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Fire and Rescue (Emergency Support Function – 4) Annex to Emergency Operations Plan

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Purpose

Emergency Support Function 4, Fire and Rescue directs and controls operations regarding fire prevention, fire detection, fire suppression, rescue, and hazardous materials incidents; as well as to assist with warning and alerting, communications, evacuation, and other operations as required during an emergency.

General

1. The Morongo Reservation Fire Department (MRF) is prepared to assume primary operational control in fire prevention strategies, fire suppression, search and rescue, and hazardous material incidents. During multi-agency response events MRF will normally assume a unified command structure until it is determined that/if there is a single agency having jurisdiction; and
2. The Incident Commander (MRF Officer on scene) may order an immediate evacuation of threatened homes or areas. Methods to notice the tribal community of the evacuation will include reverse 911 activation, use of mobile loudspeakers, bullhorns, or canvas door to door to ensure that all affected residents have received the warning.

Goals

The goals of this ESF-4, Fire and Rescue annex to the EOP are:

- To outline how MRF operations are taken in support of a catastrophic incident;
- To augment, as a supporting plan, the Tribe's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)
- Identify how the ESF will support tribal departments in preparedness, response, recovery, and mitigation of disasters and catastrophic incidents
- To encourage partnerships to meet the needs of the Tribe's emergency organization during a disaster

Scope

The scope of the Fire and Rescue Emergency Support Function is shown in the table below:

<i>Morongo ESF Title</i>	<i>Morongo ESF Functions/Scope</i>	<i>Supporting Department(s)</i>
ESF-4, Fire Fighting and Rescue	ESF-4 manages and coordinates fire-fighting activities including the detection and suppression of fires; provides personnel, equipment, and supplies to support to the agencies involved in the firefighting operations; and monitors the status of fire mutual aid and assistance activities.	Morongo Reservation Fire Department (MRF)

Incident Command System

Insofar as feasible, this plan follows the principles and features of the Incident Command System (ICS). Used by the tribe's emergency response departments and organizations throughout the country under the National Incident Management System (NIMS), ICS is an effective model for centralized management. It clearly defines staff roles, responsibilities, and lines of communications. In the ICS model the base of operations for response to a disaster (incident) is the Command Center.

Planning Assumptions/Limitations

- Priority is always given to life safety and protection of property (in that order).
- The Morongo Fire Department operates under a series of Standard Operating Guides (SOGs), Standing Operating Procedures (SOPs), and other regulations and standards (e.g. National Fire Protection Association standards).
- The Morongo Fire Department is an all-hazard first response entity led by a Fire Chief and normally staffed with 2 Captains, 2 Engineers, and 2 Firefighters. As this plan is drafted the Tribe is adding additional capability to staff with an additional firefighter paramedic 24/7. These personnel operate two primary apparatus.
 - It is unlikely that during initial stages of response to a large-scale incident that a MRF representative will be able to staff the EOC. This will likely be staffed with a radio operator with direct communication to the Incident Commander or staffing a radio operator at each the EOC Operations Section and Incident Command Post.
- The need for outside aid and assistance during any large-scale incident (type 3, 2, or 1) is significant as the only other first response element staffed to serve the

residential area of the Morongo Indian Reservation on a 24/7 basis is the Morongo Reservation Patrol Department.

Organization

1. When the EOC is activated and as practical, a fire representative will be assigned to the EOC in order to coordinate the fire service response. The fire representative will be a part of the EOC staff (either as an ESF supporting element or in the Operations Section) and will assist with the overall direction and control of emergency operations.
2. MRF will coordinate any evacuation needs/warnings with the Riverside County Sheriff and Morongo Reservation Patrol (ESF-13, Law Enforcement) that will assist and provide security for the evacuated area. In the event of a hazardous materials incident, the Incident Commander should implement immediate protective actions to include evacuation as appropriate.

Actions

1. ESF-4 will develop and maintain plans and procedures (e.g. SOGs and SOPs) to provide fire, rescue, and emergency medical services in time of emergency. These plans should consider and be coordinated with tribal enterprises and other businesses on the Reservation;
2. Document expenses and continue for the duration of the emergency;
3. Check fire-fighting and communications equipment;
4. Follow established procedures in responding to fires and hazardous materials incidents and in providing rescue services;
5. Request mutual aid from neighboring jurisdictions;
6. Provide periodic briefings to the Tribe, Tribal Council, and staff as required;
7. Provide logistical support to on scene emergency response personnel through the ICS; and
8. Prepare emergency information to the public in coordination with ESF-15, External Affairs and Public Information and the Tribal Public Information Officer and maintain essential emergency communications through the established communications network with support from ESF-2, Communications.

Primary Staffing

As in the Emergency Operations Plan this annex identifies tribal government and administrative departments responsible for functions of the plan. The table below shows the primary and back-up positions in the organization to support this annex. It is a desire to have trained volunteers for each position also.

Position	Primary	Alternate
<i>ESF-4 Fire and Rescue</i>	Senior Chief Officer, Morongo Reservation Fire Department	Next Senior Chief Officer on duty or Officer on duty

Responsibilities and Activities

The MRF is responsible for the overall fire and emergency medical preparedness and response activities of the Morongo Tribal Government. This includes:

- Fire prevention and suppression;
- Emergency medical treatment;
- Hazardous materials incident response and training;
- Radiological monitoring and decontamination;
- Direct and assist with evacuation;
- Search and rescue;
- Establishing and coordinating for temporary shelter for evacuees through the Recreation, Elders, and Social Services programs;
- Direct and assist in initial warning and alerting;
- Provide qualified representative to assist in the EOC;
- Requests assistance from supporting agencies when needed;
- Liaisons with fire chiefs in the area; and
- Implements Mutual Aid.

ESF-4 Fire and Rescue Emergency Support Function Coordinator	
Reports to:	Senior Chief Officer
General Duties:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carryout existing SOPs and SOGs • Coordinate with other ESFs and Morongo Departments on prevention and training efforts that support overall mission of the MRF
General Preparation Actions (Set-up, turn-over)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Ensure accurate assumptions and expectations are included in EOP and its annexes <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support various tribal efforts (e.g. Public Safety Partnership Committee)
Response Actions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Manage on-scene activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> As available provide staffing in the EOC
Recovery Actions (Demobilization)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Support long-term recovery and mitigation activities <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Validate plans