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Evacuation Plan
GARRETT COUNTY
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
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EVACUATION

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this annex is to provide for an orderly and coordinated evacuation of the population of Garrett County should the need arise because of an enemy attack, natural hazard or other major incident.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

There are several emergency situations which might require an evacuation of parts of Garrett County. Small scale localized evacuations might be needed as a result of a flood, hazardous materials incident, major fire or transportation accident. A large scale evacuation could be required in the event of an enemy attack.

B. Assumptions

1. The number of people initially affected is not a satisfactory criterion for deciding whether or not to activate the emergency management organization. The nature of the threat, possibility of escalation, the need for expert consultation, etc., must also be considered.

2. Primary means of transportation for the movement of evacuees will be privately owned and operated motor vehicles.

3. People who refuse to follow evacuation instructions will be left alone until all who are willing to leave have been provided for. Then, time permitting, further efforts will be made to persuade others to evacuate.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

Factors that must be considered when planning for evacuation include the characteristics of the hazard itself, the magnitude, intensity, spread of onset and the duration of the emergency, etc.
B. Phases of Management

1. Mitigation
   a. Identification of areas potentially in need of evacuation (i.e., flood plains, areas near hazardous materials,)
   b. Discouragement of development in hazard zones, particularly residential development.

2. Preparedness
   a. Identification of population groups requiring special assistance during evacuation (i.e., senior citizens, hearing impaired, handicapped, etc.)
   b. Planned evacuation routes, taking traffic capacities and deteriorating conditions into account.

3. Response
   a. Initiation of evacuation orders, when necessary.
   b. Traffic and perimeter control, as needed.
   c. Evacuation of special needs groups.
   d. Public information activities.
   e. Police protection for evacuated areas.
   f. Designate shelter/reception areas if necessary.

4. Recovery
   a. Initiate return, where possible.
   b. Control traffic.
   c. Conduct public information activities

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Organization

The emergency organization at the county level is as described in Section IV of the Basic Plan.
While evacuation plans for known hazards have been developed, specific plans for unexpected emergencies will be determined by the Board of County Commissioners and the EOC support staff at the time of the emergency based on the above factors but will include the following elements:

1. Evacuation area: The geographical and/or political area to be evacuated.

2. Assembly points: Specific points where persons without private transportation will report for evacuation by public transport.

3. Evacuation routes: Designated routes to be followed by all vehicles used in the evacuation process.

4. Traffic control points: Locations of manned police posts to provide both traffic control and emergency assistance.

5. Assembly areas: Geographical areas or buildings which will provide some measure of protection from the actual or threatened disaster.

6. Mass Care facilities: Buildings or other facilities designated for the provision of food and/or emergency shelter to evacuees.

7. Medical Aid stations: Location of medical aid stations on evacuation routes and in the assembly areas.

8. Time Limit: The estimated time available for evacuation prior to an unreasonable risk to life and limb from the disaster.

9. Personnel Restrictions or Recommendations: A recommendation for clothing to be worn and taken, the size and weight limits of baggage to be carried by evacuees using public transportation.
B. Responsibilities

In situations involving evacuation of a number of people sufficient to cause mobilization of the emergency management organization, the following assignments will be carried out to the extent permitted by time and circumstances:

1. Emergency Management & Civil Defense
   a. Issue all evacuation orders, at the direction of the Board of County Commissioners.
   b. Develop specific evacuation plans.
   c. Coordinate evacuation efforts.
   d. Conduct evacuation efforts.
   e. Coordinate relocation into other jurisdictions, if required.

2. Law Enforcement

The Garrett County Sheriff’s Department will direct all law enforcement activities assisted by the Maryland State Police, Dept. of Natural Resources Police and municipal police as required.

   a. Assist with the warning process by patrolling assigned areas, reinforcing information provided through mass media.
   b. Assist with selection of evacuation routes, assembly points and traffic control points.
   c. Provide security for evacuated areas.
   d. Provide security for shelter/reception centers.
   e. Conduct evacuation of county jail population, if necessary.
   f. Traffic control shall be provided by MSP augmented by members of the Sheriff’s Department and Municipal Police as required.
   g. Traffic control points, movement
control, emergency repair and towing service, emergency fuel service and information and assistance points will be provided by MSP, augmented as necessary by other law enforcement agencies.

