

1.14 Milwaukee County ESF #4 - Fire Fighting

Preface

Large scale incidents involving fire service response will place extraordinary demands on available resources and logistical support systems.

Primary Agency

Local Fire Departments

MILWAUKEE COUNTY AGENCIES

Primary

- Local Fire Departments

Support

- American Red Cross
- Fire Departments
- Law Enforcement Agencies
- MABAS – Mutual Aid Box Alarm System
- Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services – Facilities Management
- Milwaukee Fire Bell
- Public Works (Municipal)
- Utilities

State of Wisconsin AGENCIES

Primary

- WEM – WI Emergency Management
- WI DNR – WI Department of Natural Resources

Support

- ARC – American Red Cross
- SA – Salvation Army
- WEDC – WI Economic Development Corporation
- WI DATCP – WI Department of Agriculture, Trade & Consumer Protection
- WI DMA – WI Department of Military Affairs
- WI DOJ – WI Department of Justice
- WI DOT – WI Department of Transportation
- WI OCI – WI Office of Commissioner of Insurance
- WSFCA – WI State Fire Chiefs Association

Federal AGENCIES

Primary

- Department of Agriculture/Forest Service

Support

- Department of Commerce
- Department of Defense
- Department of Homeland Security
- Department of the Interior
- Department of State
- Environmental Protection Agency

Likely Support Includes:

- Manage and coordinate firefighting activities, including the detection and suppression of fires on federal lands, and provides personnel, equipment, and supplies in support of state, tribal, and local agencies involved in wildland, rural, and urban firefighting operations.

A. PURPOSE

1. The purpose of Emergency Support Function # 4 is to facilitate countywide coordinated use of fire department resources in fire prevention, suppression and control of urban, rural, and wildland fires and other hazardous emergencies.

B. POLICIES

1. Provide County wide support services in the prevention, preparedness, detection and suppression of fires, emergency medical services, technical rescue operations, other hazardous conditions; and in mobilizing and providing personnel, equipment, and other supplies.

2. Search and Rescue is formally addressed in ESF # 9, Hazardous Materials is addressed in ESF # 10 and Medical Service is addressed in ESF # 16.

PRIMARY DEPARTMENT RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS BY PHASE

