

Emergency Support Function #1 – Transportation Annex

ESF Coordinator(s):

Eagle County Regional Airport
Transit Agencies (ECO Transit, RFTA, Beaver Creek, Avon and Vail)

Primary Agency:

ECO Transit

Support Agencies:

Public Works Agencies
Law Enforcement Jurisdiction(s)
Eagle County Animal Services
Eagle County Emergency Management
Fleet Services Departments
Human Resources Departments
School Districts (Re-50-J and RE-1)
Vail Public Safety Communications Center
Aspen/Pitkin County Regional Emergency Dispatch Center
Union Pacific Railroad (Amtrak)

Introduction

Purpose

Emergency Support Function (“ESF”) #1 – Transportation supports local governmental entities and other organizations to provide transportation for an actual or potential emergency. Through the transportation agencies coordination role, ESF #1 integrates the responsibility for emergency management of the transportation system in the prevention, mitigation, response, preparedness, recovery, infrastructure restoration, safety, and security of the County and its transportation systems.

Scope

ESF #1 is designed to provide transportation support to assist in incident management.

Activities within the scope of ESF #1 functions include: processing and coordinating requests for transportation support as directed under the Emergency Operations Plan (“EOP”); reporting damage to transportation infrastructure as a result of the incident; coordinating alternate transportation services; coordinating the restoration and recovery of the transportation infrastructure; performing transportation activities such as air, surface and rail; and coordinating and supporting prevention/preparedness/mitigation among transportation infrastructure stakeholders at the state and local levels.

Policies

- Transportation planning employs the most effective means of transporting resources, including commercial transportation capacity, and capacity owned or operated local agencies.
- Transportation planning recognizes federal and state transportation policies and plans used to control the movement of relief personnel, equipment, and supplies, as well as local established priorities for determining precedence of movement.
- The Eagle County Emergency Operations Center (“EOC”) facilitates coordination between local entities adjoining counties and the State in the event of multi-jurisdictional ESF #1 operations.

- Movements of personnel, equipment, and supplies are managed through prioritizing shipments. To facilitate the prompt deployment of resources, priorities for various incidents are developed and maintained through an interagency process led by Eagle County Emergency Management prior to an incident to facilitate the prompt deployment of resources. Each ESF is responsible for compiling, submitting, and updating information for inclusion in the ESF #1 prioritized shipments.
- Agencies are encouraged to use ESF #1 services. To ensure the orderly flow of resources, agencies should advise ESF #1 or the EOC of all transportation movements arranged independently from ESF #1 activity.
- Military transportation may be provided in accordance with state policy for use of National Guard resources.
- The EOC supports ESF #1 with relevant situational awareness and threat information reports.
- EFS #1 Coordinators provide relevant situational awareness and threat information reports to the EOC.

Concept of Operations

General

- The EOP provides a structure for managing and coordinating the complex operations of the transportation systems during an emergency. This includes deployment of resources into and out of the incident area and the coordination of transportation recovery, restoration, and safety/security. The EOP also provides a means of facilitating or restricting the movement of personnel and goods as necessary.
- The ESF #1 Coordinator(s) provide direction for the mission locally. The EOC provides policy guidance and operational direction.
- Regional ESF #1 organization, notification, deployment, and support operations are conducted in accordance with the respective ESF Annexes to the County EOP.
- Communications are established and maintained in accordance with ESF #5 – Emergency Management to report and receive assessments and status information, and in accordance with ESF #7 – Resource Support to report and receive such support as needed.
- The ESF #1 Coordinator(s) designate a representative(s) to the EOC as required.

Actions: Initial Actions

Coordinating Entity(s): Immediately, upon notification of a threat or an imminent or actual incident, consideration is given toward:

- Providing appropriate representation, when requested, to the Eagle County EOC, and the ESF #1 function; and
- Implementing plans to ensure adequate staff and administrative support.

Actions: Continuing Actions

- ESF #1 staff coordinates the acquisition of transportation services to fulfill mission assignments in support of all ESFs when required.
- The EOC coordinates with appropriate federal, state and local entities to facilitate the movement of people and goods to, from, and within the incident area, and participates in decision making regarding issues such as movement restrictions, critical facilities closures, and evacuations.
- The EOC is responsible for the administrative support of individuals involved in regional emergency transportation operations and for tracking all financial transactions undertaken through mission assignments issued to ESF #1.
- The EOC coordinates with appropriate jurisdictional administrations on the implementation of specific statutory authorities providing immediate assistance, such as traffic control, long-term recovery of the transportation infrastructure, and any authorized mitigation efforts to lessen the effects of future incidents.

Responsibilities

Primary Agency: ECO Transit

- Coordinates the provision of transportation services in support of federal, state, local and voluntary organizations. Coordinates the recovery, restoration, and safety/security of the transportation infrastructure. Manages the EOC ESF #1. Provides trained personnel to staff ESF #1 responsibilities at the EOC or any other temporary facility in the impacted region.
- Tracks the financial aspects of the ESF #1 response.
- Works with state and federal transportation departments and industry partners to assess the damage to the transportation infrastructure and analyze the impact of the incident on transportation operations, and report promptly as changes occur.
- Coordinates and implements, as required, emergency-related response and recovery functions performed statutory authorities, including the prioritization and/or allocation of transportation capacity, hazardous material containment response and movement, and damage assessment, to include safety and security related actions concerning movement restrictions, closures, quarantines, and evacuations.
- Provides technical assistance in evacuation or movement restriction planning, and determining the most viable transportation networks to, from, and within the incident area, as well as alternate means to move people and goods within the area affected by the incident.
- Identifies resource requirements for transportation and coordinates their allocation.

ESF Coordinator(s)

Agency Functions

Eagle County Regional Airport

- Provides staffing to the EOC ESF #1 when requested.
- Provides transportation assets when possible.
- Coordinates air traffic issues of the incident(s).

Transit Agencies

- Provides staffing to the EOC ESF #1 when requested.
- Provides mass transportation guidance and assistance as necessary to support emergency activities.

Support Agencies

Agency Functions

Public Works Agencies

- Participates in a Unified Command role to provide transportation related incident management within their respective jurisdictions.
- Provides staffing to the EOC ESF #1 when requested.
- Provides resources for damage assessment and transportation systems maintenance as needed.
- Provides technical assistance for ESF #1.

Law Enforcement Agencies

- Participates in a Unified Command role to provide transportation related incident management within their respective jurisdictions.

Eagle County Animal Services

- Provide animal issue support as necessary.
- Provides traffic direction assistance when possible.
- Through ESF #1, identifies and arranges for the use of State and Federal assets and resources in support of the ESF #11 role.

Fleet Maintenance Departments

- Provides support in the emergency operations and restoration.
- Assists in restoring the transportation infrastructure.