Radio Club
Salvation Army

Other

Animal Shelters
EOC Logistics Manager
EOC Supporting Staff
First Responders
LEPC Chair or Representative
Nebraska Wing of the Civil Air Patrol
School Teachers

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COMMUNICATIONS

Provided below is a list of Communications pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Communications		
Communication: Cherry County Dispatch		
Priority: High	Type: Voice	Quantity: 1
Description: Internal Use, External Use, Secure - E911 dispatch for all of Cherry County Dispatch of all EMS/Law/Fire		
Communication: Pagers		
Priority: Moderate	Type: Voice	Quantity: 215
Description: Mobile		
Communication: VHF High Band Radios		
Priority: High	Type: Voice	Quantity: 400
Description: Internal Use, External Use, Mobile - Mobile /handheld / basestations located through Cherry County for LE / Fire / EMS communication		
Communication: Page My Cell		
Priority: Moderate	Type: Data	Quantity: 211
Description: External Use, Mobile		
Communication: CodeRed		
Priority: Moderate	Type: Data	Quantity:
Description: Mobile		
Communication: Vhf Low Band Radios		
Priority: Low	Type: Voice	Quantity: 25
Description: Internal Use, External Use, Mobile - Mobil / handheld /base radios for backup to our high band system		

Cherry County JURISDICTIONAL PROFILE

Provided below is a description of Topography for Cherry County pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).



Provided below is a description of the Demographics for Cherry County pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

With 5,458 people, Cherry County is the 51st most populated county in the state of Nebraska out of 93 counties.

Provided below is a description of the Economy for Cherry County pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

The median household income for Cherry County was \$29,268 in 2000, which was considerably less than State median income of \$39,250. By 2010, the median household income increased to \$43,431 or an increase of 48.4%. Finally, in 2020 the median household income was at \$51,132 or an increase of 74.7% since 2000. However, the 2010 and 2020 median household incomes were still less than the State of Nebraska median household income.

The CPI for this period was 48.4%, which indicates household incomes in Cherry County exceeded inflation. Therefore, households were actually earning more in real dollars in 2020 than in 2010. This difference basically indicates for every \$1.00 earned in a household during 2000, it was earning over \$1.50 in 2020.

Non-farm and Farm Income

Non-farm income increased from \$24,718,000 in 1980 to \$228,348,000 in 2019, or an increase of 823.8%. By 2019, farm income had risen from \$12,761,000 to \$36,943,000.

Per Capita Income

The per capita income in Cherry County increased from \$9,211 in 1980 to \$46,632 in 2019, or an increase of 415.4%. Cherry County's per capita income was 147.9% of the state's per capita income level of \$31,539.

Industry Employment

Analyzing employment by industry assists a community in determining the key components of their labor force. This section indicates the type of industries making up the local economy, as well as identifying particular occupations employing residents.

The employment sector with the most employees in 2000 was Ag./forestry/Fishing/and Hunting

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and Mining. This sector employed 920 people or 28.8% of the total employed residents in 2000. In 2010, the largest employment sector was Educational, health, and social services with 796 employees or 25.0% of the total. In 2020, Educational, health, and social services continued to be the leading employment sector.

Provided below is a description of Critical Facilities pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Emergency Operations Center Cherry County Justice Center

Provided below is a description of Climate for Cherry County pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Cherry County, Nebraska gets 21 inches of rain, on average, per year. The US average is 38 inches of rain per year.

Cherry County averages 39 inches of snow per year. The US average is 28 inches of snow per year.

On average, there are 228 sunny days per year in Cherry County. The US average is 205 sunny days.

Cherry County gets some kind of precipitation, on average, 78 days per year. Precipitation is rain, snow, sleet, or hail that falls to the ground. In order for precipitation to be counted you have to get at least .01 inches on the ground to measure.

Weather Highlights

Summer High: the July high is around 88 degrees

Winter Low: the January low is 12

Rain: averages 21 inches of rain a year

Snow: averages 39 inches of snow a year

Provided below is a description of School Districts and Higher Education for Cherry County pertaining to the Cherry County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP).

Valentine Elementary School

Valentine Middle School

Valentine High School

Cutcomb Lake School

Simeon School

Zion Lutheran School

Cody-Kilgore Elementary School

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Cody-Kilgore High School
Grace Lutheran School
Mid Plains Community College

**ANNEX
CONTACTS ROSTER**

Cherry County Contacts

STATE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
To Be Determined Nebraska State Patrol Cherry County Law Enforcement	1401 W Eisenhower Ave Norfolk, NE 68701	Work: 402-370-3456	
Frank Miller NE Game and Parks Cherry County Law Enforcement	365 N Main Street Suite 9 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-389-0444 Work Email: frank.miller@nebraska.gov	

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COUNTY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
To Be Determined KBR Electric Cherry County Utility Services	625 2nd Street Mission, SD 57555	Work: 402-387-1120	
To Be Determined Custer Public Power Electric Cherry County Utility Services	625 2nd Street Mission, SD 57555	Work: 308-872-2451	
To Be Determined PREMA Electric Cherry County Utility Services	625 2nd Street Mission, SD 57555	Work: 308-762-1311	
To Be Determined LaCreek Electric Cherry County Utility Services	121 N Harold St Martin, SD 57551	Work: 605-685-6581	
To Be Determined CenturyLink Telephone/Internet/Cable Cherry County Utility Services	PO Box 2956 Phoenix, AZ 85062	Work: 800-244-1111	
To Be Determined Great Plains Communications Telephone/Internet Cherry County Utility Services	PO Box 2956 Phoenix, AZ 85062	Work: 888-343-8014	
To Be Determined Consolidated Telephone/Internet Cherry County Utility Services	PO Box 2956 Phoenix, AZ 85062	Work: 800-742-7464	
To Be Determined Dish Network Satellite TV Cherry County Utility Services	625 2nd Street Mission, SD 57555	Work: 888-815-0066	
Interum Hospital Administrator Cherry County	510 N Green Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2525	

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Nebraska Public Power District Electric Cherry County Utility Services	1414 15 Street Columbus, NE 68602	Work: 877-275-6773	
Sandhills Wireless Internet Cherry County Utility Services	105 W 2nd Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3550 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-5144 Work Email: info@sandhillswireless.net	Devon Muirhead Sam Tetherow
Doug Boyer County Road Supervisor Cherry County Roads	365 N Main Street Suite 8 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-389-0220 Work Email: road2@cherrycountyne.gov	Road Department Alternate address: 85001 N Hwy 97 Mullen, NE 69152
Brent Collier Foreman-District #3 Cherry County Roads	503 N Main Street Merriman, NE 69218	Work: 402-376-2420 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-1712 Work Email: road3c@cherrycountyne.gov	Road Department Other shop locations in District 503 N Main St - Merriman, NE 69218 102 N Cherry St.-Cody, NE 69211
Jessica J Coyle Deputy Emergency Management Cherry County Emergency Operating Staff	365 N Main Street Suite 8A Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2395 Home: 402-823-4143 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-9900 Work Email: cczoning@cherrycountyne.gov	
Martin DeNaeyer Board Chair Cherry County Executive Group	365 N Main Street Suite 5 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-322-1968 Home: 308-748-2354 Work Email: mdenaeyer@cherrycountyne.gov Personal Email: mkdenaeyer86@gmail.com	
Kathy Hammond County Treasurer Cherry County Executive Group	365 N Main Street Suite 6 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1580 Work Email: treasurer@cherrycountyne.gov	
T. Hanson County Engineer Cherry County	108 W 4th Street PO Box 50 Valentine, 69201	Work: 402-376-2691 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-3542 Work Email: nvcllc95@gmail.com	

