I. PREFACE-HOW TO USE THIS PLAN

Although no plan can replace the common sense and good judgment of emergency response personnel, department directors, and other decision makers, this Emergency Operations Plan does provide a framework to guide the City of West Linn’s effort to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from major emergencies or disasters. This Plan describes the roles and responsibilities of emergency responders in the City of West Linn. It sets forth general policies, and documents the guidelines and agreements that have been reached in order to integrate all emergency response systems into a program for comprehensive emergency management. The Emergency Operations Plan is divided into three major sections:

SECTION I-ADMINISTRATIVE OVERVIEW
This section provides the user with 1) an introduction to the Plan, 2) reference to the legal authority for planning, 3) brief descriptions of local hazards, 4) a statement of responsibilities for planning activities, 5) a glossary of terms, and 6) Plan distribution information.

SECTION II-COMMON MANAGEMENT FUNCTIONS
This section is the function-specific portion of the plan. In it can be found specific information and guidelines for those emergency activities in which all City Departments are likely to participate, and which may be common to all emergencies. These include, among others, Public Information, Communications, and Alert and Warning.

SECTION III-HAZARD SPECIFIC ANNEXES
This section includes directions and guidelines specific to individual hazards or kinds of emergencies.

WEST LINN EMERGENCY OPERATIONS GUIDE
In addition to the Operations Plan, the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide provides specific information to efficiently implement the policies and procedures outlined. This guide provides activation information, Incident Command organization checklists, and planning, communications, and resource ordering information.

II. AUTHORITY

This Emergency Operations Plan is issued by the West Linn City Council pursuant to the provisions of the City Emergency Code 2.700 through 2.750, and to Chapter 401, Oregon Revised Statutes (ORS).

A. West Linn Emergency Code

2.700 Title
Sections 2.700 to 2.750 shall be known as the “emergency planning provisions” and may be so cited and pleaded and is referred to herein.

2.710 Conditions of Emergency
The conditions required for the declaration of a state of emergency within the City of West Linn are as follows:

(1) “Emergency’ includes any man-made or natural event or circumstance causing or threatening loss of life, injury to person or property, human suffering or financial loss, and includes, but is not limited to, fire, explosion, flood, severe weather, drought, earthquake, volcanic activity, spills or releases of oil or hazardous material as defined in ORS 466.605, contamination, utility or transportation emergencies, disease, blight, infestation, crisis influx of migrants unmanageable by the county, civil disturbance, riot, sabotage and war.”
2.720 Declaration of Emergency

A declaration of a state of emergency within the City of West Linn may be issued by the mayor (or the Council President when the Mayor is absent or otherwise unable to perform the functions of mayor as provided in the City Charter); or the City Manager or designee if the nature of the emergency requires that immediate action be taken and it is not reasonably practicable for the Mayor to issue the declaration of emergency prior to the time immediate action must be taken. Any declaration of emergency by the City Manager shall be subject to review and revision by the Mayor. All declarations of emergency shall be subject to review and revision by the City Council. A declaration of a state of emergency shall be terminated by the City Council when emergency situation ceases to exist.

2.730 Adoption of Emergency Operations Plan

The City Council may by resolution establish an Emergency Operations Plan with procedures to prepare for and carry out any activity to prevent, minimize, respond to or recover from an emergency. These procedures may include, but are not limited to, the following measures:

1. redirect City funds for emergency use and suspend standard City procurement procedures;
2. establish a curfew which fixes the hours during which all persons other than officially authorized personnel may not be upon the public streets or other public places;
3. prohibit or limit the number of persons who may gather or congregate upon any public street, public place, or any outdoor place;
4. barricade streets and prohibit vehicular or pedestrian traffic, or regulate the same on any public street leading to the emergency area for such distance as may be deemed necessary under the circumstances;
5. evacuate persons;
6. prohibit the sale of alcoholic beverages;
7. prohibit or restrict the sale of gasoline or other flammable liquids;
8. prohibit the sale, carrying, or possession of any weapons or explosives of any kind on public streets, public places, or any outdoor place;
9. curtail or suspend commercial activity;
10. turn off water, gas, or electricity;
11. order such other measures as are necessary for the protection of life or property, or for the recovery from the emergency.

2.740 Responsibilities of the City Manager

The City Manager shall carry out the emergency duties or functions as prescribed by the resolution establishing procedures to deal with an emergency and may delegate all are part of that authority.

2.750 Violation

Any person, firm, corporation, association, or entity that violates any provision of Sections 2.700 to 2.750 or any plan or order authorized by sections 2.700 to 2.750 shall be subject, on conviction, to a fine of not more than $500 per offense. Each day of violation shall be deemed a separate offence for penalty purposes.

