

SANTEE SIOUX NATION
OPERATIONS
PLAN
FOR
DISASTER
RESPONSE
AND
RECOVERY
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KNOX COUNTY LEOP ANNEX A
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SANTEE SIOUX NATION EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

This plan is for the elected and appointed officials in the SANTEE SIOUX NATION as well as for the first responders and any support groups. This Plan identifies their roles and responsibilities in disaster response and recovery.

Each Annex in the Knox County Local Emergency Operations Plan (LEOP) details and supports this jurisdiction's Plan. For example: general procedures for disaster response to fires and hazardous materials are defined in Annex F. The additional information in this plan under Field Operations for the Fire Department gives further specific guidelines for the tribe.

It is in the best interest of the SANTEE SIOUX NATION, that the named key officials meet at least once a year and after each disaster to review the Plan with the County Emergency Manager to determine that the Plan is current and reflects the roles and responsibilities as defined by statutes, resolutions and field operations.

RESPONSIBILITY FOR DISASTER OPERATIONS

The responsibility for the welfare of the residents during a disaster rests with the Tribal Council Chairperson and Council, and the Emergency Manager for the Santee Sioux Nation. The Emergency Manager will be responsible for both the coordination and management of prevention preparations and the coordination and management of disaster support operations and recovery. The Chairperson and Council shall be responsible for ensuring that emergency management services are provided to their citizens and for coordinating with the Tribal Emergency Manager for emergency operations in their respective jurisdictions, as well as making executive decisions necessary to provide an effective response and recovery to the disaster, RSS Nebraska Emergency Management Act 1996, Section 81-829.46).

OVERVIEW OF DISASTER OPERATIONS

Warnings: Whenever possible, the public will be alerted to threats or potential disasters. (Annexes B, D).

Field Operations: In a disaster, lifesaving activities and the preservation of property are the priorities of the Emergency Manager and the first responders.

Emergency Operations Center (EOC): The designated EOC is the Santee Clinic with a backup location of the Ohiya Casino, to provide officials a site for coordination and support of the disaster operations. Area and local support agencies will generally work from the EOC.

Incident Command: First Responders will use the National Incident Management System (NIMS) by establishing Incident Command. EOC staff, to include the chief elected officials, will also follow NIMS protocols.

I. WARNINGS (Annex B)

- A. Severe Weather Spotting Program: The Omaha Weather Service or the Santee Sioux Nation Fire Chief will coordinate with the County Communications Center to activate spotters when severe weather is a possibility. The County Communications Center will page out the request to weather spotters. Spotters are primarily from Fire/EMS, Departments and are equipped with radios and cellphones to report back findings. There are designated spotting locations in and around Knox County. Spotters radio/phone their reports to their respective department or to the County Communications Center. The Communications Center will advise the Emergency Management officials, as well as the National Weather Service, of conditions.
- B. Citizens may also be alerted of danger by outdoor sirens or public address systems on emergency vehicles. If necessary, warnings may be given door-to-door if time allows.
- C. Emergency information can be broadcast over radio stations WNAX, KEXL, KBRX, KNEN, WAG.
- D. Warnings procedures and protocols have been developed and will be implemented for identified access and functional needs populations.

II. INCIDENT COMMAND and FIELD RESPONSE (Annex A)

- A. The first emergency responder to arrive at the scene will become the initial Incident Commander and expand/transfer the incident Command as the situation warrants; following NIMS protocols.
- B. Emergency communications and warnings for Santee and the County are handled through the County Communications Center in the Sheriff's Office located in Center. The Communications Center will give emergency information via pagers, cell phones and radios to the first responder agencies. This includes Law Enforcement, respective Fire and EMS agencies as well as the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager and Knox County Emergency Management personnel. Attachment 2, Annex B lists the frequencies used.
- C. The Incident Command must let the EOC know what is needed for disaster operations.
- D. The Incident Commander will request mutual aid through the Communications Center.

III. LAW ENFORCEMENT (Annex H)

A. Law Enforcement personnel can communicate by radio/phone with the County Communications Center, the Incident Command Post, the EOC and the Fire & Rescue Departments.

B. The first emergency responder to arrive at the scene will become the Incident Commander and following NIMS protocols, expands/transfers the Incident Command as the situation warrants.

C. Evacuation

1. Affected persons will be notified in the event that evacuation is necessary. The Tribal Council Chairperson and/or designee and the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager and/or designee can order an evacuation. The Incident Commander at the scene will, if time allows, consult with the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager in situations requiring immediate evacuation. If the impacted area contains an immediate threat to the life-safety of the populace or the environment, the Incident Commander may order an evacuation.
2. If residents need transportation during the evacuation, they may call the Communications Center who will relay the request to the Knox County Emergency Manager or the Emergency Operations Center. The county Emergency Manager will coordinate with the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager. If the EOC has not yet been opened, the Communications Center will call the Incident Commander. Transportation resources are listed in Annex L of the County LEOP. In the field, if the Incident Commander sees the need for transportation during evacuation, he will notify the EOC for coordination and support.