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Sharon Hesse Justice Center Administrator Cherry County Law Enforcement	365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1890 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-1725 Work Email: sharon.hesse@cherrycountyne.gov	Rank: Administrator Rank: Administrator
Duane Lamb EMS President Cherry County	510 N Green Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2525 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-5606 Personal Email: lambdt2061@hotmail.com	Rank: President Rank: President Home address: 804 Craig Street. Valentine, NE 69201
Brittny Longcor County Clerk Cherry County	365 N Main Street Suite 5 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2771 Work Email: clerk@cherrycountyne.gov	
Mike McConaughy Commissioner Cherry County Executive Group	365 N Main Street Suite 5 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-6614 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-6614 Work Email: mmconaughy@cherrycountyne.gov Personal Email: mikemcconaughy2@hotmail.com	34105 US Hwy #20 Merriman, NE 69218
Brent McIntosh Foreman-District #2 Cherry County Roads	85959 N Loup Drive Brownlee, NE 69166	Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 308-748-2216 Personal Cell Number: 3086459722 Work Email: road2b@cherrycountyne.gov	Road Department Other shop locations in District 85001 N Hwy 97 Mullen, NE 69152 85959 N Loup Drive Brownlee, NE 69166 121 W Cherry Ave Ashby, NE 69333
Jackie Moreland Assessor Cherry County Emergency Operating Staff	365 N Main Street Suite 7 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1630 Work Email: ccassessor1@cherrycountyne.gov	
Nina M Nelson Commissioner Cherry County Executive Group	365 N Main Street Suite 5 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2771 Personal Cell Number: 402-382-8175 Work Email: nnelson@cherrycountyne.gov Personal Email: ushwy2020@gmail.com	Rank: Commissioner Rank: Commissioner 38301 S Crookston Road Crookston, NE 69212

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JD Osburn Foreman-District #1 Cherry County Roads	202 East A Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-322-0994 Work Email: road1@cherrycountyne.gov	Road Department Second shop located-702 East 1st Street Third Shop located-204 Lake St.- WoodLake, NE
Rusty Osburn Sheriff Cherry County Law Enforcement	365 N Main Street Suite 9 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1890 Cell: 402-376-4972 Work Email: 966@cherrycountyne.gov Personal Email: chcoso@hotmail.com	First On Scene
Kay Reese Emergency Management Admin Assistant Cherry County Emergency Operating Staff	365 N Main Street Suite 8 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-322-0563 Work Email: kreese@cherrycountyne.gov	
Matt Sandoz Emergency Management Director Cherry County	365 N Main Street Suite 8 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-376-4105 Work Email: cherrycoem@cherrycountyne.gov	First On Scene
Eric Scott County Attorney Cherry County	273 N Main Street P.O Box 349 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1803 Work Email: eric@ericscottlaw.com Personal Email: ericscottlaw349@gmail.com	
Lloyd Smith County Superintendent of Roads Cherry County	108 W 4th Street PO Box 50 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2691 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-3542 Work Email: nvcllc95@gmail.com	

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CITY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
To Be Determined City of Valentine Electricity City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-1128	
To Be Determined Custer Public Power Electricity City of Valentine Utility Services	625 East S East St Broken Bow, NE 68822	Work: 308-872-2451	
To Be Determined PREMA Electricity City of Valentine Utility Services	251 Braydon Road Alliance, NE 69301	Work: 308-762-1311	
To Be Determined Sandhill Wireless Internet City of Valentine Utility Services	105 W 2nd Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3550	
To Be Determined CenturyLink Telephone/Internet/Cable City of Valentine Utility Services	PO Box 2956 Phoenix, AZ 85062	Work: 800-244-1111	
To Be Determined Allo Communications City of Valentine Utility Services	272 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 531-257-5050 Personal Cell Number: 855-632-3154	
To Be Determined Electric Department City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-322-0177	
Kyle Arganbright City Council President City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323	
Brad Arnold Council Member City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-0786	VALENTINE, NE 69201

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CITY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Michael Battershaw Sewage/Waste Water City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-322-0587	
Susan Beel City Attorney City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2639 Cell: 402-376-1180	
Ross Brockley Council Member City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323	
Tad Buechle Electric Department City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Personal Cell Number: 402-322-0177	
Jim Elliott Street Department City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-322-1464	
Justen Elliott Utilities Director City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-322-0610 Work Email: Justen.Elliott@ValentineNE.gov	
Terry Engles Fire Chief City of Valentine Officials	224 S Hall Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1700 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-1843 Work Email: valentinefd@outlook.com Personal Email: chieferrybob@yahoo.com	Rural Fire
Jared Fulton Electric Department City of Valentine Utility Services	323 North Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Personal Cell Number: 402-326-9511	
Justin Holmes Public Works Director City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-389-1128	

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CITY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Kalli Kieborz Council Member City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323	
Robert Kilmer Department Head City of Valentine	100 S Shore Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1611	
Scott McClellan Ministerial Association City of Valentine	365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-389-0377	
John Michaleck Sewage/Waste Water City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-389-0857	
Dana Miller Police Chief City of Valentine Law Enforcement	325 N Main Street Suite 9 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3055 Work Email: Dana.Miller@ValentineNE.gov	First On Scene
Don Pettigrew Building & Zoning City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-376-3212	
Deanna Schmit Board Member / City Clerk/Treasurer City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-5869 Cell: 402-337-6420 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-2323 Work Email: Deanna.Schmit@ValentineNE.gov	
Shane Siewert City Manager City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-1020 Work Email: Shane.Siewert@ValentineNE.gov	
Ty Tinant Water Department City of Valentine Utility Services	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-376-2615	
Neil Wescott Council Member City of Valentine Officials	323 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2296 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-4660 Additional Number: 402-376-2323	

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CITY	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Neil Wescott NK Waste City of Valentine Utility Services	313 Development Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2296 Cell: 402-376-4660	

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VILLAGE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Village Board/ Village Engineer Village of Kilgore Village Maintenance	Kilgore, NE 69216		
Justin Almoney Utilities Director Village of Cody Village Maintenance	Cody, NE 69211	Personal Cell Number: 717-698-6816	
Carolyn Bolli Board Member Village of Wood Lake Officials	89064 Fairfield Rd Wood Lake, NE 69221	Home: 402-967-3004	
Henry Brown Board Chair Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Work: 308-684-3360 Cell: 402-389-0656	
Mark Burchfield Interum Fire Chief Village of Cody Officials	309 N Chestnut Street Cody, NE 69211	Personal Cell Number: 303-358-1756 Personal Email: mbur456@gpcom.net	Rural Fire
Clifford Cady Fire Chief Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Cell: 605-890-7616	Rural Fire
Don Chappell Utilities Director Village of Merriman Village Maintenance	Merriman, NE 69218	Cell: 308-684-3536	
Ken Colburn Board Member Village of Wood Lake Officials	Wood Lake, NE 69221	Home: 402-376-2501 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-6454	
Brent Collier Utilities Village of Cody Village Maintenance	300 E Washington St Cody, NE 69211	Cell: 402-389-1712	Brent is temporary until hire new employee.

