



## **Public Health and Medical Services**

### **ESF #8**

**GRAYSON COLLEGE EMERGENCY**

**MANAGEMENT**

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**APPROVAL & IMPLEMENTATION**

**Annex**

**Emergency Support Function #8- Public Health and Medical  
Services**

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# RECORD OF CHANGES

## Annex

### ESF Public Health and Medical Services #8

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## Emergency Support Function 8- Public Health and Medical Services

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## Authority:

See emergency operations plan, Authority.

## Introduction:

The Emergency Support Function (ESF) annexes to the Emergency Operations Plan organize the applicable college District positions, departments, and outside support agencies into groups according to their roles in strategic response to a campus emergency or disaster. Outside agencies may include: governmental, non-governmental, private sector, and other volunteer resources. The ESF annex provides basic information on available internal and external departments and agencies that might be needed for an incident that affects Grayson College. Each ESF has at least one lead position or department within the District that will lead the specific response, one or more supporting departments within the District that will provide response support, and one or more external supporting departments from the surrounding communities of Sherman, Denison, and Van Alstyne.

ESFs will normally be activated at the direction of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) Manager in response to activation level 3 or greater emergencies as outlined in the EOP. Designated department and agency resources may be requested to respond or recover from emergency incidents that affect the District. Normally, the response and recovery actions will be coordinated from the EOC as Incident or Unified Command will use the resources at the incident scene.

The primary position/department/office(s) will normally be responsible for coordinating specific requirements associated with the emergency support function. Support position/department/office(s) may be contacted to provide expertise and assistance, as needed. Finally, external departments/agencies may be needed if internal resources are overwhelmed or where District capabilities do not exist (such as emergency medical or fire services.) In all cases, prior memorandums of understanding, mutual aid agreements, or funding issues would need to be addressed prior to requesting assistance.

## Purpose:

The purpose of ESF 8 is to provide, in a coordinated manner, the resources for public health, mental health, and medical services that may be needed in an emergency during an emergency or disaster impacting Grayson College.

The Public Health and Medical Services ESF assists college District, local, federal, state government entities, and voluntary organizations in performing response missions following a disaster or emergency.

## Scope:

Emergency Support Function 8:

- May include triage treatment and emergency medical transportation.

- May include psychological first aid and disaster mental health treatment for the faculty, staff, and students of Grayson College.
- Used to respond to incidents that overwhelm normal Incident Command response actions.

### **Situation:**

Grayson College is exposed to many hazards, all of which have the potential for disrupting the community, causing casualties, and damaging or destroying public or private property. Potential emergencies and disasters include both natural and human-caused incidents.

### **Assumptions:**

The District makes the following planning assumptions:

- During a disaster, the physical and mental health of members of the campus community, including emergency responders, may be impacted.
- Communication will be disrupted.
- Shortfalls can be expected in both support personnel and equipment.
- Local, state, and federal assistance may not be immediately available.

## **Concept of operations**

### **General:**

- The Emergency Operations Plan provides overall guidance for emergency planning.
- ESF annexes are designed to provide general guidance and basic information to include points of contact in case additional resources or expertise is needed at the EOC or incident scene.

### **Organization:**

- National Incident Management System concepts will be used for all incidents.
- Incident or Unified Command will be used by responding departments and agencies.
- When requested, ESF personnel will report to the EOC and utilize the EOP, its annexes, and other SOPs to activate and operate during an incident or event.

## Activation:

- If ESF 8 requires activation, the EOC manager or his/her staff will contact the departments or agencies listed in this annex to report to the EOC.
- The District emergency notification system may be utilized for the notification and recall of groups needed for the function of the ESF.

## Direction and Control:

- The Incident Command System (ICS) is used by District personnel to respond to emergencies and disasters. During the emergency response phase, all responders will report to the designated Incident Commander (IC) at the Incident Command Post (ICP).
- **The ESF shall not self-deploy to the incident scene.** Wait to be contacted or try to contact the Emergency Operations Center for guidance and direction.
- Do not call any emergency dispatch or public safety answering point unless you have an emergency or critical information to report.

