

KITTITAS COUNTY, WASHINGTON

COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 20

** DEFENSE SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES **

PRIMARY AGENCY: Kittitas County Emergency Management (KCSO)

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Washington Military Department,
Washington National Guard
Department of Defense
U.S. Army
Yakima Training Center

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

This support function provides a means for requesting military assistance during civil emergencies when conditions extend beyond the capability of Kittitas County to respond effectively, thus increasing the risk to human life and/or property.

B. Scope

This support function describes the conditions under which the governor could declare an emergency and activate the National Guard, the procedures that Kittitas County officials must follow to request state or federal military assistance, what type of assistance that can be provided, and the relationship between the military commander and local civil authorities.

II. POLICIES

Specific laws and regulations governing the provision of Military Support to Civil Authorities are:

1. Title 42, United States Code 5121, The Stafford Act
2. Title V, Public Law No. 101-165
3. Department of Defense Directive 3025.1
4. Air Force instruction 32-4001
5. Air Force Instruction 10-802
6. Air National Guard Instruction 10-8101

Local government requests for military assistance normally originate through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC). This does not preclude requests for immediate assistance from supporting agencies when life-threatening situations or great loss of property appear imminent.

III. SITUATION**A. Emergency/Disaster Hazards and Conditions**

1. A civil emergency occurs that overwhelms the ability of Kittitas County to respond with available public and private resources. A request for military assistance can be initiated to compliment, not substitute for, local civilian resources.
2. An emergency or disaster occurs and waiting for instructions from higher authority would preclude an effective response, any military commander may do what is required and justified to save human life, prevent immediate human suffering, or lesson major property damage or destruction. The commander will report action taken to higher military authority and to civil authority as soon as possible.

B. Planning Assumptions

1. Kittitas County will experience a disaster or emergency situation that will cause the Governor to declare a State of Emergency.
2. The situation will be of such magnitude that county equipment, personnel resources, and services will be insufficient to deal with the emergency.
3. The Kittitas County Sheriff/Director of Emergency Management or designated individual will request State Military resources to assist with disaster response. The request will be based on the premise that the county's ability to respond to an emergency of such magnitude without military assistance will result in loss of human life and extensive property damage.
4. The Governor will activate the National Guard and direct that the military assistance be provided to Kittitas County. Expected time of arrival of those forces is forty-eight hours.
5. Resources requested from either the National Guard or active duty military units will normally require the county to reimburse the state or federal government.

IV. CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS**A. General**

1. An emergency situation occurs in Kittitas County that meets the criteria; all public and private resources are exhausted, for requesting state support.
2. Kittitas County Emergency Management contacts Washington SEOC with a request for state support. EMD will review all statewide resources which could result in a recommendation to the Governor to employ the state National Guard personnel/equipment in addition to other state assets.

3. The Governor will authorize the Adjutant General to mobilize National Guard resources to support Kittitas County.
4. A National Guard Liaison will be assigned to Kittitas County Emergency Management for the duration of the National Guard's involvement.
5. A Task Force Commander will be assigned to maintain military control of all personnel/equipment tasked to support the emergency.
6. When the emergency overwhelms the state's resources, the Governor can request a Presidential Declaration. A major disaster declaration by the President is a prerequisite for federal response and recovery. The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) coordinates the federal agencies response including utilization of the Department of Defense (DOD) assets.
7. If FEMA becomes involved, a Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO) will be assigned; and if DOD is tasked to respond, a Director of Military Support (DOMS) will also be assigned to the Joint Field Office (JFO) to oversee federal military personnel/equipment.

B. Organization

1. The Kittitas County Board of Commissioners reviews and recommends for adoption emergency management mutual aid plans, agreements and such resolutions, rules and regulations as are necessary to implement such plans and agreements,
2. The Kittitas County Sheriff is the Director of Emergency Management. The Sheriff/Director is responsible for the Emergency Management Program. The Sheriff/Director is empowered to declare a county disaster or emergency in consultation with the Kittitas County board of Commissioners and/or a jurisdictional elected official(s).

C. Procedures

1. Emergency Management maintains rosters of points for contact for state EOC and National Guard
2. Include local military representatives, state and federal, in Kittitas County exercises and training classes.

D. Mitigation Activities

None

E. Preparedness Activities

1. Kittitas County Emergency Management will coordinate with Washington State EOC concerning implementation of this ESF.
2. Identification of expected areas of support:
 - a. Air, land, and water transportation
 - b. Armories, tents/shelters and available land
 - c. Security forces and traffic control

- d. Supplemental communications
 - e. Limited emergency medical assistance
 - f. Limited mass feeding
 - g. Damage assessment, survey, and reporting
 - h. Air support for reconnaissance
 - i. Limited power generations
 - j. Coordination with all military services.
3. Inventory of County assets and identification of shortfalls.
 4. Conduct exercises with state and federal military agencies to enhance response capabilities.

F. Response Activities

Implement checklists and identify activities to be undertaken before, during, and after an emergency.

G. Recovery Activities

Implement checklists and identify activities to be undertaken to return life support systems to normal or improved levels.

V. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A.** Kittitas County Emergency Management is responsible for determining that the requirements for requesting military support have been met.
- B.** National Guard forces have the primary responsibility to provide military assistance to Kittitas County during civil emergencies, as directed by the Governor.
- C.** Federal military forces may be requested at any time but may be tasked only when FEMA is directed by the President to assist Washington State.
- D.** Local military commanders, state and federal, may immediately respond to an emergency when it is justified to save human life, prevent human suffering and/or lessen major property damage or destruction.

VI. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

Support requests to the military should address the task, not the specific number of personnel or equipment. The military liaison will determine how the National Guard can best meet the need.