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Brent Collier Board Chair Village of Cody Officials	PO Box 101 Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-389-1712 Personal Cell Number: 4023891712 Work Email: road3c@cherrycountyne.gov	
William Creegan Board Member Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Home: 240-979-8476	
Phyllis Daniels Village Treasurer Village of Crookston Officials	Crookston, NE 69212	Home: 402-425-3387	
John Davis Water Department Village of Wood Lake Utility Services	Wood Lake, NE 69221	Cell: 402-760-0450	
Jackie Ferguson Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Wood Lake Officials	Wood Lake, NE 69221	Home: 402-967-3442 Cell: 402-376-4133	
Shara Ford Board Member Village of Kilgore Officials	Kilgore, NE 69216	Cell: 402-389-0917	
Jerimiah Hanson Board Member Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Personal Cell Number: 574-334-8056	
Bree Hill Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Kilgore Officials	Kilgore, NE 69216	Cell: 402-322-1728	
Tiffany Hill Village Clerk Village of Crookston Officials	Crookston, NE 69212	Cell: 402-322-0375	

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VILLAGE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Tyler Hill Utilities Director Village of Crookston Village Maintenance	Crookston, NE 69212	Home: 402-425-3389 Cell: 402-389-1466	
Tyler Hill Utilities Director Village of Kilgore Village Maintenance	Kilgore, NE 69216	Home: 402-389-1466 Personal Cell Number: 402-425-3389	
Wes Hill Board Chair Village of Kilgore Officials	Kilgore, NE 69216	Work: 402-376-1144 Home: 402-966-2160	
Julie Hollopeter Board Member Village of Wood Lake Officials	Wood Lake, NE 69221	Personal Cell Number: 308-870-5536	Jean was voted to the board July 13th, 2022 to replace Joe McMurtrey (moved) Grant Moreland stepped down in August 2023 Caroline Bolli will take over.
Randy Hutchison Board Member Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Cell: 308-223-0314	
Robert Janssen Board Chair Village of Crookston Officials	PO BOX 15 305 N Main Street Crookston, NE 69212	Home: 402-425-3267 Cell: 402-389-0248	
Bentley Jenkins Board Member Village of Cody Officials	Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-376-2470 Personal Cell Number: 4023891668	
Andrew Johnson Village Attorney Village of Wood Lake Officials	129 E 3rd Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1860	
Michael Knapp Board Member Village of Cody Officials	Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-389-1668	

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DeWayne Lancaster Board Member Village of Nenzel Officials	301 S Main Street Nenzel, NE 69219	Home: 402-823-4047 Personal Cell Number: 4023890438	
Cacee McConaughey Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Cell: 402-322-1576	
Pat Miller Board Member Village of Cody Officials	Cody, NE 69211	Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0665	
Jodi Mosher Board Member Village of Kilgore Officials	Kilgore, NE 69216	Cell: 402-322-0213	
Terri Nollette Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Nenzel Officials	Nenzel, NE 69219	Home: 402-823-4230 Personal Email: tlnollette85@gmail.com	
Tim Nollette Board Chair Village of Nenzel Officials	Nenzel, NE 69219	Home: 402-823-4230	
Craig O'Kief Fire Chief Village of Wood Lake Officials	303 N Main Street Wood Lake, NE 69221	Home: 402-967-3442 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-4133 Personal Email: katieokief@gmail.com	Rural Fire
Krista Ostransky Village Clerk/Treasurer Village of Cody Officials	36598 US Hwy 20 Cody, 69211	Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0899	
Tyler Peterson Board Member Village of Cody Officials	Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-823-4241	

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Ron Pinney Board Chair Village of Wood Lake Officials	PO BOX 698 Wood Lake, NE 69221	Home: 402-967-3443	
Richard Quick Board Member Village of Crookston Officials	Crookston, NE 69212	Work: 402-376-1144 Home: 402-425-3246	
Todd Rothleutner Board Member / Fire Chief Village of Kilgore Officials	Kilgore, NE 69216	Work: 402-966-2111 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0614 Personal Email: twrothleutner@hotmail.com	Rural Fire
Deanna Schmit Board Member Village of Nenzel Officials	Nenzel, NE 69219	Work: 402-376-2323 Cell: 402-376-4200	
Kim Schmit Board Member Village of Nenzel Officials	Nenzel, NE 69219	Home: 402-823-4256	
Richard Schmit Board Member Village of Nenzel Officials	Nenzel, NE 69219	Home: 402-823-4256	
Michelle Shields Board Member Village of Wood Lake Officials	Wood Lake, NE 69221	Cell: 402-389-1256	
Jamie Simmons Village Attorney Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Work: 308-282-0690	
Jamie Simmons Village Attorney Village of Cody Officials	111 West 2nd Street PO Box 302 Gordon, NE 69343	Work: 308-282-0690	

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VILLAGE	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Jamie Simmons Village Attorney Village of Kilgore Officials	135 North Main Street PO Box 490 Rushville, 69360	Work: 308-327-2100 Additional Number: 308-282-0690	Alternate Address: PO Box 302 Gordon, NE 69343
Gailund Valentine Board Member Village of Merriman Officials	Merriman, NE 69218	Home: 308-684-3332 Cell: 308-360-3358	
Cyndi Weaver Board Member Village of Crookston Officials	Crookston, NE 69212	Cell: 402-322-0053	

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VOLUNTEER/COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Shanie Brockmann American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager	404 E 2nd St. Grand Island, NE 68801	Work: 844-334-7569 Cell: 308-850-9800 Work Email: Shanie.Brockmann@RedCross.org	
David Carini Amateur Radio Club NE-073 Vol org	100 S Shore Street Valentine, NE 69201	Cell: 402-389-2361	
Logan Dailey Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org		Cell: 308-530-8604	
Steve Hicks Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	Valentine, NE 69201	Home: 402-322-1910 Personal Email: steveandjenniferhicks@gmail.com	
Christine Lousias County Emergency Board Vol org	518 West Hwy 20 Suite 2 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1712 x 105 Work Email: christine.lousias@usda.gov	
Marion McDermott American Red Cross Disaster Program Manager	404 E 2nd Street Grand Island, NE 68801	Work: 844-334-7569 Personal Cell Number: 3082581536 Work Email: Marion.Mcdermott@RedCross.org	Disaster Program Manager
Charlie Moe Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	Valentine, NE 69201	Home: 605-747-2206 Personal Cell Number: 605-828-0271 Personal Email: saltcamp@gwtc.net	NE073 SandHills Composite Squadron Wing Headquarters 402-309-7665 ext 100 888-211-1812 ext 300
Eva Olsen Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	90550 N Kilgore Rd Kilgore, NE 69216	Home: 402-966-2132 Personal Email: noel10@hotmail.com	
Les Olsen Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	90550 N Kilgore Rd Kilgore, NE 69216	Home: 402-966-2132 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0431	
Rocky Richards Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	Valentine, NE 69201	Home: 402-823-4030 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0431 Personal Email: msrichie2000@gmail.com	

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Pier Shelly Salvation Army/NWCA Vol org	323 N Valentine Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3055	
John Wilson Sandhills Squadron/CAP Vol org	100 S Shore Street Valentine, NE 69201	Cell: 402-322-1823 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-3908	

