

Office of Homeland Security – Georgia Emergency Management Agency (OHS-GEMA)

GEOP Overview



Discussion Outline

- National Response Plan (NRP)
- National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP)
- Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP)

National Response Plan

- Developed as requirement by Homeland Security Presidential Directive – 5
- Aligns federal coordination structures, capabilities, and resources into a unified, all-discipline and all-hazards approach to domestic incident management
- Ties together a complete spectrum of incident management activities to include the prevention of, preparedness for, response to, and recovery from terrorism, major natural disasters and other major emergencies

National Response Plan

- Built on the template of the National Incident Management System (NIMS)
- Includes 15 Emergency Support Function Annexes, 9 Support Annexes and 7 Incident Annexes
- All state and local emergency operations plans must be modified to ensure proper alignment with NRP coordinating structures, processes, and protocols

National Incident Management System (NIMS)

- Provides a consistent doctrinal framework for incident management
- The NIMS represents a core set of doctrine, concepts, principles, terminology, and organizational processes
- HSPD-5 requires all Federal departments and agencies to adopt the NIMS

Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, as Amended

- Under provision of the Georgia Emergency Management Act of 1981, as amended, subject to the direction and control of the Governor, the GEMA Director shall be responsible for the program of emergency management in the state. The Director shall coordinate emergency management activities of all agencies/organizations within the state and serve as a liaison with other states and the federal government.

Georgia Emergency Operations Plan (GEOP)

■ Purpose of the GEOP:

- To present a coordinated plan of action using the State's resources
- To provide a framework for local level planning
- To establish a link between local and Federal plans
- To act as a foundation for all emergency response planning and response activities

Goals of the GEOP

- Describe the State's approach to resource identification and management
- Address all types of hazards
- Emphasize the partnership between local, State and Federal governments

Description of the GEOP

- Basic Plan
- Emergency Support Function Annexes (ESFs)
- Appendixes
- Functional Support Annexes
- Incident Specific Annexes

Basic Plan

- Provides an overview of the State's approach to emergency management policies and procedures

Emergency Support Functions

- Provide specific information and direction
- Focus on operations and who performs them
- Emphasize responsibilities, tasks, and procedures

Incident Specific Annexes

- Created when a hazard requires a unique action or coordination not covered adequately in the Basic Plan and ESFs
 - Examples include:
 - Terrorism Incident Annex
 - GA Hurricane Plan
 - Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan

Governor Perdue's Executive Order Authorizing the GEOP

- Ordered that on behalf of the Governor, the Director of GEMA shall be authorized to exercise overall direction and coordination of emergency and disaster planning and operations
- Ordered that the plan shall be binding on all local emergency management programs and all state agencies
- Ordered that the plan shall serve as the basis to assist all local governments in times of emergency or disaster
- Ordered that the Director of GEMA shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management in the State

Executive Order (cont.)

- Ordered each state agency assigned primary Emergency Support Function (ESF) responsibilities shall provide assistance in preparation and revision of such functions, collaborate with support agencies and maintain supporting plans and accompanying Standard Operating Procedures

Emergency Support Function (ESF) Annexes

- ESF 1 – Transportation
- ESF 2 – Communications
- ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering
- ESF 4 – Firefighting
- ESF 5 – Emergency Management
- ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing, and Human Services
- ESF 7 – Resource Support
- ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services
- ESF 9 – Search and Rescue
- ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials
- ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources
- ESF 12 – Energy
- ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security Services
- ESF 14 – Long Term Recovery and Mitigation
- ESF 15 – External Affairs

ESF 1 – Transportation

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Department of Transportation
- GA Department of Public Safety

■ Scope:

- To provide coordination of state ground, air and water transportation resources in order to assist state agencies, local jurisdictions and volunteer organizations with evacuation and transport of supplies and equipment during an emergency or disaster

ESF 2 - Communications

- Primary Agency:

- GA Emergency Management Agency

- Scope:

- To provide communications and warnings to state agencies, first responders and the public
- Describes the communications, surveillance and warning systems that will be utilized by federal, state and local agencies and organizations in the event of an emergency

ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Department of Natural Resources
- GA Department of Transportation

■ Scope:

- To establish priorities for the control of water resources and use of sewer facilities and provide for coordination of engineering resources and expertise in an emergency or disaster.

ESF 3 Public Works & Engineering

Purpose / Scope

- Temporary restoration of water & sewer services
- Debris removal
- Determining safety of
 - Buildings
 - Bridges & highways
- Coordinates repairs to public facilities



ESF 4 - Firefighting

- Primary Agency:

- GA Forestry Commission

- Scope:

- To provide comprehensive fire suppression services and assist local governments in their efforts to control rural and wildland/urban interface fires.