D. Law enforcement will work with other First Responders in search and rescue.

E. Security of the Disaster Area.

1. Security may be needed at all the highway points leading into the Santee Village or the Santee Reservation. The Santee Sioux Nation Police Department, the Nebraska State Patrol, Knox County Sheriff's Office and Santee Sioux Nation Fire Department can help with security.
2. Roadblocks and barricades: Local resources will be used first then other village/county/state roads departments may be asked to help.
3. The Incident Commander or Law Enforcement will contact the Communications Center to request additional resources from these agencies.

4. Identification cards for access to the disaster area will be issued in Santee or other locations. The County and local officials, volunteers, the media, and residents may need ID cards even when the disaster area has been secured. The Knox County Emergency Management Director or designee will be contacted to assist in the distribution of identification cards from the EOC or at the disaster access points.

IV. FIRE DEPARTMENT (Annex F)

- A. Fire Department personnel can communicate by radio/phone with the County Communications Center, the Incident Command, the EOC, Law Enforcement and EMS as well as with each other.
- B. The first emergency responder to arrive at the scene will become the Incident Commander and following NIMS protocols, expand/transfer the Incident Command as the situation warrants.
- C. The Fire Department will coordinate with other First Responders in search and rescue.
- D. Hazardous Materials Response (Annex F, Appendix 1).
 1. The Incident Commander will notify the Communications Center if assistance is needed in responding to a hazardous materials incident. The Communications Center will call for a State Emergency Response Team (SERT) through the NE State Patrol (402) 471-4545.
- E. The Incident Commander will determine if the incident poses a threat to life and/or property and will determine if an evacuation is necessary.
 1. Facilities that store Hazardous Materials, including radiological, in Knox County are listed in Annex F, Appendix 1, Attachment 1.

V. EMERGENCY MEDICAL SERVICES (EMS) (Annex G)

- A. EMS personnel can communicate by radio/phone with the County Communications Center, the Incident Command, the EOC, Law Enforcement, Fire Departments, and with each other.
- B. The first emergency responder to arrive at the scene will become the Incident Commander and expand/transfer the Incident Command as the situation warrants; following NIMS protocols.
- C. EMS will work with other First Responders in search and rescue.

- D. One person may be dedicated to radio communications; another may be needed to set up triage.
- E. After triage, victims can be transported to the nearest appropriate receiving hospital(s).

VI. PUBLIC WORKS/UTILITIES (Annex K, Annex C)

- A. The Public Works/Utilities Supervisor will maintain communication and coordination with the Incident Command and the EOC during the initial response activities through the final restoration of services.
- B. Utilities will provide personnel for emergency repairs.
- C. Utilities will clear emergency routes for the initial disaster response and will begin debris removal. The County Road Department may be contacted for additional help.
- D. The Tribal Council Chairperson and/or designee, or the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager will authorize a tree dump as approved by DEQ. Arrangements can be made to separate, recycle, store and discard debris at a later time.
- E. The primary list of heavy equipment and resources for disaster operations is in Annex L, Attachment 2.

VII. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER (EOC) (Annex A)

- A. THE EOC NEEDS TO BE THE ONE POINT OF CONTACT IN COORDINATING AND SUPPORTING THE INCIDENT COMMAND DURING DISASTER RESPONSE AND RECOVERY OPERATIONS. Not only will the Incident Commander work with the EOC, but also regular briefings will be held for Command, general and EOC staff. The Emergency Manager in coordination with the Incident Commander, schedule these meetings.
- B. Direction and coordination of the disaster response and recovery support operations will be administered from the EOC.
- C. The Tribal Council Chairperson has the primary responsibility and authority, by law, for disaster operations coordination. The Tribal Council Chairperson line of succession is as follows:
 - 1. Chairman
 - 2. Vice-Chairman
 - 3. Council Secretary
 - 4. Tribal Treasurer
 - 5. Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager

- D. The Emergency Operating Center (EOC) will be set up in the Santee Clinic, if not damaged and if available at the time of the disaster. There is auxiliary power at the EOC.
- E. The Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager is the main point of contact for all resources being engaged in disaster coordination and support duties. Additional staff that may be needed in the EOC are:
1. Communications dispatch (2-3 people),
 2. Public Information Officer,
 3. Representatives from Law Enforcement, Fire, EMS, and Utilities,
 4. Village Clerk,
 5. Tribal Council Member(s), and
 6. Representatives from support agencies as needed.
- F. The Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager and/or the Tribal Council Chairperson can open the Emergency Operating Center. The Santee Sioux Nation will coordinate with the Knox County Emergency Manager to inform the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency (NEMA) in Lincoln that the EOC has been opened.
- G. The Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager will coordinate with the Knox County Emergency Manager to call in personnel to work the disaster. The Emergency Managers will coordinate and work with all responding agencies.
- H. A telephone list of officials and personnel is found in Annex A, Attachments 1 and 2 of the county LEOP.
- I. The Tribal Council Chairperson will declare a Disaster when assistance is needed beyond the capability of the Santee Sioux Nation to respond (Annex A, Attachment 3). Additional assistance will be requested from surrounding towns, from the County and from mutual aid groups. The Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager will send a copy of the Disaster Declaration to Knox County Emergency Management who will forward to NEMA as soon as practical.