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SCHOOL	ADDRESS	PHONE NUMBERS / EMAIL	COMMENTS
Thad Flitter Principal Zion Lutheran Schools	224 N Government Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-2745 Personal Cell Number: 406-876-4077 Work Email: zionschool@msn.com	His title is Lead Teacher
Mike Halley Valentine Community Schools Superintendent Schools	431 N Green Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-1780	
Carolyn Moore Mid Plains Community College Schools	715 E Highway 20 Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-8033	Right now contact is Carolyn Moore
Mandi Morrison Valentine Community School Rural-Teacher Schools	88709 Simeon Rd Valentine, NE 69201	Cell: 402-322-3371 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-3371 Work Email: amorrison@vcsbadger.net	
Ryan Orrock Superintendent Cody-Kilgore School Schools	360 W 4th Street Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-823-4117 Work Email: ryan.orrock@cody- kilgore.com	
Andrew Rohel Principal Grace Lutheran Schools	810 West 3rd Street Valentine, NE 69201	Cell: 715-544-7555 Work Email: amjroehl@gmail.com	Alternate contact is Pastor Nolting 402-389-1383 pauldavidnoltin@gmail.com Alternate is Candice Ohlmann 920-398-3171 ocandice@hotmail.com
Jeff Sayer Principal Valentine Middle School/Rural Schools Schools	239 N Wood Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3367 Work Email: jsayer@vcsbadger.net	
Trinity Shipley Valentine Community School Rural Teacher Schools	35591 Medicine Lake Road Cody, NE 69211	Work: 402-823-4208 Work Email: tshipley@vcsbadger.net	
Lindsey Wonnenberg Principal Valentine Elementary Schools	615 E 5th Street Valentine, NE 69201	Work: 402-376-3237 Work Email: lwonnenberg@vcsbadger.net	

Local Emergency Operations Plan Critical Facilities Attachment

Critical facilities provide services and functions essential to a community, especially during and after a disaster. Examples of critical facilities requiring special consideration include: Police stations, fire stations, vehicle and equipment storage facilities, emergency operations centers, medical facilities, shelters, power generating stations and other public and private utility facilities vital to maintaining or restoring normal services. Critical facilities have been identified by Cherry County for planning purposes.

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>Hospital, Clinic or Long-Term Care Facility</p> <p>Cherry County Hospital 510 N Green Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Interum w: 402-376-2525</p> <p>Comments: Contact Kyle Kellum-402-376-2525</p>	<p>Pre-Positioned 3 - Ambulance Units - <i>Medical Equipment</i></p>
<p>Sheriff's Office</p> <p>Cherry County Sheriff 365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Rusty Osburn 966@cherrycountyne.gov w: 402-376-1890 c: 402-376-4972</p> <p>Comments: Contact Rusty Osburn-402-376-3055</p>	
<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Cody Fire Department 309 N Chestnut Street Cody, NE 69211</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Mark Burchfield</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Jordan Pitkin 605-220-0409</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Cody High School</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>360 W 4th Street Cody, NE 69211</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Ryan Orrock ryan.orrock@cody-kilgore.com w: 402-823-4117</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Ryan Orrock 402-823-4117</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Cody Sewage Department 102 W Nebraska Ave PO Box 118 Cody, NE 69211</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Brent Collier c: 402-389-1712</p> <p>Comments: Contact Brent Collier until new employee hired</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Cody Water Department 102 W Nebraska Ave PO Box 118 Cody, NE 69211</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Brent Collier c: 402-389-1712</p> <p>Comments: Contact Brent Collier until new employee hired</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Crookston Water Department 507 E 1st St. Crookston, NE 69212</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Tyler Hill c: 402-389-1466</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Tyler Hill 402-425-3389</p> <p>School</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>Cutcomb Lake School 35591 Medicine Lake Road Cody, NE 69211</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Trinity Shipley tshipley@vcsbadger.net w: 402-823-4208</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Stacey Adamson 402-823-4208</p>	
<p>Emergency Operations Center</p> <p>Emergency Operations Center 365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Matt Sandoz cherrycoem@cherrycountyne.gov w: 402-376-2420 c: 402-376-4105</p>	<p>Transported 50 - Cattle Panels - <i>Other</i></p> <p>Pre-Positioned 27 - Vet Supplies - <i>Other</i> 50 - Cots - <i>Emergency Equipment</i></p>
<p>School</p> <p>Grace Lutheran School 810 West 3rd Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Andrew Rohel amjroehl@gmail.com c: 715-544-7555</p> <p>Comments: Contact- Candice Ohlmann 920-398-3171</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Kilgore Elementary School 100 N Burlington Street Kilgore, NE 69216</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Ryan Orrock ryan.orrock@cody-kilgore.com w: 402-823-4117</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Ryan Orrock 402-823-4117</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Kilgore Fire Department 219 Steinbecker Street Kilgore, NE 69216</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Todd Rothleutner w: 402-966-2111</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Todd Rothleutner 402-389-0614</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Kilgore Water Department 319 Main St. Kilgore, NE 69216</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Tyler Hill</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Orin VanWinkle 402-290-2690</p>	
<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Merriman Fire Department 206 W 2nd Street Merriman, NE 69218</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Clifford Cady c: 605-890-7616</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Clifford Cady 605-890-7616</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Merriman Water Department 204 W 2nd Ave Merriman, NE 69218</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Don Chappell c: 308-684-3536</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Don Chappell 308-684-3442</p>	
<p>Airport</p> <p>Miller Field</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>100 S Shore Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Robert Kilmer w: 402-376-1611</p> <p>Comments: Contact- Robert Kilmer 402-376-1611</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Simeon Rural School 88709 Simeon Rd Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Mandi Morrison amorrison@vcsbadger.net c: 402-322-3371</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Mandi Morrison 402-322-3371</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Valentine Elementary School 615 E 5th Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Lindsey Wonnenberg lwonnenberg@vcsbadger.net w: 402-376-3237</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Lindsay Wonnenberg-402-376-3237</p>	
<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Valentine Fire Department 224 S Hall Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Terry Engles valentinefd@outlook.com w: 402-376-1700</p> <p>Comments: Contact Terry Engles-402-376-1700</p>	<p>Transported 1 - Jaws of Life - <i>Emergency Equipment</i></p>
<p>School</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>Valentine High School 431 N Green Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Mike Halley w: 402-376-1780</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Andy Cronin 402-376-2730</p>	
<p>Detention Facility</p> <p>Valentine Justice Center/Dispatch 365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Sharon Hesse sharon.hesse@cherrycountyne.gov w: 402-376-1890</p> <p>Comments: Contact Sharon Hesse-402-376-1890</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Valentine Middle School 239 N Wood Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Jeff Sayer jsayer@vcsbadger.net w: 402-376-3367</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Jeff Sayer 402-376-3367</p>	
<p>Police Station</p> <p>Valentine Police Department 365 N Main Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Dana Miller Dana.Miller@ValentineNE.gov w: 402-376-3055</p> <p>Comments: Contact Dana Miller-402-376-1890</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Valentine Sewage Department</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>802 E 2nd Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> John Michaleck w: 402-376-2323 c: 402-389-0857</p> <p>Comments: Contact-John Michaleck 402-389-0857</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Valentine Water Department 802 E 2nd Street Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Justen Elliott Justen.Elliott@ValentineNE.gov w: 402-376-2323 c: 402-322-0610</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Justen Elliott 402-322-0610</p>	
<p>Fire Station</p> <p>Wood Lake Fire Department 303 N Main Street Wood Lake, NE 69221</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Craig O'Kief</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Craig O'Kief 402-376-4133</p>	
<p>Utilities</p> <p>Wood Lake Utilities 408 N Main St Wood Lake, NE 69221</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> John Davis c: 402-760-0450</p> <p>Comments: Ray Shields-402-389-1093</p>	
<p>School</p> <p>Zion Lutheran School 224 N Government Street</p>	

