



ESF #4 – FIRE AND EMS
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Primary Agencies:	Local Fire Service Organizations Local EMS Organizations
Support Agencies:	Ohio State Fire Marshal US Department of Agriculture
Related Federal ESFs:	ESF #4: Firefighting
Ohio Revised Code:	Sections 737 and 5502 (adoption of NIMS)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Emergency Support Function (ESF) is to provide Miami County with firefighting, EMS, and search and rescue capabilities that are ample to meet the demands of a disaster situation. In addition to firefighting and EMS responsibilities, hazardous materials operations are addressed.

II. PLANNING ASSUMPTIONS AND CONSIDERATIONS

A. SITUATIONS

1. Fire prevention, control, and rescue operations are daily problems faced by fire service personnel. These problems become more significant during emergency situations. The fire service is presented with other difficulties including conflagrations, radiological incidents, hazardous materials, and terrorist activities.
2. During response, firefighting and rescue personnel establish an Incident Command System (ICS) in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

B. ASSUMPTIONS

1. Local fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations through the use of existing mutual aid agreements. When additional support is required, assistance can be obtained from neighboring counties through the Miami County Communication Center or state and federal assets through the Miami County Emergency Management Agency (EMA).
2. Disaster operations differ from daily operations in that fire departments may be called upon to perform various additional tasks and will have to coordinate their operations

with other disaster response forces. Coordination of other response forces can be done through the Miami Country EMA.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. GENERAL

1. The responsibilities of fire service personnel in disaster situations are basically the same as in daily operations. Their primary responsibilities are life safety, fire control and suppression. They are also involved on a regular basis with rescue operations and hazardous materials response. Firefighting responsibilities as they pertain to hazardous materials incidents can be found in ESF #10 (Hazardous Materials).
2. There are six fire/EMS, seven fire only, and three EMS only departments located within the county. In addition there are three fire/EMS, one fire only, and one EMS only department(s) located outside the county with first response commitments within Miami County. Each agency operates within a mutually recognized territory and all have mutual-aid agreements with adjacent departments.
3. In a disaster situation, each department may allocate personnel and equipment for regional response through the Fire Service Coordinator (FSC) in the EOC. Such allotment will permit, but not require, deployment of this personnel and equipment into other parts of the region.
4. The highest-ranking firefighting official on-scene will assume the role of Incident Commander (IC). If the incident involves more than one jurisdiction, the highest-ranking firefighting official of the affected jurisdiction will assume the role of IC in accordance with the Ohio Revised and Ohio Administrative Code.
 - a. Responsibilities for the IC can be found in Direction & Control.
5. Fire service personnel are responsible for their own knowledge of the Incident Command System (ICS). This knowledge must include cooperation and interaction with law enforcement and EMS.
6. Federal agencies may become involved when wildland, rural, or urban firefighting operations result from or happen coincidentally with an incident of national significance. Their actions are in accordance with ESF #4 of the National Response Framework (NRF).
 - a. Federal agencies are responsible for the monitoring of fire safety systems within their properties. Local agencies can provide suppression of fires on federal lands.

The responsibility for situation assessment and determination of resource needs lies primarily with the local incident commander.

- b. Requests for federal assistance are transmitted from the County EOC/EMA.

B. SEARCH AND RESCUE (SAR)

1. The IC shall designate an individual or agency to direct SAR operations within the jurisdiction. Working within a unified command system, the Miami County Sheriff's Office or the local law enforcement agency with jurisdiction should be designated as the SAR Coordinator.
2. Local fire, law enforcement, EMS and other support agencies may provide additional resources for SAR.
3. Search dogs can be requested through the Miami County Communication Center (MCCC).
4. Other organizations such as the Civil Air Patrol (CAP) and Ohio State Patrol (OSP) Aviation Unit aircraft may become involved if search by aircraft is initiated.
5. The county will use the Incident Command System (ICS) structure for SAR operations conducted in the county in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
6. If personnel or other resources are needed to assist SAR operations, requests should be made through the local EOC in accordance with the NIMS. See ESF #7: (Resource Management).