VIII. COMMUNICATIONS at the EOC (Annex B)

Coordination between the EOC, the incident Command Post and the first responders is essential. The communications capability at the EOC includes mobile and fixed radios, landline and wireless telephone, Internet, and messengers. Additional communications assistance may be available from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency and/or the Nebraska State Patrol Mobile Command Post.

IX. EMERGENCY PUBLIC INFORMATION (Annex D)

- A. The Tribal Council Chairperson, the Incident Commander, the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager or the Knox County Emergency Management Director, serving as an alternate, will release official public information. This Public Information Officer will work at the EOC, coordinating with the Tribal Council Chairperson, Emergency Management, and the Incident Commander.
- B. The Chief Elected Official must approve the public information being released.
- C. Official information or instructions to the public will be broadcast over radio stations ~~INNAX~~, KBRX, KEXL, KNEN, WAG. *WAG*
- D. If needed, the Public Information Officer will conduct briefings with the media to update them on the latest disaster events.
- E. A telephone line may be set up to receive calls from the public concerning the disaster. The Public Information Officer will be responsible for this "rumor control" line.
- F. Emergency information could also be released through the Nebraska Emergency Alert System (EAS). Knox County is in Area 3 of the EAS network (Annex B).

X. SHELTERING (Annex I)

- A. The local jurisdiction is responsible for initial sheltering and welfare of victims. The Knox County Emergency Management Director will call the American Red Cross (ARC) when short term sheltering is needed. Red Cross will open shelters under the direction of the Knox County Emergency Management Director.
- B. Emergency Management will alert the Field Incident Commander and the Public Information Officer which shelters have been opened and which streets are cleared to the shelters.
- C. A list of shelters in Santee is in Attachment 1 to Annex I.

XI. RESOURCES (Annex L)

- A. The Tribal Chairman is responsible for obtaining additional resources needed to respond to the disaster. The First Responders in the field may make resource requests to the EOC.
- B. The County Road Department (and/or the Knox County Emergency Manager) maintain (s) a list of heavy equipment, transportation resources, generators, and specialized teams or services that can be used in disaster operations. Resources available to the county are listed in Attachments 1, 2, Annex L

- C. The Santee Sioux Nation Finance department may be designated as the Volunteer Coordinator in Santee. Procedures are outlined in Attachment 3 to Annex L.

XII. DAMAGE ASSESSMENT (Annex C)

- A. The Knox County Deputy Assessor (or other designated individual) will serve as the Damage Assessment Coordinator who will compile and report to the EOC all of the damage information gathered. The Incident Status Report (OMS-1) form can be found in the county LEOP in Annex A, Attachment 3.
- B. Damage assessment starts as soon as lifesaving efforts are completed.
- C. Damage Assessment for the following areas will be completed by:
 1. Public Facilities: Public Works,
 2. Residences: Insurance Adjusters, Insurance Agents, and
 3. Businesses: Insurance Adjusters, Insurance Agents.

XIII. HEALTH and HUMAN SERVICES (Annex G)

The coordination of all public welfare and human needs after a disaster will be provided from such organizations as the Nebraska Area Agency on Aging, the American Red Cross and other social service and community organizations.

XIV. PUBLIC HEALTH (Annex G)

Emergency Management along with the EMS Chief will be responsible for addressing public health issues, including counseling services.

XV. FINANCIAL ACCOUNTABILITY

The Santee Sioux Nation Finance department will be responsible for tracking all disaster expenses including overtime for paid personnel, supplies used, emergency purchases/rentals/contracts. In addition, an accounting system will track all donations of supplies, material, equipment, mutual aid support and volunteer labor for the duration of the event.

XVI. WHEN the DISASTER is BEYOND LOCAL CAPABILITIES

- A. When local resources are not sufficient for the disaster response needs, the Tribal Chairman and/or designee and/or the Santee Sioux Nation Emergency Manager and/or designee may request assistance from Knox County and from the Knox County Emergency Management Agency. If, in the determination of county officials, county resources and mutual aid are not adequate to cope with the situation, assistance may be requested from the Nebraska Emergency Management Agency by calling toll free 1-877-297-2368.

B. A telephone list for officials, first responders, and support groups is found in Annex A, Attachments 1 and 2.