Time Limit on Emergency Regulations.
1. The proclamation of emergency shall become effective on its issuance and dissemination to the public by appropriate news media.
A proclamation of emergency shall terminate on the issuance of a proclamation determining that an emergency no longer exists.

B. Executive Responsibility.

The City Manager is responsible for implementation of the Emergency Operations Plan. When the City Manager determines that a state of emergency exists, the City Manager shall implement and facilitate the process identified in 2.720 of the Emergency Code described above.

C. Declaration and Ratification of Emergency.

1. The declaration of a state of emergency shall:
   a. state the nature of the emergency;
   b. designate the geographic boundaries of the area which is subject to the emergency controls; and
   c. state any special regulations or emergency powers imposed as a result of the state of emergency.

2. The ratification by the City Council of a state of emergency shall:
   a. confirm or amend the provisions of the state of emergency.

D. Oregon Revised Statutes

401.305 Emergency management agency of city: . . . emergency program manager. “Each City may establish an emergency management agency which shall be directly responsible to the executive officer or governing body of the . . . city. The executive officer or governing body of each . . . city which participates shall appoint an emergency program manager who shall have responsibility for the organization, administration, and operation of such agency, subject to the direction and control of the . . . city. The local governing bodies of counties and cities that have both city and county emergency management programs shall jointly establish policies which provide direction and identify and define the purpose and roles of the individual emergency management programs, specify the responsibilities of the emergency program managers and staff, and establish lines of communication, succession, and authority of elected officials for an effective and efficient response to emergency conditions. Each emergency management agency shall perform emergency program management functions within the territorial limits of the . . . city and may perform such functions outside the territorial limits as required under any mutual aid or cooperative assistance agreement or as authorized by the . . . city. Such emergency management functions shall include, as a minimum, coordination of the planning activities necessary to prepare and maintain a current emergency operations plan, management and maintenance of emergency operating facilities from which elected and appointed officials can direct emergency and disaster response activities, and establishment of an incident command structure for management of a coordinated response by all local emergency service agencies.

401.315 City authorized to incur obligations for emergency services. “In carrying out the provisions of ORS 401.015 to 401.105, 401.260 to 401.325 and 401.355 to 401.580, . . . cities may enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, or recover from emergencies or major disaster.”

401.325 Emergency management agency appropriation; tax levy.
   1) “Each . . . city may make appropriations in the manner provided by law for making appropriations for the expenses of the . . . city, for the
payment of expenses of its emergency management agency, and may levy taxes upon the taxable property within the . . . city.”

2) “An appropriation made under subsection 1) of this section shall be budgeted so that it is possible to identify it as a distinguishable expense category.”

401.335 Temporary housing for disaster victims; political subdivision’s authority. “Any political subdivision of this state is expressly authorized to acquire, temporarily or permanently, by purchase, lease, or otherwise, sites required for installation of temporary housing units for disaster victims, and to enter into arrangements necessary to prepare or equip such sites to utilize the housing units.”

III. POLICY STATEMENTS

It is the policy of the City of West Linn to safeguard life and property by making maximum use of all available resources, public and private, to minimize the effects of environmental, technological, civil, and political emergencies.

A) General Policies

1) Essential City services will be maintained as long as conditions permit.
2) An emergency will require prompt and effective response and recovery operations by City departments, disaster relief, volunteer organizations, and the private sector.
3) Environmental, technological, and civil emergencies may be of such magnitude and severity that County, State, and Federal assistance is required.
4) County and State support of City emergency operations will be based on the principle of self-help. The City will be responsible for utilizing all available local and mutual aid resources prior to requesting assistance from either Clackamas County Emergency Management or the State of Oregon.
5) When an emergency situation exists, all City Departments will put their emergency operations plans and operating guidelines into limited or full operation, as necessary.
6) In the event of an emergency, the Incident Commander has the authority to re-assign City personnel to assist in response.
7) Operational situation and status reports will be made by incident management staffs based upon severity of the emergency or anticipated emergency to include:
   a) Estimated time and location of impact.
   b) Date, time, and location of the actual emergency.
   c) For emergencies with minimum or no warning-date, time, location, known or estimated number of injuries or casualties, and estimated damage at time of report.
   d) Date and time of activation of department emergency operations.
   Such reports will be forwarded to the Mayor, City Manager, Department Directors, EOC staff, and affected jurisdictions as appropriate.
8) Access to emergency services shall not be denied on the grounds of race, color, national origin, sex, age, or handicap. The needs of special populations shall be identified and planned for as directed by policy makers and according to federal regulations and guidance. Special populations may include, but not be limited to:
   - Physically or mentally handicapped
   - Non-English speakers
   - The aged or infirm
   - The incarcerated
   - The hospitalized
The City has the following programs in place for special populations:
   - TTD/TTY contact and captioned cable alert for the hearing-impaired.
   - Foreign language capability through 911.
   - Handicapped access to City facilities and Red Cross shelter facilities.
Routine fire inspections of adult assisted living facilities, rest homes, nursing homes and hospitals.