C. AERIAL SEARCH AND RESCUE OPERATIONS

1. Operations involving lost aircraft are accomplished in accordance with the Ohio Civil Air Patrol's SAR Plans and the National Search and Rescue Plan. Government organizations may be requested to assist in operations; however, overall direction of the operation is by a federal agency (United States Air Force or United States Coast Guard). Operations will be under the control of local government and Sheriff's Office, except on state property.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. ORGANIZATION

1. During large-scale emergencies, the fire departments of the county will coordinate response efforts and may assist other entities within the county to the extent possible

with additional manpower and equipment to protect lives and provide for the safety of all citizens within the county.

2. The Miami County Fire Chiefs and Emergency Services Association promotes cooperation and mutual aid between fire departments and provides training and educational opportunities to the fire departments.
3. If the EOC is activated, the leadership of the Miami County Fire Chiefs and Emergency Services Association will serve as the Fire Service Coordinator. The EMA/EOC can temporarily select a FSC to fill the position.

B. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

Primary Agencies

1. Fire Service Coordinator (FSC)
 - a. The FSC is responsible for the overall coordination of fire and EMS resources from the EOC related to a disaster. This section will maintain coordination with all fire departments on manpower, fire and EMS apparatus.
 - b. The FSC should coordinate with the IC on the status of major operational activity.
 - c. The EOC Executive Group should be briefed periodically on the status of emergency operations and problems confronting the FSC.
 - d. IC requests for resources beyond that normally requested by a fire/EMS department may be directed to the EOC.
2. First Fire Department On-Scene
 - a. Activate the Incident Command System (ICS) as required by the National Incident Management System (NIMS).
 - b. Designate an Incident Commander.
 - c. Direct emergency operations.
 - d. Prioritize the assignment of personnel and equipment to emergency sites.
 - e. Designate staging areas for equipment and personnel.
 - f. Support search and rescue operations, as necessary.
 - g. Develop a communications link between the IC and the EOC if activated
 - h. Supply initial damage assessment information to the EOC.
 - i. Provide decontamination assistance to needed agencies.

Support Agencies

3. Other Fire Departments
 - a. Support the ICS, as required.
 - b. Support emergency operations.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. The FSC will maintain coordination with all fire and EMS departments on manpower, fire and EMS apparatus. The IC may designate a general staff position as the main point of contact for the FSC.
- B. Primary responsibility for the control of fires rests with the fire department for each jurisdiction. When two (2) or more fire departments are involved in any firefighting operation, the IC from the department in whose jurisdiction the fire is located is in charge of coordinating the on-scene operation unless IC is passed to another officer.
- C. The EMS unit(s) participating in these operations will receive mission assignments from the IC in overall charge at the primary command post.
- D. The release of information concerning detailed local fire control operations at the site(s) will be the responsibility of the IC in charge or their designee. Public information releases can be issued by either the Command Staff or County spokesperson.
- E. If an emergency is declared in the county, all county fire and EMS departments will be placed on “Stand-by” by activation through the MCCC. Once placed on “Stand-by”, each department will notify the MCCC when they are available.

VI. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

A. ADMINISTRATION

1. Each fire/EMS organization is responsible for providing necessary support to their response personnel with regard to food, water, fuel, and emergency power. Requests for necessary items may be coordinated through the EOC.
2. Updates of fire service activities during an emergency/disaster when the EOC is activated will be collected by the FSC serving during that emergency.
3. In the event of the activation of mutual aid, the IC will establish a chain of command to integrate and manage fire, rescue, and EMS from other responding jurisdictions.

B. LOGISTICS

1. Logistical concerns for each fire department are addressed in departmental Operating Guidelines (OGs).

2. Standard radio talkgroups will be utilized during emergency procedures until changed by the EOC Communication Officer.
3. A listing of apparatus and equipment for fire and EMS services located in Miami County can be found through the MCCC.
4. Mutual-Aid Agreements between fire and related organizations are kept on file at the respective Fire Departments and at the County Courthouse. Mutual-Aid will be activated in accordance with procedures set forth in the agreements between the fire and EMS organizations.
5. Resource requests can be made through the EOC. The EOC, if possible will fulfill the request in accordance with the typing definitions used in the “Fire/HazMat Resources” and “Search and Rescue Resources” section of the NIMS Resource Definitions. See Miami County ESF #7: Resource Management).