## Emergency support function operations:

The Emergency Support Function will primarily take action in the following phases:

- **Preparedness**
  - Review and update this annex.
  - Participate in any exercises, as appropriate.
  - Conduct periodic transportation needs assessments.
  - Maintain a list of personnel (at least one primary and one back up individual) that can be called to the EOC, as needed.
  - Develop procedures to document costs for any potential reimbursement.
- **Response**
  - When requested by the EOC Manager, immediately respond to EOC.
  - Coordinate emergency information for public release through EOC Manager and ESF 15, External Affairs.
- **Recovery**
  - Coordinate disaster health assistance as needed by the IC, EOC Manager, or EOC Policy Group, as appropriate.
  - Ensure that ESF 8 team members or their agencies maintain appropriate records of costs incurred during the event.



## Responsibilities:

### ESF Coordinator:

- Develop, maintain, and coordinate the planning and operational functions of the ESF Annex through the ESF primary agency.
- Maintain working memorandums of understanding (MOUs), mutual aid agreements (MAAs), or other functional contracts to bolster the ESF capability.

### ESF Primary Agency:

- Serves as the lead agency for ESF 8, supporting the response and recovery operations after activation of the EOC.
- Develop, maintain, and update plans and standard operating procedures (SOPs) for use during an emergency.
- Identify, train, and assign personnel to staff ESF 1 when District EOC is activated.
- At a minimum, the National Incident Management System ICS-100 and IS-700 on line classes should be completed by assigned personnel. Additional training requirements may found in the Training, Testing, and Exercise support annex, published under a separate cover.
- The primary agency of ESF 8 will assist in the identification and implementation of essential public health and medical services.

### ESF Support and External Agencies

- **The supporting medical external agencies in this ESF will assume primary agency status for medical only incidents, with all responsibilities of the primary agency as indicated in this annex, upon their arrival as the district does not operate its own emergency medical service capability.**
- Support the District with memorandums of understanding (MOUs), mutual aid agreements (MAAs), or other functional contracts.
- Support the primary agency as needed.

## Infectious Disease Emergencies:

Although timing is not certain, the occurrence of a dangerous infectious disease incident in the future can be predicted with a fair degree of certainty.

Three conditions must be met for an incident to occur:

- a disease must emerge or resurge;
- the disease must infect humans; and
- the disease must be suited to large scale human to human transmission.

The avian or bird flu (subtype H5N1) continues to receive much publicity as a potential pandemic. Bird flu, found mainly in Asia at present, meets the first two conditions, but is not yet capable of large scale human to human transmission. The situation could change. Flu viruses as a class generally undergo mutations on a frequent basis. The possibility of bird flu virus undergoing mutation and thereby meeting all three criteria for pandemic is a real threat. If this occurs, a pandemic event will ensue and progress rapidly around the world. Whether the pandemic is caused by H5N1 or some other unknown flu strain is not of great importance. Scientists agree that a pandemic will happen, and society in general is not prepared for such a crisis. These are concerns that must be addressed.

Each year the United States health care system faces a routine influenza outbreak resulting in an average of 200,000 patients requiring hospitalization and 36,000 deaths from flu and/or secondary complications. During a pandemic, the level of illness and death increases dramatically. The impact on the local economy and business processes could be devastating. It is estimated that 15-35% of the entire United States population will be ill at some time during the crisis. There is a potential for high levels of hospitalizations and deaths, as well as significant disruption to our social infrastructure.

The anticipated level of illness and death brought on by a pandemic event prompted the Department of Health and Human Services Center for Disease Control and Prevention to develop a pandemic severity index based on the number of deaths in the 2006 United States population, assuming a 30% illness rate and unmitigated pandemic without interventions.

## Terms and References:

### Acronyms

GC	Grayson College
EOC	Emergency Operation Center
ICS	Incident Command System
ICP	Incident Command Post
IP	Internet Protocol
IC	Incident Command

### Definition:

Emergency Operations Center	Specially equipped facilities from which government officials exercise direction and control and coordinate necessary resources in an emergency situation.
Standard Operating Procedures	Approved methods for accomplishing a task or set of tasks. SOPs are typically prepared at the department or agency level. May also be referred to as Standard Operating Guidelines (SOGs).

## Distribution list:

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