LOCAL FIRE DEPARTMENTS

Pre-Emergency	<p>Work with the Office of Emergency Management to:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Maintain this Emergency Support Function (ESF). 2. Maintain inventories of resources and equipment. 3. Participate in drills, exercises and other ongoing training. 4. Develop emergency action plans and checklists. 5. Maintain mutual aid agreements, including MABAS. 6. Provide fire prevention and other outreach programs. 7. Provide facility life safety code enforcement inspections.
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Emergency	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. When mobilized for emergency situations, send response teams/personnel, equipment, and vehicles to the emergency site, staging areas, or other location, as appropriate. 2. Manage fire/rescue resources, direct fire operations, rescue injured people during emergency operations, and determine the need, as appropriate, for evacuation of the immediate area in and around the emergency scene. 3. Report initial damage assessment to EOC when activated. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Report the need for rescue, the numbers of dead or injured, damage to buildings, public facilities such as roads and bridges, and utilities. (Compiled by dispatch and communicated to the EOC.) • b. Advise if an event exceeds local capabilities and advise if an event requires notification of the State EOC. 4. Order evacuations due to unsafe buildings, fire danger, hazardous materials, or any other reason identified by competent authority. 5. Coordinate with Incident Commander, the Milwaukee County EOC and the State EOC, as appropriate in the evacuation of people at risk in the evacuation area. 6. Alert "On Scene First Responders" of the dangers associated with technological hazards and fire during emergency operations. 7. When requested, Milwaukee County Association Of Fire Chiefs President or designee reports to the Milwaukee County EOC, when the EOC has been activated during an emergency.
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Emergency Operations Center (EOC)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Staff the ESF # 4 position in the EOC. 2. Identify incident sites requiring firefighting services. 3. Ensure operation of fire dispatch and reporting systems. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Provide alternate communication links if necessary. 4. Determine condition, status of Milwaukee County firefighting resources. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Make routine contact with fire stations/departments. • b. Request damage report from each fire station to estimate neighborhood damages. 5. Determine present and project future need for firefighting and other on-scene resources: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Communications. • b. Emergency Medical. • c. Search and rescue. • d. Heavy rescue. • e. Evacuation. • f. Mobile shelter. • g. Transport of emergency responders and resources. • h. Other Logistics: food; water; emergency power; lighting; etc. 6. Assure Incident Command receives needed resources when available. 7. Sources for resources can include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Local, state, federal mutual aid. • b. State EOC. • c. Mutual Aid Box Alarm System (MABAS). 8. Establish, maintain contact with other EOCs through the EOC Manager as appropriate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Provide information on damages, status of Milwaukee County firefighting systems. • b. Request additional firefighting resources, as requested. 9. Determine if support is required to other jurisdictions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Do not dispatch mutual aid resources until it is determined those resources are not needed in the Milwaukee County. • b. Assess Milwaukee County's ability to respond based on existing resources and possible threat to our community. 11. Maintain records of cost and expenditures to accomplish this ESF and forward them to the EOC Finance/ Administration Section Chief. 12. The Incident Commander will activate mutual aid support through MABAS as required.
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Recovery Actions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Conduct post-incident reviews to evaluate cause and performance. 2. Provide estimates for damages, repairs, and other costs. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • a. Also see ESF 14: Long Term Recovery. 3. Participate as member of Recovery Team as requested. 4. Recommend prevention, protection, and mitigation and redevelopment projects.
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SUPPORT DEPARTMENTS RESPONSIBILITIES/TASKS	
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American Red Cross	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide mass care for major fire scenes. 2. Support Fire Department actions by providing individual assistance, and shelter staffing. 3. Provide support to firefighting personnel during large incidents (food, drink, etc.) as requested.
Fire Departments	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Coordinate fire service activities within their jurisdiction for prevention, suppression & code enforcement. 2. Conduct search and rescue operations. 3. Provide fire protection. 4. Monitor radiological operations. 5. Support other public safety operations. 6. Assist with public information program. 7. Maintain current standard operating procedures and resource information. 8. Augment communications to emergency.
Law Enforcement Agencies	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Communicate with Fire Department on reports of fires. 2. Enforce orders of fire officers and implement/enforce evacuation orders, when necessary. 3. Provide Law Enforcement Agencies and traffic control in support of Fire Department actions. 4. Order/conduct evacuations when necessary to save lives and protect property. 5. Provide security for essential facilities. 6. Assist Fire Department in restricting access to unsafe buildings or areas. 7. Manage re-entry process into affected area(s).
Milwaukee County Department of Administrative Services - Facilities Management	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position traffic control devices (i.e., barricades, covers, etc.) as per Fire Department instructions. 2. Clear roads for emergency vehicles. 3. Support firefighters with general manpower, earthmovers, and like equipment. 4. Shut-off utilities as requested. 5. Perform building demolitions. 6. Assist with maintaining water flow as requested.
Milwaukee Fire Bell	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide support to firefighting personnel during large incidents.
Public Works (Municipal)	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Position traffic control devices (i.e., barricades, covers, etc.) as per Fire Department instructions. 2. Clear roads for emergency vehicles. 3. Support firefighters with general manpower, earthmovers, and like equipment. 4. Shut-off utilities as requested. 5. Perform building demolitions. 6. Assist with maintaining water flow as requested.
Utilities	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Provide logistical support and specialized resources to support fire operations. 2. Shut-off utilities in support of firefighting operations. 3. Restore utilities as soon as possible.
ATTACHMENTS	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. MABAS Division 107 and 109 Box Card Book (as a separate Adobe pdf file).
REFERENCES	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Fire and Rescue Services Directory. 2. Map – Fire Protection Area.