VII. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

A. LINES OF SUCCESSION

1. The FSC successors will be qualified representatives of the Miami County Fire Chiefs and Emergency Services Association.
2. Lines of succession in individual fire departments will follow department operating guidelines.

VIII. ESF DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Each fire and EMS agency that supports this ESF will be responsible for developing and maintaining OGs that reflect the operational capabilities of the respective department.

IX. LIST OF APPENDICES

Appendix 1 – Miami County Fire and Ambulance Departments

X. AUTHENTICATION

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**MIAMI COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
APPENDIX 1 TO ESF #4
OHIO FIRE SERVICE EMERGENCY RESPONSE SYSTEM, FIRE, AND EMS
PROVIDERS FOR MIAMI COUNTY**

		Phone Number
Ohio Fire Service Emergency Response System		Phone: (888) 822-4900
Fire & EMS	Address	Phone Number
Bethel Twp. Fire Department	8735 South Second Street Tipp City, Ohio 45371	Phone: (937) 845-4274 Fax: (937) 845-7316
Bradford Fire & Rescue	200 South Miami Avenue Bradford, Ohio 45308	Phone: (937) 448-2686 Fax: (937) 448-2685
Christiansburg Fire Department	10 West First Street Christiansburg, OH 45289	Phone: (937) 857-9027 Fax: (937) 857-9144
Elizabeth Twp. Fire Department	2287 South Children's Home Rd Troy, OH 45373	Phone: (937) 845-8401 Fax: (937) 845-2010
Huber Heights Fire Department	7008 Brandt Pike Huber Heights, Ohio 45424	Phone: (937) 233-1564 Fax: (937) 233-4520
Piqua Fire Department	229 West Water Street Piqua, Ohio 45356	Phone: (937) 778-2012 Fax: (937) 778-2019
Pleasant Hill-Newton Twp. Joint Fire District	8 West High Street Pleasant Hill, Ohio 45359	Phone: (937) 676-2248 Fax: (937) 676-3755
Troy Fire Department	19 East Race Street Troy, Ohio 45373	Phone: (937) 335-5678 Fax: (937) 335-3735
City of Union Fire Department	109 West Martindale Road Union, Ohio 45322	Phone: (937) 836-8624 Fax: N/A
EMS Only	Address	Phone Number
Covington Rescue Squad	1000 Dick Minnich Drive Covington, Ohio 45318	Phone: (937) 473-2905 Fax: N/A
JSP Fire District	403 West Main St. Paris, Ohio 45072	Phone: (937) 663-4955 Fax: N/A
Tipp City EMS	260 South Garber Drive Tipp City, Ohio 45371	Phone: (937) 667-1680 Fax: (937) 506 3192
Union Twp. Life Squad	4960 S Davis Road West Milton, Ohio 45383	Phone: (937) 698-8857 Fax: N/A
Fire Only	Address	Phone Number
Casstown Community Volunteer Fire Department	4210 East. St. Rt. 55 Casstown, Ohio 45312	Phone: (937) 339-1514 Fax: N/A
Covington Fire Department	801 East Broadway Street Covington, Ohio 45318	Phone: (937) 473-2101 Fax: (937) 473-2401
Fletcher Volunteer Fire Department	6605 North St. Rt. 589 Fletcher, Ohio 45326	Phone: (937) 368-2218 Fax: (937) 368-2230
Laura Fire Company Inc.	10 North Main Street Laura, Ohio 45337	Phone: (937) 947-1214 Fax: N/A
Lockington Fire Department	10363 Museum Trail Piqua, Ohio 45356	Phone: (937) 773-5341 Fax: N/A

Ludlow Falls Fire Department	12 Greenville Avenue Ludlow Falls, Ohio 45339	Phone: (937) 698-3318 Fax: N/A
Tipp City Fire Department	520 West Main Street Tipp City, Ohio 45371	Phone: (937) 667-8477 x3401 Fax: (937) 667-5816
West Milton Fire Department	701 South Miami Street West Milton, Ohio 45383	Phone: (937) 698-9633 Fax: (937) 698-3900
Community Services	Address	Phone Number
American Red Cross (Northern Miami Valley Ohio Chapter)	1314 Barnhart Road Troy, Ohio 45373	(937) 332-1414
Salvation Army	129 South Wayne Street Piqua, Ohio 45356	(937) 773-7563

