

## Dakota County EOP Summary

The Dakota County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) is developed and updated in accordance with existing federal, state and local statutes and understandings of various departments and agencies involved. The plan has been reviewed by the Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

### Plan introduction

The plan introduction provides a context for the Dakota County EOP, including the reason, purpose, and assumptions for preparing this plan.

### Concept of Operations

Concept of Operations describes the process by which this operations plan will be executed, and how the application of the Incident Command System (ICS) guides coordination. Emergency Responsibilities are assigned to various county departments and are listed under the Emergency Support Functions (ESF) they are responsible for.

### Coordination, Direction and Control

Coordination, Direction and Control describes how the direction and control of government operations is achieved from an equipped and organized facility designed to conduct emergency operations. The primary Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is in the Dakota County Judicial Center in Hastings.

The Dakota County Board of Commissioners will be responsible for making policy decisions on behalf of the County during an emergency or disaster.

The County Manager is responsible for the overall direction and control of County resources in response to a large-scale incident or disaster.

The Dakota County Emergency Management Director is responsible to implement the County Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and will serve in an advisory role in policymaking regarding response, resources, and operating guidelines.

### Emergency Support Functions (ESF)

The Dakota County Emergency Management Director, through the plan, designates the primary agencies for each Emergency Support Function (ESF) to coordinate the activities of that function. These functions are summarized in the table below:

| ESF            | ESF # | Description                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Responsible Entity<br>(P)primary (S)upport (C)oordination                                                                      |
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| Transportation | ESF 1 | Responsible for County transportation support to governments and county agencies, restoration and recovery of transportation infrastructure, movement restrictions, damage and impact assessment to the transportation system, performance of and assisting with evacuation and re-entry planning, processing of all transportation assistance requests and tasks received in the EOC, prioritizing transportation resources for the transportation of people, materials, and services, and performing all necessary actions to assist with recovery operations. | <b>P</b> - Transportation Dept.<br><b>S</b> - Transportation providers (MVTA, etc.)<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Transportation |

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| Communications<br>a) Public Safety Communications<br>b) Telecommunications | ESF 2  | Responsible for coordinating actions to be taken to assure the provision of required communications (2-way radios) and Telecommunications (computer and telephone systems) support to disaster personnel. Activation of warning systems and restoration of essential communication systems are coordinated by ESF 2.      | <b>P</b> – Dakota 911 (Public Safety Communications)<br><b>P</b> - Dakota IT<br><b>S</b> - Amateur Radio groups<br><b>C</b> – IT                                                        |
| Public Works and Engineering                                               | ESF 3  | Responsible for providing technical advice and evaluations, engineering systems, construction management and inspection, emergency contacting, emergency repair of wastewater and solid waste facilities, removal and handling of debris, and the opening and maintaining of roadways.                                    | <b>P</b> - Transportation Dept.<br><b>S</b> - Municipal Public Works Departments<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Transportation                                                             |
| Firefighting                                                               | ESF 4  | Responsible for firefighting activities and support services including training, suppression, investigations, and code compliance. Areas of responsibility and activities include suburban, urban, rural, and wild land settings and the interface between each environment.                                              | <b>P</b> – Municipal fire departments, under coordination of DCFC Association<br><b>S</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office, Dakota 911<br><b>C</b> - Emergency Management               |
| Emergency Management                                                       | ESF 5  | Responsible for coordination of incident management efforts, incident action planning, collecting, processing, and disseminating information to facilitate emergency response and recovery efforts. Preparation of special operations plans and damage and needs assessments are handled by ESF # 5.                      | <b>P</b> - DC EM Director<br><b>S</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office<br><b>C</b> - DC EM Director                                                                                     |
| Mass Care, Housing and Human Services                                      | ESF 6  | Responsible for coordinating efforts for Mass Care, Disaster Housing and Human Services. Includes efforts to provide shelter, food, and emergency aid and for coordinating bulk distribution of emergency relief supplies to disaster victims. Also, coordination of emergency economic assistance and temporary housing. | <b>P</b> - Dakota County Social Services<br><b>S</b> - Employment and Economic Assistance<br><b>S</b> - DC Public Health<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Social Services                    |
| Resource Support                                                           | ESF7   | Responsible for providing logistical and resource support to entities involved in delivering emergency response efforts for natural and technological disasters. Includes facility space, office equipment and supplies, contracting and purchasing, etc.                                                                 | <b>P</b> - Facilities Management<br><b>P</b> - Purchasing<br><b>P</b> - Finance<br><b>C</b> - Division Director for Central Operations Division                                         |
| Public Health and Medical                                                  | ESF 8  | Responsible for coordinating health and medical resources needed to respond to public health and medical care needs prior to, during and following a disaster. Includes public health, hospitals, Emergency Medical Services and mental health services.                                                                  | <b>P</b> - DC Public Health, including EMS<br><b>S</b> - Hospitals and Clinics<br><b>S</b> - Dakota County Social Services<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Public Health                    |
| Search and Rescue                                                          | ESF 9  | Responsibilities include searching for and locating disaster victims in urban, suburban, and rural environments.                                                                                                                                                                                                          | <b>P</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office<br><b>S</b> - Municipal Fire Departments and SOT<br><b>S</b> - Civil Air Patrol, Sheriff's Posse<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office |
| Hazardous Materials                                                        | ESF 10 | Responsibilities include coordination in response to an actual or potential discharge and/or release of hazardous materials                                                                                                                                                                                               | <b>P</b> - Municipal Fire Departments, Dakota County Environmental Resources                                                                                                            |