Name / Location (Physical Address)	Resources Located at Facility
<p>Valentine, NE 69201</p> <p><u>Facility Manager:</u> Thad Flitter zionschool@msn.com w: 402-376-2745</p> <p>Comments: Contact-Brad Janssen 402-376-2745</p>	

ANNEX
TEAMS AND RESPONSIBILITIES

First On Scene

First On Scene Members - Cherry County

Team Member	Team Responsibility/Role
Matt Sandoz - Emergency Management Director Cherry County Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-376-4105 Work Email: cherrycoem@cherrycountyne.gov	
Rusty Osburn - Sheriff Cherry County Law Enforcement Work: 402-376-1890 Cell: 402-376-4972 Work Email: 966@cherrycountyne.gov Personal Email: chcoso@hotmail.com	
Dana Miller - Police Chief City of Valentine Law Enforcement Work: 402-376-3055 Work Email: Dana.Miller@ValentineNE.gov	

Rural Fire

Rural Fire Members - Cherry County

Team Member	Team Responsibility/Role
Mark Burchfield - Interum Fire Chief Village of Cody Officials Personal Cell Number: 303-358-1756 Personal Email: mbur456@gpcom.net	
Terry Engles - Fire Chief City of Valentine Officials Work: 402-376-1700 Personal Cell Number: 402-322-1843 Work Email: valentinefd@outlook.com Personal Email: chiefterrybob@yahoo.com	
Todd Rothleutner - Board Member / Fire Chief Village of Kilgore Officials Work: 402-966-2111 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-0614 Personal Email: twrothleutner@hotmail.com	
Clifford Cady - Fire Chief Village of Merriman Officials Cell: 605-890-7616	
Craig O'Kief - Fire Chief Village of Wood Lake Officials Home: 402-967-3442 Personal Cell Number: 402-376-4133 Personal Email: katieokief@gmail.com	

Road Department

Road Department Members - Cherry County

Team Member	Team Responsibility/Role
Brent Collier - Foreman-District #3 Cherry County Roads Work: 402-376-2420 Personal Cell Number: 402-389-1712 Work Email: road3c@cherrycountyne.gov	Foreman
Doug Boyer - County Road Supervisor Cherry County Roads Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-389-0220 Work Email: road2@cherrycountyne.gov	County Road Supervisor
Brent McIntosh - Foreman-District #2 Cherry County Roads Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 308-748-2216 Personal Cell Number: 3086459722 Work Email: road2b@cherrycountyne.gov	Foreman
JD Osburn - Foreman-District #1 Cherry County Roads Work: 402-376-2420 Cell: 402-322-0994 Work Email: road1@cherrycountyne.gov	Foreman

ANNEX ORDERS OF SUCCESSION

Orders of Succession for Cherry County

The LEOP has developed an Orders of Succession for all key positions held within the organization. Provided below is the title and name of each primary person currently holding each key position, followed by a list of designated successors. The successors are listed by title in order of precedence.

Who is authorized to activate the local Emergency Operations Center?

Primary: Emergency Management Director - Matt Sandoz - Cherry County

1. Commissioner - Nina M Nelson - Cherry County - Executive Group
2. Board Chair - Martin DeNaeyer - Cherry County - Executive Group
3. Commissioner - Mike McConaughy - Cherry County - Executive Group

Who is authorized to declare a State of General Emergency?

Primary: Commissioner - Nina M Nelson - Cherry County - Executive Group

1. Board Chair - Martin DeNaeyer - Cherry County - Executive Group
2. Commissioner - Mike McConaughy - Cherry County - Executive Group
3. Emergency Management Director - Matt Sandoz - Cherry County

Who is the Public Information Officer for your County?

Primary: County Attorney - Eric Scott - Cherry County

1. Commissioner - Nina M Nelson - Cherry County - Executive Group
2. Commissioner - Mike McConaughy - Cherry County - Executive Group
3. Board Chair - Martin DeNaeyer - Cherry County - Executive Group

Who is the Main Point of Contact for this plan?

Primary: Emergency Management Director - Matt Sandoz - Cherry County

1. Deputy Emergency Management - Jessica J Coyle - Cherry County - Emergency Operating Staff
2. County Clerk - Brittny Longcor - Cherry County
3. Assessor - Jackie Moreland - Cherry County - Emergency Operating Staff

Who is authorized to activate Code Red Alerts?.

Primary: Emergency Management Director - Matt Sandoz - Cherry County

1. Sheriff - Rusty Osburn - Cherry County - Law Enforcement
2. Deputy Emergency Management - Jessica J Coyle - Cherry County - Emergency Operating Staff
3. Emergency Management Admin Assistant - Kay Reese - Cherry County - Emergency Operating Staff

Who is authorized to activate sirens?.

Primary: Emergency Management Director - Matt Sandoz - Cherry County

1. Sheriff - Rusty Osburn - Cherry County - Law Enforcement
2. Deputy Emergency Management - Jessica J Coyle - Cherry County - Emergency Operating Staff
3. Police Chief - Dana Miller - City of Valentine - Law Enforcement

**ANNEX - TESTING, TRAINING, AND EXERCISES /
PLAN MAINTENANCE**

Test, Training, and Exercises / Plan Maintenance

The LEOP documents the past, present, and future events that support their Test, Training, and Exercise program for their Local Emergency Operations Plan. These events are documented below in chronological order starting with the most recent:

Event Title: Mass Casualty Training

Event Date: 5/10/2021

Event Type: Table Top Exercise

Event Status: Completed

Description:

Mass Casualty training with Shirley Knudsen at the Cherry County Hospital Conference Room

Event Title: EOC Covid 19 Update

Event Date: 3/03/2021

Event Type: Continuity Event/Activation

Event Status: Completed

Description:

Meeting attended by Hosp /City/ County / Dr / to discuss pandemic response

**ANNEX
RISK ASSESSMENT**

Fire (Man-Made Risk) Risk Rating: 3.2 - High	
Probability = <i>Highly Likely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 1 Day</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>A fire is the exothermic chemical process of combustion that consumes oxygen and releases heat, light, and often a host of smoke and other materials. Fires can start under various circumstances such as arson, lightning, burning chemicals such as natural gas or petroleum, or from malfunctioning electronics.</p>	<p>Fires have a lasting impact in terms of the property they destroy and lives it may take either through direct contact and burning, known as conflagration, or through the chemicals released through its smoke. A fire's smoke can contain hazardous chemicals that can be breathed by people causing health effects ranging from temporary illness to death. Additionally, its smoke can leave a residue throughout a facility rendering it unusable for a period of time. Clean up costs from a fire's smoke can be extremely costly. If a fire burns uncontrollably, it has the potential to destroy an entire facility or even jump to another structure and continue its path of destruction. Fires of any size, scale, or intensity will severely disrupt operations.</p>

Extreme Weather - Winter Storm (Natural Risk) Risk Rating: 2.9 - Moderate	
Probability = <i>Highly Likely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>12-24 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 1 Day</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>A winter storm can be characterized by multiple severe elements: including strong winds, ice, heavy or prolonged snow, sleet, and extreme temperatures. Winter storms can be disproportionately hazardous in areas and regions that only see winter storms intermittently. Winter storms are typically anticipated, but like other storm fronts, the severity of a storm is not as easily predicted and even when it is, the window of notification can range from a few hours to under an hour. Although meteorologists can estimate total precipitation amounts the actual effects can vary based on moisture content, ice, winds and/or recent, prior weather.</p>	<p>Winter storms can pose risk to life and property, as well as have numerous effects on operations and performance: they can immobilize entire regions, block roads, railways, and close airports. Heavy snow, ice, and freezing rain can bring down trees, utility poles, collapse roofs, and communications towers. The long term economic impact from a winter storm can be significant both because of direct damage but also in regards to lost economic activity.</p> <p>Heavy snow and ice can accumulate on power lines, bringing them down, and creating power grid disruptions. Please see the risk assessment on power outages for more information on the</p>

An ice storm is used to describe occasions when damaging accumulations of ice are expected or freezing rain has the potential to adhere to low temp surfaces accelerating accumulation. Significant accumulations pull down trees, limbs and above ground utility lines resulting in loss of power and communication. These accumulations of ice make all forms of transit dangerous, including for pedestrians. Significant ice accumulations are usually ¼" or greater.