Identified transportation assistance for the physically handicapped.

9. Emergency response often requires decisions to be made quickly under adverse conditions. Emergency conditions may require actions which are not listed in this plan, or which run counter to guidelines suggested. Decisions, when based on information available to the Incident Commander and which appeared reasonable at the time, will not be criticized after an incident, even if a different course of action in retrospect appears better. Government entities complying with this plan shall not be liable for injury, death, or loss of property except in cases of willful misconduct or gross negligence.

B. Operational Policies

1. Levels of Activity:
As accidents and emergency incidents occur frequently, but rarely with the scope and complexity which would require the implementation of this plan, activation will be based on the following definitions and criteria:

Level I-The normal organization and procedures of City departments that will not require implementation of this plan.

Level II-An incident that has special or unusual characteristics requiring response by more than one City Department, or which is beyond the scope of available resources, may require partial implementation of this plan. The following incidents require an automatic Level II activation:

- Mass Casualty Incidents (MCI)
- Interface fires
- Moderate to major hazardous materials incidents within the City of West Linn
- SWAT/SERT Operations within the City of West Linn
- Any evacuation expected to last more than 4 hours

Level III-An incident that requires the coordinated response of all levels of government to save lives and protect the property of a large portion of the population. Such an emergency may require the sheltering or relocation of the effected population. Under such conditions, this plan shall be implemented. The following incidents require an automatic Level III activation:

- Earthquake involving obvious structural damage
- Major civil disorder
- Hazardous materials incident involving major airborne release, sheltering in place, or evacuation.

2. City Departments shall retain their identity and autonomy during a declared state of emergency. Each hazard identified within this plan has one or more Departments identified as "lead agencies." In general, the lead agencies will be responsible for taking the lead in response to their identified hazard. However, all Departments share planning responsibilities in all phases and all activity levels, and will work cooperatively to achieve the overall objectives set by the emergency management organization. Lead agency authority does not preclude the use of a unified command approach to incident management, delegation of authority to the Incident Commanders of the City's Incident Management Teams, or the assumption of command by the City Manager, if such actions are appropriate.
Hazard | Lead Agency/Agencies
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Civil Disorder | Police Department
Drought | Public Works
Drug Labs | Police Department
Earthquake | Public Works
Energy Shortage | Public Works
Fire | Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Flood | Public Works
Dam Failure | Public Works
Hazardous Materials | Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Transportation | Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
Volcano | Public Works
Weather | Public Works

3. All City Departments have the following common tasks:
   - Developing operating guidelines to implement assigned duties within this plan.
   - Assigning personnel to the City’s Incident Management Teams.
   - Training personnel to accomplish emergency duties.
   - Establishing internal lines of succession of authority.
   - Protecting Department vital records, materials, facilities, and services.
   - Warning Department personnel of impending emergencies.
   - Assigning support personnel to the Emergency Operations Center.

4. West Linn’s emergency management program is administered by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue. Program oversight is accomplished through the City Emergency Management Coordinator, the City Manager, and the internal Emergency Management Steering Committee.

5. During an emergency, the City Manager has the ultimate authority and responsibility for the direction and control of City resources. On a day to day basis, this authority is delegated to the Police and Public Works Departments and Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue who have the power to establish control of an emergency incident through the Incident Command structure. The City Manager may re-assume the duties of overall Incident Command, if in his or her judgment emergency response will be enhanced by this action. Operational control and incident tactics shall remain with the lead agency or agencies.

6. Responsibility for coordination of emergency activities with County, State, and private organizations has been delegated to those Departments involved in emergency response and to the City’s Incident Management Teams.
7. A declaration of emergency by the City of West Linn is the first step in accessing state and federal disaster assistance. The West Linn City Council has the legal authority under ORS Chapter 401 (see Section II-H) to declare that a local emergency exists. The City Manager is delegated this authority. After making a declaration of a state of emergency, the City Manager will request the Mayor to call a special meeting of the City Council in order to ratify the declaration. If the City Manager is unable to act due to absence or incapacity, the Emergency Management Coordinator, or the Incident Commander may exercise local Declaration authority. The declaration of emergency shall authorize specific emergency powers, and shall exist for the period set forth in the declaration. The state of emergency may be extended for additional periods of time as necessary.