3. Transportation - Board of Education
   a. Coordinate all public and privately volunteered transportation resources planned for use in evacuation.
   b. Provide buses for transportation, including specially equipped vehicles for transportation of those with special needs, i.e., handicapped, etc.
   c. Provide buses for return of evacuees.

4. Board of Education
   Provide reception/mass care centers, if required.

5. County Roads Department
   a. Provide advice on road conditions and recommend routes to be used for evacuation.
   b. Assist with evacuation during inclement weather, i.e., snow storms, flooded roads, debris removal, etc.
   c. Assist in evacuation notification.
   d. Provide vehicles to assist in evacuation of residents as necessary.
   e. Provide equipment and personnel to relocate essential resources (personnel, critical supplies and equipment) to evacuation and shelter/reception areas.

6. Volunteer Fire Companies/Rescue Squads
   a. Provide ambulances and personnel to assist in evacuation of hospitals and nursing homes as required.
   b. Provide basic emergency medical services, i.e., first-aid, along evacuation routes, if necessary.
c. Assist in evacuation notification.

7. County Health Officer
   a. Establish emergency medical services in reception/shelter areas to provide necessary care for evacuees.
   b. Evacuees requiring extended medical services will be initially accommodated in Garrett County Memorial Hospital. When required, additional extended care facilities will be requested by the County Health Officer from the Secretary DHMH.

8. Department of Social Services
   a. Establish reception/mass care centers provide emergency registration, inquiry and shelter management assistance until Red Cross teams are available.
   b. Coordinate the procurement of mass care needs such as beds, bedding, clothing, food and eating utensils.

9. American Red Cross
   a. When Red Cross teams become available assume operation of mass care shelters, emergency registration, inquiry and shelter management.
   b. Coordinate with the local Department of Social Services and other disaster relief agencies for the procurement of food and other supplies for evacuees.
   c. Compile list of missing persons reported by evacuees in their facilities and provide list to EOC at the earliest possible time.

10. Public Information Officer
    Prepare public information releases for local EOC to advise residents of areas affected and actions to be taken by residents, i.e., assembly points for persons without private transportation, evacuation routes to be used, etc.
V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

A. General

The Board of County Commissioners and the Director of Emergency Management are the overall authority for the evacuation effort. All activities will be coordinated through the EOC, which will serve as the source of all direction and control.

B. Nuclear Attack

Garrett County has been designated as a host area, therefore, plans for a large scale evacuation for this purpose are not required. (TR-82)

C. Hazardous Materials Incident

Evacuation in the event of a hazardous materials incident is covered in Annex Q of the Garrett County Emergency Operations Plan.

D. Flood

In the event of local river flooding, some low-lying areas may have to be evacuated (See Tab 1). Warning will be provided in accordance with Annex L (Warning). Law enforcement personnel will be responsible for providing on-site assistance to evacuees. Additionally, floods resulting from dam failure are covered in contingency plans for each dam, i.e. Deep Creek Dam, Jennings Randolph Lake.

E. Localized Evacuations

All small-scaled evacuations will be coordinated through the EOC. Law enforcement personnel will have the primary responsibility for on-scene control.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

Continuity of Government must be maintained in an emergency evacuation situation. Detailed procedures for accomplishing this are covered in Section III.D (Direction and Control) of the Basic Plan.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. Administration and logistics will be controlled by the Garrett County Director of Emergency Management.

B. Normal practices and procedures will be contin-
ued under emergency conditions to the extent possible.

C. During emergency operations, every effort will be made to document each transaction sufficiently so that complete records can be reconstructed and claims properly verified after the emergency has passed.

D. To the extent consistent with law, no administrative process will be permitted to interfere with operations essential to preventing injury, loss of life and significant property damage.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The Director of Garrett County Emergency Management has the primary responsibility for the development and maintenance of this Annex.

IX. ABBREVIATIONS AND ACRONYMS

DHMH- Department of Health and Mental Hygiene
EBS- Emergency Broadcast System
EOC- Emergency Operations Center
MSP- Maryland State Police