The duration and range of temperatures has a significant impact on the severity of the storm, particularly in cases where labile temperatures cause thawing and refreezing. Winds can transform even moderate snowfall into visibility hampering events, and make road traffic significantly more dangerous.

effects of downed power lines.

Low temperatures can place unprepared people at risk from exposure related risks such as hypothermia. This risk can be compounded by heavy snow fall which may leave people trapped in their homes or on roadways. Additionally, the traffic congestion that may arise from heavy snow or ice can not only delay or prevent people from performing daily operations, but can also put them at a higher risk of traffic accidents or fatalities. Extremely low temperatures coupled with an inability or lowered ability to heat a facility can cause water pipes to burst creating additional recovery and structural problems.

The combination of impacts caused by a winter storm can be far reaching. The impact on transportation can create staffing problems as well as shipping and receiving delays. Any loss of life will have lasting impacts while daily operations will be difficult if any power outages or communication disruptions occur.

Extreme Weather - High Temperature (Natural Risk)**Risk Rating: 2.2 - Moderate**Probability = *Likely*, Magnitude Severity = *Limited*, Warning Time = *24+ Hours*, Duration = *Less Than 6 Hours**Risk Description*

Heat is the single most deadly weather phenomenon in the United States, resulting in hundreds of fatalities each year. On average, extreme heat claims more lives each year than floods, lightning, tornadoes and hurricanes combined. Heat's ability to do serious damage or kill is an exponential function, linked to relative humidity. The following NOAA chart outlines this function:

NOAA's National Weather Service**Heat Index**

Temperature (°F)

Relative Humidity (%)	80	82	84	86	88	90	92	94	96	98	100	102	104	106	108	110
40	80	81	83	85	88	91	94	97	101	105	109	114	119	124	130	136
45	80	82	84	87	89	93	96	100	104	109	114	119	124	130	137	
50	81	83	85	88	91	95	99	103	108	113	118	124	131	137		
55	81	84	86	89	93	97	101	106	112	117	124	130	137			
60	82	84	88	91	95	100	105	110	116	123	129	137				
65	82	85	89	93	98	103	108	114	121	126	130					
70	83	86	90	95	100	105	112	119	126	134						
75	84	88	92	97	103	109	116	124	132							
80	84	89	94	100	106	113	121	129								
85	85	90	96	102	110	117	126	135								
90	86	91	98	105	113	122	131									
95	86	93	100	108	117	127										
100	87	95	103	112	121	132										

Likelihood of Heat Disorders with Prolonged Exposure or Strenuous Activity

Caution

Extreme Caution

Danger

Extreme Danger

Risk Impact

High temperatures can impact staff and equipment inside facilities as well as while conducting operations outside facilities. High temperatures can affect staff and equipment inside improperly ventilated and cooled facilities by creating an uncomfortable environment and causing mission essential equipment to overheat. Overheating equipment can be temporarily shut down or permanently damaged. Uncomfortable working environments, while unlikely to be a danger to staff, will severely hamper efficiency and productivity. High temperatures can cause an overuse of the power grid, to maintain reasonable indoor temperatures, which will in turn cause a failure of the electrical grid and cause a power outage. Please see the risk assessment on power outages for more information.

High temperatures can pose a high risk to staff working

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North American summers are hot, and the majority of the United States sees heat waves on a regular basis. East of the Rockies, they tend to combine both high temperature and high humidity; although historically some of the worst heat waves have been catastrophically dry.

outdoors. Public works, parks, and other outdoor staff can be put at medical risks if proper precautions, hydration and skin protection, are not taken. Any staff that may have to use protective equipment, ranging from construction to firefighting or hazardous materials containment, are put at extreme risk and must go to extra efforts to maintain their hydration. Prolonged exposure to high temperatures can cause heat stroke, hospitalization, or permanent disability.

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High temperatures do not necessarily need be extreme. Quickly rising temperatures can have detrimental impacts on the melting of snow packs of higher elevations. Snow packs that melt too quickly, are likely to create flash floods, landslides, or mudslides.Â

Severe Thunderstorms (Natural Risk) Risk Rating: 2.65 - Moderate	
Probability = <i>Likely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>Severe thunderstorms can present a number of challenges for daily operations and a variety of sectors and industries. Seasonal weather patterns are to be expected as are intermittent cases of extreme weather. Extreme weather can occur in the form of any combination of hail, lightning, tornadoes, or various types of wind. NOAA prediction models can often indicate storms capable of producing severe hail, lightning or tornados, but accurate paths will not be available sometimes until minutes before a threat is in the area.</p> <p>Hail is pelletized precipitation in the form of balls of ice more than 5 mm in diameter, falling from a cumulonimbus cloud. High and strong winds Sustained wind speeds of 40 miles per hour or greater lasting for 1 hour or longer, or winds of 58 miles per hour or greater for any duration. Often referred to as straight line winds to differentiate from rotating or tornado associated wind. Lightning is a visible electrical discharge produced by a thunderstorm. The discharge may occur within or between clouds, between the cloud and air, between a cloud and the ground or between the ground and a cloud. Thunderstorm Winds are the same classification as high or strong winds, but accompanies a thunderstorm. It is also referred to as a straight line wind to differentiate from rotating or tornado associated wind. Tornadoes are violent, dangerous, rotating column of air that is in contact with both the surface of the earth and a cumulonimbus cloud or, in rare cases, the base of a cumulus cloud. Often referred to as a twister or a cyclone, they can strike anywhere and with little warning. Tornadoes come in many shapes and sizes, but are typically in the form of a visible condensation funnel, whose narrow end touches the earth and is often encircled by a cloud of debris and dust.</p>	<p>Tornadic and straight line winds can cause damage to buildings and widespread loss of life. They have been known to lift and move objects weighing more than 3 tons, toss homes more than 300 feet from their foundations, and siphon millions of tons of water. However, less spectacular damage is much more common, but costly none the less. Houses and other obstructions in the path of the wind cause the wind to change direction. This change in wind direction increases pressure on parts of the building. The combination of increased pressures and fluctuating wind speeds creates stress on the building that frequently causes connections between building components, roofing, siding, windows, etc., to fail. Tornadoes and non-tornado winds can also generate a tremendous amount of flying debris. If wind speeds are high enough, airborne debris can be thrown at buildings with enough force to penetrate windows, roofs, and walls.</p> <p>Structural impacts from tornadoes and non-tornado winds can hinder operational effectiveness by damaging or destroying employee homes, the office, or both. Depending on the intensity, employees may be prevented from reaching work due to down power lines or debris.</p> <p>Lightning often hits with little impact, although when it does, it can create a wildfire or urban fire. If it hits a building lacking the proper surge protection, it can damage any equipment connected to the electrical grid. In the event of a large wildfire, homes and offices may be put at risk of limited inoperability or total destruction.</p> <p>Hail is the least likely type of extreme weather to affect</p>