8. The role of the Mayor and Council in emergencies is primarily that of liaison with the public and with the elected officials of other effected or assisting jurisdictions.

C. Phases of Emergency Management

Emergency management planning can be divided into four phases: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. Although each phase has tasks assigned to it, the process is dynamic and interconnected. For example, tasks taken to recover from a disaster may have effects on mitigation, preparedness and response to future occurrences.

Mitigation: includes those actions taken to eliminate a hazard, or to reduce the potential for damage should a disaster occur. Such actions include implementing building codes, requiring special identification and routing for the movement of hazardous materials, and enforcing land use and zoning requirements.

Preparedness: includes actions taken to plan, equip, and train citizens and local governments to respond to emergencies arising from hazards which cannot be eliminated through mitigation. This may include preparation of emergency operations plans and guidelines, and exercises to test them. It may also include training in evacuation procedures, home fire safety, and purchase of equipment and supplies needed to respond to the emergency.

Response: includes actions taken to save lives and protect property during an emergency. This may include search and rescue, fire suppression, evacuation, emergency feeding and sheltering. It may also include such behind the scenes activities as activating emergency plans, and opening and staffing Emergency Operations Centers from which jurisdictional decision-makers direct emergency activities.

Recovery: includes those processes required to return the jurisdiction to normal. This could include reconstruction of roads and public facilities, securing financial aid for disaster victims, and review and critique of response activities.

All Departments of the City of West Linn have responsibilities in all emergency phases. The responsibilities of mitigation and preparedness are addressed in City codes, Departmental operating guidelines and position descriptions. Response and recovery tasks are detailed in this Emergency Operations Plan.

IV. HAZARD ANALYSIS

A thorough hazard analysis allows a jurisdiction to focus its energy and resources on those hazards that are most likely and that would have the most serious impact on its citizens. The following discussion is an overview of the hazards that may impact the City of West Linn. Additional details may be found in the hazard-specific annexes.

A. Geographic Description

The City of West Linn, located in northwest Oregon, currently has a population of approximately 22,835, and a total land area of approximately 7.5 square miles. Highways 205 and 43 run through the City. A major rail line lies just across the Willamette river.
Attendant with these routes is the risk of transportation accidents and transportation-related hazardous materials releases.

The City includes a portion of the Willamette River within its borders, and also has several small streams that are subject to flooding. A related hazard is the potential of dam failure on the Clackamas River, which empties into the Willamette just north of the I-205 bridge.

B. **West Linn Hazard Analysis**

Category totals are determined by multiplying the weight factor by the severity rating for each criterion below. The results for the City of West Linn are listed in order of score.

**Severity Rating**

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**Event history** (weight factor 2): based on level II or higher activations per 100 years.

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**Vulnerability** (weight factor 5): based on the percentage of population or property likely to be effected by the incident.

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**Maximum Threat** (weight factor 10): also based on the percentage of population or property affected. A high maximum threat affects more than 25% of the population, moderate 5-25%, and low less than 5%.

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**Probability** (Weight factor 7): based on the likelihood of another occurrence within a specified period of time. A high probability incident can be expected once within a ten-year period, a medium probability once within fifty years, and low once in one hundred years.

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1. **HAZARDOUS MATERIALS**: includes fixed-site and transportation-related incidents as well as drug labs.

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Total-213 Points
2. EARTHQUAKE: includes earthquakes themselves, as well as associated hazards such as landslides and rockfalls. Although West Linn has a history of small earthquakes, actual damage has been slight. Recent evaluation of the earthquake potential in the Pacific Northwest indicates that the threat has been underestimated, and that the region may experience a “great” subduction zone earthquake (in excess of 9 on the Richter scale). Confirmation of the existence of the Portland Hills Fault and historical activity along that and other nearby faults demonstrates the local as well as regional hazard.

   History-Low (6 points)
   Vulnerability-High (50 points)
   Maximum Threat-High (100 points)
   Probability-Low (21 points)
   Total-177 points

3. WEATHER: includes windstorms, snow and ice storms, and periods of extreme heat and cold.

   History-Medium (12 points)
   Vulnerability-High (35 points)
   Maximum Threat-High (100 points)
   Probability-Medium (28 points)
   Total-175 points

4. FLOOD: West Linn has a significant portion of the Willamette River within its jurisdiction. Despite flood controls, it has a history of flooding. It may also be exposed to dam failure.

   History-High (20 points)
   Vulnerability-Medium (20 points)
   Maximum Threat-Medium (40 points)
   Probability-High (70 points)
   Total-150 points

5. FIRE: level II urban and interface fire occurrences are common within the City. Most are handled easily through mutual aid without activation of this plan. The City faces a threat of wildland/urban interface fires from large areas of undeveloped property within and adjacent to the City limits.