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|                                             |        | resulting from natural or technological disasters. Includes chemical, biological, radiological response. Coordinates environmental safety and short and long-term clean-up.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <b>S</b> - Dakota Special Operations Team (SOT) and MN Duty Officer,<br><b>C</b> - Emergency Management                                                                                                                     |
| Agriculture and Natural Resources           | ESF 11 | Responsibilities include identifying, securing and arranging for coordinating the transport of food and water assistance to affected areas                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             | <b>P</b> - Emergency Management<br><b>S</b> - Emergency Management<br><b>C</b> - Emergency Management                                                                                                                       |
| Energy and Utilities                        | ESF 12 | Responsible for coordinating the provision of emergency power to support emergency response and recovery efforts and normalized community functions. Provides electric power, distribution systems, fuel, and emergency generators, Energy and utility infrastructure assessment, coordination of repairs and recovery. Coordinates with Energy and Utility providers for assessment and restoration/recovery.                                         | Adding in 2026                                                                                                                                                                                                              |
| Public Safety and Security                  | ESF 13 | Responsibilities include establishing procedures for the command, control, and coordination of law enforcement agencies to support disaster response operations. Coordinates with the National Guard in support of security missions and other law enforcement agency activities. Responsibilities include outlining specific tasks, resources, locations, and responsibilities to support the military presence in county during disaster operations. | <b>P</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office<br><b>S</b> - DC Police Chiefs Association, MN State Patrol, Local Law Enforcement agencies, Emergency Management, MN National Guard<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Sheriff's Office |
| Long-Term Community Recovery and Mitigation | ESF 14 | Responsibilities include social and economic community impact assessment, long-term recovery assistance coordination from state and federal governments as well as the private sector.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 | <b>P</b> - Dir. Assessing Services<br><b>S</b> - Dep. Dir. Assessing Services<br><b>C</b> - Dir. Assessing Services                                                                                                         |
| Public Information                          | ESF 15 | Responsible for coordinating emergency public information, media and community relations.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <b>P</b> - Dakota County Communications Department<br><b>S</b> - Information officers both county and local<br><b>C</b> - Dakota County Communications Department<br><b>C</b> - Warning - Dakota 911                        |