Any of these types of weather can scale across a region or limited and isolated in their extent of impact. Hail may strike a single neighborhood or hit over an extended portion of a city. Similarly, this behavior extends to each of the mentioned types of extreme weather.	operational effectiveness. Hail often, even in the most severe cases, causes damage to roofs and vehicles, but does not prevent their use. It is possible that large enough hail can injure some employees, but even in very severe cases, this requires minimal medical attention.
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Tornado (Natural Risk) Risk Rating: 2.2 - Moderate	
Probability = <i>Possible</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>A tornado is a violently rotating column of air extending from a thunderstorm to the ground. Tornadoes are the most violent of all atmospheric storms and are capable of tremendous destruction. Wind speeds can exceed 250 mph, and damage paths can be more than one mile wide and 50 miles long. In an average year, more than 900 tornadoes are reported in the United States, resulting in approximately 80 deaths and more than 1,500 injuries. Although tornadoes have been documented on every continent, they occur most frequently in the United States east of the Rocky Mountains. Most tornadoes and tornado-related deaths and injuries occur during the months of April, May, and June. However, tornadoes have struck in every month. Similarly, while most tornadoes occur between 3:00 and 9:00 p.m., a tornado can strike at any time.</p>	<p>Impacts of a Tornado may result in partial or complete loss of facilities. Tornado events could result in in a temporary loss of power and/or phone service lasting from a few hours to several days, Results could complicate communication with staff as well as impede standard operations.</p>

Power Outage (Technological) Risk Rating: 2.85 - Moderate	
Probability = <i>Likely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 1 Week</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>Electrical power is the keystone to countless daily operations. Without it, domestic, commercial and most other jurisdictional functionality may cease. Electrical power is sourced through a variety of mechanisms throughout the country, many of which are hundreds of miles from their final delivery point. This delivery consists of a complex infrastructure that creates a grid of generating plants, cabling, distribution stations, sub-stations and regional transformers. This extended network makes grids and their components both difficult to maintain or repair during adverse events. Disruptions of the grid, or any of its components, can range from localized, individual service issues to large scale regional interruptions. Localized disruptions are often caused by severe weather (ice, wind, lightning) or construction, traffic or flooding damage to cables and hubs. Larger disruptions can be caused by a number of issues including excessive demand or burden on the grid (brownouts or blackouts) during extreme temperatures, focal damage to a distribution station or substation, or taking a generating plant offline.</p> <p>The repercussions of a large scale outage can be locally mitigated through backup power sources: generators, battery backups, and protection equipment with surge capable power supplies. Regardless, any local mitigation implementation is only a temporary solution to a system-wide problem. Interruptions can cause secondary hazards such as the absence of traffic signals, road signage, and mass transit delays. Serious secondary hazards such as cooling to nuclear power plants or the management of air traffic control facilities will be managed at the Federal level exclusively, but will require significant</p>	<p>The effects of an interruption will vary depending on which services and operations are effected. Long-term events or a seriously damaged grid have the potential to impact both routine functions, but some of those populations most vulnerable in hospitals, schools, colleges and rural populations. The more necessary a service or operation is to protecting life and property, the greater effect a power outage will have on operations. However, this is not a rule as much as a guideline. Hospitals and health care facilities rely more on electricity than does a police department's ability to patrol a community.</p> <p>Each department must determine which operations will suffer the greatest from a loss of power while weighing the value of their operations to protect life and property. Additionally, each department must create a long-term plan to implement in the event of a region-wide loss of power occurring over a period of multiple days to weeks.</p>

collaboration with local jurisdiction to fully address the scope of the risk.

Flood (Natural Risk)

Risk Rating: 1.45 - Low

Probability = *Unlikely*, Magnitude Severity = *Negligible*, Warning Time = *12-24 Hours*, Duration = *More Than 1 Week*

Risk Description

Risk Impact

Flooding is the most prevalent and costly disaster in the United States. Flooding occurs when water, due to dam failures, rain, or melting snows, exceeds the absorptive capacity of the soil and the flow capacity of rivers, streams or coastal areas. At this point, the water concentration hyper extends the capacity of the flood way and the water enters the floodplain. Floods are most common in seasons of rain and thunderstorms and pose the greatest risk to infrastructure and facilities which exist within an established floodplain.

Intense rainfall, accompanying the large thunderstorms, may result in water flowing rapidly from higher elevations into valleys, collecting in, and sometimes overtopping the low lying streams. Various types of floods can happen quickly in the form of a flash flood, or accumulate seasonally over a period of weeks as is the case in a riverine flood. Flooding can occur anytime throughout the year, but is typically associated with the spring season.

Additionally, extremely low temperatures compounded by poor insulation or a lack of maintenance can cause a facility's water main or other pipes to burst.

Since flash floods are often localized, they will tend to drain quicker and cause less damage than a riverine flood. Riverine flooding can last for short period or up to weeks depending on the amount of water affecting the ground and drainage systems saturation. A water main or pipe burst will continue to flood until the appropriate valves can be accessed and the water flow terminated.

All three types of flooding can cause direct damage to electrical equipment, vehicles, and render a facility unusable for a period of time. Prolonged flooding can render a structure unusable for humans due to the growth of mold and other bacteria that thrive in cold, damp, and dark environments. There is also a risk of cross-contamination between broken drinking water supply lines and sewage lines.

Floods can result in a partial to complete loss of a facility severely hindering operational effectiveness. Quickly flowing water resulting from flooding can damage or destroy bridges and roadways creating a transportation disruption. Additionally, intense flooding can be expected to disrupt the electrical grid and communications systems.

Hazardous Materials Incident (HAZMAT) (Man-Made Risk) Risk Rating: 1.55 - Low	
Probability = <i>Unlikely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Negligible</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 1 Day</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>A hazardous materials event is the accidental release or spill of materials that have a detrimental impact on the environment, property, or life. These materials can be chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, or explosive. Typically, an event is created by the result of a transportation accident, the mishandling of materials, or the malfunction of equipment at a fixed facility. Depending on the amount of released material, weather conditions, and the nature of the material itself, the scope and arrange of impacts can vary greatly. The most at risk areas, other than primary transportation routes, are those businesses and industries which produce and handle the materials such as in manufacturing, energy production, or chemical processing.</p>	<p>Evacuation is the most common impact of a HAZMAT incident for people to avoid unprotected contact with the substance, which can result in death or serious injury. A process of evacuation in place, isolating people and their property by safely closing themselves off from outside air at home or work, is another effective means of protection. Decontamination of equipment and buildings may be necessary before operations can be resumed. Response and recovery are often very expensive and harmful to responders and the general population.</p>

Pandemic Event (Biological Risk) Risk Rating: 1.6 - Low	
Probability = <i>Unlikely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Limited</i> , Warning Time = <i>24+ Hours</i> , Duration = <i>More Than 1 Week</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>A pandemic is an epidemic of infectious disease that has spread throughout a population across a large region past what is considered "normal." Historical pandemics include outbreaks of plagues, HIV/AIDS, smallpox, tuberculosis, measles, malaria, yellow fever, leprosy, typhus, cholera, and influenza. Contemporary pandemics are not limited to this list, but if one does occur, it will most likely be a mutated form of one. They are characterized by their rate infection, spread, and death. Limiting social interaction, health care, and personal hygiene are paramount in preventing further spread of a pandemic.</p>	<p>The impacts of a pandemic are related to its prognosis. If the disease is debilitating, a significant, but temporary, shortage of office personnel can be expected to hinder operational effectiveness. If the disease is terminal, greater, long-term, problems will exist for the organization. In either case, medical facilities and services will be strained. It is possible a pandemic will result in measures to contain the disease that could limit or shut down travel. A transportation disruption can hinder operational effectiveness and delivery times.</p>