   History-High (20 points)
   Vulnerability-Medium (20 points)
   Maximum Threat-Medium (40 points)
   Probability-High (70 points)
   Total-150 points

6. TRANSPORTATION: includes major incidents involving automobiles airplanes and trains.

   History-High (20 points)
   Vulnerability-Medium (20 points)
   Maximum Threat-Medium (40 points)
   Probability-High (70 points)
   Total-150 points
7. VOLCANO: includes ash-fall that might result from an eruption of Mt. Saint Helens. Mt. Hood is also considered to be potentially active.
   History-Low (2 points)
   Vulnerability-High (50 points)
   Maximum Threat-High (70 points)
   Probability-Low (7 points)
   Total-129

8. UTILITY FAILURE: includes the shortage or loss of power for periods in excess of 24 hours, and shortages of fuels, pipeline interruptions (except for those that qualify as hazmat), such as oil, gasoline, and diesel.
   History-Low (6 points)
   Vulnerability-Medium (30 points)
   Maximum Threat-Medium (40 points)
   Probability-Low (21 points)
   Total-97 points

9. DROUGHT: extreme and prolonged drought may threaten drinking water and fire suppression supplies, as well as water-dependent agriculture and industry.
   History-Medium (8 points)
   Vulnerability-Medium (20 points)
   Maximum Threat-Medium (40 points)
   Probability-Low (14 points)
   Total-82 points

10. CIVIL DISTURBANCE/TERRORISM: includes riot, protests, demonstrations, strikes, and acts of terrorism, as well as infrastructure disruptions due to any of these events in West Linn or elsewhere.
    History-Low (4 points)
    Vulnerability-Low (10 points)
    Maximum Threat-Low (10 points)
    Probability-Low (14 points)
    Total-38 points

11. Dam Break: includes dam breaks at any of the PGE hydroelectric dams on the Clackamas River.
    History-Low (2 points)
    Vulnerability-Low (5 points)
    Maximum Threat-Low (10 points)
    Probability-Low (7 points)
    Total-24 points
V. TRAINING AND EXERCISE

Training and exercise are vital to determine the effectiveness of this *Emergency Operations Plan*. These preparedness activities ensure that the operational concepts outlined are sound, and that personnel are adequately trained to carry out necessary functions in time of disaster. In addition, such testing will provide a basis for the updating and revision of this plan, and for the identification of inadequate resources.

Training and exercises will be evaluated by participants and observers, and specific elements of the plan changed as indicated.

City Departments and agencies shall work with Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue, Clackamas County Emergency Management, and other appropriate agencies, to develop and coordinate the delivery of ongoing disaster training and education programs, and to develop and implement exercises of this plan.

VI. PLAN REVIEW CYCLE

The following plan review cycle will ensure that the entire *Emergency Operations Plan* is kept up-to-date. The Emergency Management Coordinator is responsible for coordinating this review, with the assistance responsible Department Directors, Clackamas County Emergency Management and other subject matter experts as necessary.

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Annexes with no asterisk will be reviewed bi-annually. Annexes with an asterisk will be reviewed annually. Annexes with two asterisks will be updated quarterly.

VII. GLOSSARY

**Alert:**
Informs people of impending danger.

**American Red Cross:**
The National organization with a Congressional mandate to undertake the relief of persons suffering from disaster.

**Common Program Control Broadcast Station:**
An element of the Emergency Alert System. The primary broadcast station in each operational area assigned the responsibility for coordinating the broadcasting of common emergency public information in that area.

**Damage Assessment:**
The appraisal or determination of the actual effects resulting from an emergency or disaster. This estimate of the damages to a geographic area is made after a disaster has occurred, and serves as the basis for the Governor’s request for a Presidential Disaster Declaration.

**Disaster:**
“Any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, or other catastrophe in any part of the United States which, in the determination of the President, causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant Major Disaster assistance under PL 93-288, above and beyond emergency services by the federal government, to supplement the efforts and available resources of states, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss, hardship or suffering caused thereby.” (PL 93-288)

**Disaster Application Center (DAC):**
An office established in the disaster area where individual disaster victims may receive information concerning available assistance, and apply for programs for which they are eligible. The DAC will house representatives of the Federal, State and Local agencies which deal directly with the needs of individual victims.

**Emergency:**
“Any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, tsunami, earthquake, volcanic eruption, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, or other catastrophe which requires emergency assistance to save lives and protect public health and safety, or to avert or lessen the threat of a major disaster.” (PL 93-288)

**Emergency Alert System (EAS):**
Consists of broadcasting radio stations and interconnecting facilities that have been authorized by the Federal Communications Commission to operate in a controlled manner during emergencies.