ESF 5 – Emergency Management

■ Primary Agency:

- GA Emergency Management Agency\

■ Scope:

- To provide assistance to local governments for evacuation procedures and facilitate the assessment of total damages including a formulated estimate of initial government expenditures resulting from an emergency or disaster.

ESF 6 – Mass Care, Housing and Human Services

■ Primary Agency:

- GA Department of Human Resources

■ Principal Voluntary Agency:

- American Red Cross

■ Scope:

- To provide a coordinated approach for collection, analysis and dissemination of information in order to facilitate the overall provision of services and resources during an emergency or disaster. This includes a coordinated effort to provide mass care services such as shelter, food and first aid.

ESF 7 – Resource Support

- Primary Agency:

- GA Department of Administrative Services

- Scope:

- To provide an expedient approval and purchase of supplies and equipment essential to emergency or disaster operations.

ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services

■ Primary Agency:

- GA Department of Human Resources

■ Scope:

- To coordinate and/or deliver public health, environmental health, medical services and mental health services; to facilitate the provision of support and services by private resources; and to coordinate the supplementation of disrupted or overburdened service resources and personnel to relieve suffering and/or trauma of victims.

ESF 9 – Search and Rescue

- Primary Agency:

- GA Emergency Management Agency

- Scope:

- To provide coordination of state resources for search and rescue operations during an emergency or disaster that is beyond the capabilities of local governments within the affected areas.

ESF 10 – Hazardous Materials

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Department of Natural Resources
- GA Emergency Management Agency

■ Scope:

- To provide a coordinated response by local, state and federal resources to minimize adverse effects on the population and environment resulting from the release of or exposure to hazardous or radiological materials.

ESF 10 Hazardous Materials

Purpose / Scope

- Coordinates response to release or exposure to hazardous materials or radiation



ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources

- Primary Agencies:
 - GA Department of Agriculture
 - GA Department of Natural Resources
- Scope:
 - Identify, secure and distribute food, bottled beverages, and supplies, and support the provision for sanitary food storage, distribution and preparation during emergency or disaster
 - Provide for mitigation, response and recovery to natural disasters and/or acts of terrorism affecting animals, production agriculture, and the food sector
 - Assist agriculture in an outbreak of a highly infectious/contagious or economically devastating animal/zoonotic disease, or a highly infective exotic plant disease or an economically devastating plant pest infestation
 - Assist production agriculture, animal industry, aquaculture, the seafood industry, and wildlife adversely affected by a disaster, either natural or man-made
 - Conserve, rehabilitate, recover, and restore natural, cultural, and historic properties to, during, and after a man-made or natural disaster

ESF 11 Agriculture & Natural Resources

Purpose / Scope

- Animal / Plant disease or infestation
- Assure food safety



ESF 12 – Energy

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Department of Agriculture
- Public Service Commission

■ Scope:

- To coordinate the provision of emergency power and fuel for support of immediate response operations and restoration of electric and fuel supply to normal after an emergency or disaster

ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security Services

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Department of Public Safety
- GA Bureau of Investigation
- Governor's Office of Consumer Affairs

■ Scope:

- To provide coordination of state resources to maintain law and order during and emergency or disaster, including traffic and crowd control. Law enforcement supervises the search and rescue operations as well as deceased identification during and emergency or a disaster that are beyond capabilities of local governments within affected areas. In addition, law enforcement investigates criminal allegations relating to consumer complaints of fraud and price gouging.

ESF 14 – Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation

■ Primary Agency:

- GA Emergency Management Agency

■ Scope:

- To provide the implementation procedures for public assistance and hazard mitigation following a presidential declaration of an emergency or major disaster in Georgia. This includes the ongoing effort to lessen the impact disasters have on people's lives and property through such items as damage prevention and flood insurance.

ESF 15 – External Affairs

■ Primary Agencies:

- GA Emergency Management Agency
- Office of the Governor

■ Scope:

- To provide a coordinated approach for collection, analysis and dissemination of information in order to facilitate the overall provision of services and resources during an emergency or disaster. This includes providing communications to inform news media about emergency preparedness and response for distribution to the public, to assure appropriate agency and organization preparedness and response for protection of life and property and to convey additional information including restrictions and limitations due to an emergency or disaster.

Local Emergency Operations Plans (LEOP)

- Assigns responsibility to organizations and individuals for carrying out specific actions
- Sets forth lines of authority and organizational relationships, and shows how actions will be coordinated
- Identifies personnel, equipment, facilities, supplies and other resources available within the jurisdiction or through mutual aid
- Focuses on the measures that are essential for protecting the public