Dam or Levee Failure (Man-Made Risk) Risk Rating: 2.5 - Moderate	
Probability = <i>Unlikely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Catastrophic</i> , Warning Time = <i>6-12 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>More Than 1 Week</i>	
<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>Dams and Levees are regularly evaluated and tested for structural safety and integrity. But failures do occur, and in those cases, losses are usually severe. Weakening of levees over time, or as a result of weather events exceeding the levee's level of support, can cause the levee to be overtopped or breached, thus increasing the chance for flooding. Severe silting and/or subsidence of underlying soils can also compromise dam and levee integrity. Homeowners and renters insurance policies usually do not cover flood loss, therefore FEMA strongly encourages those who live and work behind levees to consider flood insurance as financial security from an event.</p> <p>Dams and ponds holding slurry mixtures can release thousands of gallons of waste water contaminated with heavy metals and coal ash byproducts. The Kingston Fossil Plant TVA Dam failure in 2008 in Kingston, TN released over 1.1 billion gallons of coal ash into the Clinch River, there is as of yet, no definitive end in sight to remediation. The levee breeches during Hurricane Katrina in in New Orleans in 2005 were stark reminders of the near complete destruction that can occur at urban centers dependant on levees for water control.</p>	<p>The costs and damage assesments for dam or levee failure can take weeks to months, with mold, secondary hazards such as electrical damage and historic site rehabilitation complicating scenarios. Federal subsidies and grants may assist with the buy back of SRL properties but will not temper the long term reticence of populations to rebuild near or around waterways.</p>

Earthquake (Natural Risk) Risk Rating: 1.45 - Low
Probability = <i>Unlikely</i> , Magnitude Severity = <i>Negligible</i> , Warning Time = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i> , Duration = <i>Less Than 6 Hours</i>

<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
<p>An earthquake is defined as released energy from a sudden slip on a fault in the tectonic plates that make up the earth's crust. While tectonic plates are always in motion, they become temporarily caught on their edges due to friction. When the stress on the edge overcomes the friction, there is an earthquake that releases energy in seismic waves which travel through the earth's crust. An earthquake's point of initial rupture is called its focus or hypocenter. The epicenter is the point at ground level directly above the hypocenter.</p> <p>Earthquakes have no known meteorological or seasonal correlations. While they cannot be predicted probabilities can be calculated for potential future earthquakes. For example, scientists estimate that over the next 30 years the probability of a major EQ occurring in the San Francisco Bay area is 67% and 60% in Southern California.</p> <p>The term "magnitude" roughly defines the size of the earthquake event. Magnitude is based on measurement of the maximum motion recorded by a seismograph. Magnitude alone however is not indicative of the earthquake's potential for damage. Earthquakes with shallow focal points are generally capable of causing more severe damage to infrastructure. In addition to the seismic strength at the hypocenter, the impact felt at ground level can be compounded by the composition of the soil, building material and construction standards, the depth of the hypocenter, distance from the epicenter, duration of the seismic discharge, and number of secondary hazards created.</p> <p>Earthquakes can create a number of secondary hazards. When the hypocenter of an earthquake is located underwater, the seabed may be displaced sufficiently to create a tsunami. Earthquakes can also trigger landslides, power outages, fires from damaged natural gas pipes, dam failure and subsequent</p>	<p>It is common for the aftershocks of the earthquake to cause more damage than the initial impact itself, as infrastructure and facilities have already been weakened by the first impact. Earthquakes can damage infrastructure and facilities at varying degrees of severity. The potential impacts on infrastructure can include the disruption of the electrical grid, natural gas and petroleum pipelines, transportation infrastructure (roadways, railways, bridges, and tunnels), and phone service (landline and cellular). The primary characteristics of an earthquake and the secondary hazards it creates will determine the severity of the impact. The impact can range from little to no change in the jurisdiction's operational effectiveness, to massive impairment and loss of functional operations.</p>

flooding, and occasionally volcanic activity. Large earthquakes are often followed by a series of smaller earthquakes, called aftershocks that can occur minutes to days after the initial impact.

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Man-Made Technological Disruption (Man-Made Risk)

Risk Rating: 3.4 - High

Probability = *Highly Likely*, Magnitude Severity = *Limited*, Warning Time = *Less Than 6 Hours*, Duration = *More Than 1 Week*

<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
Man-Made technological disruption encompasses any intentional, inadvertent, or accidental action taken by an individual or group which results in interference or damage to electronic equipment, either hardware or software. This includes corruption of data, human error, cyber-attacks, data theft, sabotage, hacking, or virus deployment.	<p>The effects of such actions can range from anywhere from an operational nuisance to the complete suspension of electronic and digital operations or permanent equipment damage. Prevention measures to these attacks are limited to well trained and competent information technology groups, established information security operating procedures, and a staff familiar with information security operating procedures.</p> <p>A man-made technological disruption can be expensive. The downtime from the disruption can suspend all operations. Additionally, the extra hours required by an information technology group to fix the disruption further compounds the operational loss. Highly trained and competent information technology groups can be a costly fixed expense, but it vastly outweighs the financial loss incurred from such an event.</p>

Man-Made Physical Disruption (Man-Made Risk)

Risk Rating: 2.3 - Moderate

Probability = *Possible*, Magnitude Severity = *Limited*, Warning Time = *Less Than 6 Hours*, Duration = *Less Than 1 Day*

<i>Risk Description</i>	<i>Risk Impact</i>
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Man-Made physical disruptions encompasses any intentional, inadvertent, or accidental physical actions taken by an individual or group which results in a disruption in services, damage to property, threat to injure, or actualized injury or harm. This includes acts of sabotage, bombing or bomb threats, threats of bodily harm, physical or firearm related violence, vandalism, terrorism, theft, or kidnapping. These actions can range from a direct action, a suspicious looking package or letter, to telephoned or emailed threats. It does not matter if person or group intends on following through with the threat: the fear of a threat is cause enough to create an operational disruption. None of these events have to take place at a worksite to create a disruption.

These disruptions can cause secondary hazards, and long term economic costs from lost revenue, closures and failure to thrive for regional industries can be devastating. Public information and trust in jurisdictional law enforcement can be compromised depending on the perceived response and media coverage.

The most common form man-made disruptions takes are generalized physical threats. A threat can generate fear among both the recipient and co-workers, regardless of whether they were the target or not. The range of impact from a threat can range to the lost productivity and emotional well-being of an individual to an evacuation and loss of productivity and sense of well-being to an entire region wide organization. Comparatively, random acts of vandalism can create a sense of fear and insecurity among an organization.

If a threat is carried out, or simply any direct action is taken, the results can vary widely. These acts can harm or kill an individual, or in more extreme cases, such as a terrorist attack, can level entire office buildings or area of a city. Regardless of the range of effects from a carried out direct action, the resulting effects on an organization will be disastrous to its operations.

ANNEX - FILE ARCHIVE ATTACHMENTS

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The following attachments for the EOP are located in the Cherry County File Archive. Each file listed below includes the name of the file, a description of the file, and the most recent date the file was uploaded.

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