**Emergency Management:**
Refers to programs and capabilities designed to mitigate, prepare for, respond to, and recover from the effects of all hazards.

**Emergency Management Coordinator:**
The representative of the City of West Linn who provides liaison and program oversight to Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.

**Emergency Management Program Manager:**
The individual who has the overall authority for emergency management programs and activities, and coordinates a jurisdiction’s mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities.

**Emergency Operations Center (EOC):**
The site from which jurisdiction officials direct response during an emergency or disaster.

**Federal Disaster Relief Act:**
Public Law 93-288 as amended, gives the President broad powers to assist state and local governments in carrying out their responsibilities to alleviate suffering and damage resulting from major disasters.

**Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):**
Agency established to oversee federal assistance to individuals and local government in the event of major disasters. Also administers the Emergency Management assistance program, which provides emergency management funds to local governments through the states.

**Federal On-Scene Coordinator (FOSC):**
Federal employee responsible for coordinating the on-scene federal response to a hazardous materials incident. The FOSC will usually be a member of the US Coast Guard or the Environmental Protection Agency.
Hazard:
Any situation or condition that has the potential of causing injury to people or damage to property.

Hazardous Material:
A substance or material in a quantity or form, which, in an unconfined state, may pose an unreasonable risk to health and safety, or to property. These substances may exhibit one or more of the following characteristics: toxicity, flammability, corrosiveness, explosiveness, radioactivity, or a tendency to rapidly decompose when exposed to oxygen or elevated temperatures.
1. Toxicity: the capability of a substance to produce serious illness or death.
2. Flammability: ability to support combustion.
3. Corrosiveness: causing visible destruction of or irreversible alterations in living tissue upon contact; a liquid that causes a severe corrosion rate in steel.
4. Explosiveness: the characteristic of a chemical compound, mixture, or device involving the instantaneous release of gas or heat, by deflagration or detonation.
5. Radioactivity: a characteristic of some elements that involves the spontaneous release of alpha, beta, or gamma radiation, and results in the disintegration of the material.
6. Oxidation: a process by which a change occurs when a substance is exposed to oxygen.

Hazardous Materials Incident:
A situation involving a spill or uncontrolled escape of a hazardous material from a fixed facility or mobile container.

Level 1 Incident: incidents that are handled on a local level with little or no outside involvement. Selected members of Hazardous Materials Response Team required. Entire Hazardous Materials Response Team response if necessary.

Level II Incident: incidents that involve multi-agency response. HM7 required.

Level III Incident: large scale hazardous materials incidents that require multi-jurisdiction response or State assistance. HM7 required.

Hazardous Materials Response Team:
Personnel from Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue, specially trained and equipped to respond to hazardous materials incidents. The Unit is dispatched through 911, and is qualified to respond to A-level (fully encapsulated) incidents. The team is equipped with communications equipment, resource information, plugging, diking, and containment supplies, and protective equipment for its personnel. The Hazardous Materials Response Team is on call 24 hours a day.

Incident Command System (ICS):
System which provides effective incident management through the identification of specific roles and responsibilities, and chain of command. Utilizes functional groupings of tasks, management by objectives, and unified command.

Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS):
A broad, all hazard emergency management system which encompasses all the various types of emergencies, and addresses mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery activities. It encourages the development of the common management functions required for response to emergencies for all types, while recognizing the unique preparedness requirements of specific hazards. IEMS enables each level of government to integrate with other levels and with private sector resource providers. Optimum use and integration of existing skilled personnel, emergency facilities, and emergency equipment across all levels of government are encouraged.

Label:
A 4 x 4 inch, diamond-shaped color-coded sign glued to the individual shipping containers that identifies a specific hazard associated with the contents.

Local Emergency:
The duly proclaimed existence of conditions of a disaster or of extreme peril to the safety or health of persons and property within local jurisdictional boundaries.

Local Government:
Any County, City, Village, Town, District, or other political subdivision of the State, any Indian Tribe, or authorized tribal organization, and including any rural community or unincorporated town
or village or any other public entity for which an application for assistance is made by the State or political subdivision thereof.

**Major Emergency:**
An incident that requires the coordinated response of many departments or more than one level of government to save lives and protect the property of a large portion of the jurisdiction’s population.

**National Warning System (NAWAS):**
The Federal portion of the Civil Defense Warning System, used for the dissemination of warning and other emergency information from Federal and State warning points to the County warning point. It is a dedicated, nationwide, party-line telephone system operated on a 24-hour basis.

**Placard:**
A 10 ¾ x 10 ¾ inch, diamond-shaped, color coded sign affixed to the front, rear, and both sides of a transport vehicle that identifies a specific hazard regarding the material being transported.

