



# ESF 4 FIRE OPERATIONS

## LEAD AGENCIES

### PURPOSE:

The purpose of Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF-4), Fire Operations, is to provide an organizational framework that supports detection and suppression of wild land, rural, and urban fires resulting from, or occurring coincidentally with, an emergency or disaster of countywide significance. ESF-4 addresses the management and coordination of public fire and life safety services in cooperation with the fire departments of Cedar County, with priority is placed on firefighter safety, public safety, and the protection of property and environment, in that order.

*The authorities, concept of operations, and direction, control, and coordination considerations related to emergency support functions (ESFs) are governed by and detailed in the Emergency Operations Framework Base Plan.*

### SUMMARY OF ESF ACTIONS:

#### Prevention / Preparedness

- Enforce applicable fire codes.
- Conduct fire safety education programs for the public.
- Continue to train and utilize NIMS/ICS and other operational procedures to effect full utilization of resources
- Maintain current information on the types and quantities of hazardous materials present in local businesses and industrial facilities.
- Participate in local mutual aid agreements and interagency disaster response training and exercises.
- Develop and maintain emergency and disaster response policies, plans, and guidelines/procedures.

#### Response

##### Fire Service Agencies

- Provide for life safety, incident stabilization, property conservation, urban search and rescue and support, traffic control, evacuation support, and temporary power and emergency lighting at emergency scenes.
- Assist with the dissemination of warnings.
- Coordinate requests for mutual aid through 911.

- Respond to hazardous material incidents per ESF-10 Hazardous Materials, per applicable training.
- Conduct cause and/or origin of fire investigations, damage assessments, and report to EOC.

##### Cedar County Emergency Management Agency

- Activate EOC in support of fire operations, and appropriate.
- Provide support and assistance to Incident Commander.
- Assist in warning the public of evacuation, traffic routing, and shelter in-place.

##### Law Enforcement Agencies

- Provide traffic and crowd control, scene security, and investigative services.
- Assist in urban search and rescue.

##### Public Works Agencies

- Provide traffic control and heavy equipment support, as appropriate.
- Assist in water resource management, upon request.
- Assist with identifying evacuation routes.

#### Recovery

##### Fire Services Agencies

- Perform fire inspections of restored or reconstructed buildings and
- Perform/assist in decontamination and cleanup.
- Assist public in recovery operations as resources allow.
- Investigate cause and/or origin of fire.

##### Cedar County Emergency Management Agency

- Act as liaison between local fire agencies and state or federal damage assessment teams.
- Coordinate information with Iowa Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.
- Demobilize EOC when appropriate (ESF-5).

##### Law Enforcement Agencies

- Assist with fire investigations

#### Mitigation

- Maintain activation and alerting procedures and ensure that all personnel are trained at an appropriate level.
- When resources and authority allow, provide fire prevention and mitigation activities and enforce ordinances that relate to life safety and hazardous materials.

### SUPPORT AGENCIES:

- Cedar County Fire Departments
- Cedar County Sheriff's Office PSAP
- Cedar County Municipalities
- County and Municipal Law Enforcement
- Linn County HAZMAT Team
- Johnson County HAZMAT Team