**704 placard:**
A diamond-shaped, color-coded sign at to a fixed site designating the multiple hazards associated with chemical storage at that site (refers to National Fire Protection Association Standard 704).

**Perimeter:**
Emergency incidents may require controlled access to the work area.

**Inner Perimeter:**
Access restricted to those directly involved in the containment or control of the incident. This may include the “hot zone” of a hazardous materials incident, the suppression area of a structural fire, or the containment area for a SERT operation. Security of the inner perimeter is the responsibility of the lead agency.

**Outer Perimeter:**
Access restricted to assisting agencies and other authorized personnel. Security of the outside perimeter is the responsibility of the Police Department.

**Radiological Monitor:**
A person who has been trained to detect, record and report radiation exposures. The monitor may provide limited field guidance on the radiation hazard associated with an emergency response operation.

**Radiological Officer:**
A person who has been trained to assume the responsibility for policy recommendations for the radiological protection of a geographic area, facility, or a relatively large group of organized personnel.

**Regional Radiological Technical Assistance**
A team specially trained to respond to incidents involving radioactive substances. Organized at the State level, and supervised by the Oregon Department of Energy.

**Shipping Papers:**
Documentation carried by the driver of a truck or other mode of transportation that states what the hazardous material is, the amount, and how it is packaged (e.g., boxes, drums, tanks).

**Utility:**
Structures or systems of any power, water storage, supply and distribution, sewage collection and treatment, telephone, transportation, or other similar public service.

**Vector Control:**
Control of disease spread by insects, rodents, etc.

**Volunteer Organization:**
Any chartered or otherwise duly recognized tax-exempt local, state, or national organization which has provided or may provide services to the state, local governments, or individuals in a disaster or emergency.

**Vulnerability:**
Susceptibility of life, property, or the environment to damage if a hazard results in an emergency.
**Warning:**  
Notifies people of the imminent impact of a specific hazard, and protective actions that should be taken.

### VIII. DISTRIBUTION LIST

The following positions, personnel, or agencies have copies of the West Linn Emergency Operations Plan:

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# Section II-A

## Emergency Management Organization

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I. GENERAL

The City of West Linn has established an Emergency Management Organization consistent with
its authority under Oregon revised statutes 401.305 to 401.335 and City Emergency Code 2.700
through 2.750. Organized under the auspices of the City Council, and under the supervision of
the City Manager, the Emergency Management Organization has both administrative and
operational components.

A. Administration

The City's Executive Committee administers the emergency management program, and
includes all City Department Directors. An organizational chart showing the administrative
chain of command and line of succession for the Emergency Management Organization
appears below. General Departmental responsibilities are described beginning on page
A-5.

B. Operations

Management of emergencies is the responsibility of the Incident Management Team as
described in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. The Team will operate
within the framework of the Command and General Staff of the National Interagency
Incident Management System (NIIMS) Incident Command System structure, and perform
the assigned duties outlined in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. Depending upon the constraints of the incident and the needs of the Incident
Commander, the Incident Management Team may staff the Emergency Operations
Center, or respond to other locations as directed by the IC.
II. STAFF ACTIVATION

Emergency Management Staff may be activated by the Incident Commander of any incident, Fire Battalion Chief, Police Watch Commander, or at the instigation of any Department Director or the City Manager. Activation shall begin by contacting team members directly or by contacting LO-COM 911 and requesting that the Incident Management Team report to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), or to a field command post. Activation levels correspond to incident complexity as defined in the Administrative Overview:

Level 1:
Notification of selected members or entire emergency management organization, and activation of the Incident Management Team at the discretion of the Incident Commander.

Level 2:
Notification of Emergency Management Staff as defined in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. Activation of the Incident Management Team and the EOC at the discretion of the Incident Commander and the Emergency Management Staff.

Level 3:
Notification of Emergency Management Staff as defined in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide, activation of the EOC and the Command and General Staff.

Some emergencies require a self-triggered response. In the event of an emergency in which telephone or pager service is interrupted, the Incident Management Team should ensure the safety of their families and then report to the EOC. The Emergency Alerting System may also be used to notify personnel to respond to the EOC.

A list of Emergency Management Staff and the primary Incident Management Team members appears in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

For information on specific names and phone numbers of the Emergency Management Organization and other EOC staff, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

III. ACTIVATION PROCEDURES

The activating official should contact Police Records (during regular working hours) or LO-COM 911 (after hours) and request a level 1, 2, or 3 activation, and identify those members of the Incident Management Team required. Police Records or 911 personnel will then make the contacts defined in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

The Incident Management Team has the authority to involve any or all City personnel in the response to a disaster or other emergency incident.

The declaration of a citywide disaster nullifies leaves and vacations as deemed necessary by the City Manager.

Each City Department Director is responsible for providing accurate contact information. Each Director is also responsible for delegating necessary emergency departmental authority, either by policy or specification, when unavailable.

IV. EMERGENCY CHAIN OF COMMAND-CITY

In the event of activation, emergency chain of command is vested in the on-scene and EOC Incident Management Team as described in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.
V. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

The following section outlines general responsibilities of City and other organizations that play key roles in West Linn’s Emergency Management program.

A. Mayor and Council

1) Ensure adequate program staffing and funding.
2) Ensure elected officials are briefed on emergency roles.

B. City Manager

1) Provide policy level emergency management.
2) Ensure adequate program staffing and funding.
3) Maintain departmental notification/call rosters.
4) Establish internal lines of succession.
5) Appoint City Emergency Management Coordinator.
6) Appoint representatives to Incident Management Teams.
7) Ensure staff is trained to assume emergency responsibilities.
8) Provide overall incident management and incident strategy during activation (assumption of command is at the discretion of the City Manager).
9) Declare local state of emergency and request Governor’s declarations of emergency and disaster through Clackamas County as necessary (see Section II-H, Reporting).
10) Assist in the recruitment and hiring of additional personnel as requested by incident staff.
11) Safeguard essential records.
12) Establish and maintain liaison with Mayor and Council.
13) Oversee emergency response and incident command structure as outlined in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

C. Department Directors

1) Assist in development of emergency management policy and procedures.
2) Ensure departmental lines of succession and call back procedures are in place.
3) Ensure an integrated, all-discipline approach to emergency management.
4) Assign staff to Incident Management Teams.
5) Participate in plan review.
6) Ensure that newly hired personnel understand their role in the emergency management process.

D. Incident Management Team Members

1) Obtain appropriate ICS training.
2) Participate in team meetings and training.
3) Participate in exercises.
4) Participate in plan review.
5) Respond to and manage emergencies and disasters according to the provisions of this Plan, departmental operating procedures, and the dictates of the emergency.
6) Ensure availability for response per rotation schedule; arrange for replacements when unavailable.

E. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
1) Serve as lead agency for structural and wildland fire, explosion, transportation accidents, pre-hospital medical care, and hazardous materials emergencies. Develop guidelines and procedures for responding to emergencies.
2) Train personnel in the safe and effective accomplishment of emergency duties.
3) Provide emergency response and incident management according to departmental guidelines and the provisions of this Plan.
4) Establish and enforce fire prevention codes.
5) Assist Police and Public Works emergency responses as requested, and within capability.
6) Safeguard essential records.
7) Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
8) Establish internal lines of succession.
9) Develop and maintain mutual aid agreements necessary to Department Response.
10) Provide fire protection to vital City facilities, shelters, etc.
11) Develop alternate dispatch plans in the event 911 service is disrupted.
12) Prepare and keep updated a Hazardous Materials Response Plan governing hazmat operations in the City of West Linn (Section II-K)

F. Police Department
1) Serve as lead agency for civil disturbances, terrorism, and drug labs.
2) In cooperation with LO-COM, serve as City alert and warning, and activation point.
3) Develop operating guidelines and procedures for responding to emergencies.
4) Train personnel to safely and effectively carry out emergency responsibilities.
5) Provide emergency response and incident management according to Department operating guidelines and the provisions of this plan.
6) Provide security for vital facilities, including the EOC, shelters, etc.
7) Direct incident/site security.
8) Provide support to Fire and Public Works emergency operations as requested and within capability.
9) Safeguard essential records.
10) Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
11) Establish internal lines of succession.
12) Develop and maintain mutual aid agreements necessary for Department response.
13) Develop alternate dispatch plans in the event 911 service is disrupted.
14) Prepare and keep updated the City’s Evacuation Plan and Standard Operating Guidelines.

G) Planning and Building Department
1. Develop operating guidelines and procedures for responding to emergencies.
2. Train personnel to safely and effectively fulfill emergency duties.
3. Provide emergency response and incident management according to Department guidelines and the provisions of this plan.
4. Provide support to Police and Fire and Public Works emergency operations as requested, and within capability.
5. Assist in damage assessment.
6. Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
7. Establish internal lines of succession.
8. Safeguard essential records.
9. Develop and maintain mutual aid agreements necessary for Department response.

H) Public Works Department
1. Serve as lead agency for flood, drought, volcano, earthquake, and weather-related emergencies.
2. Train personnel in the safe and effective fulfillment of emergency duties.
3. Develop operating guidelines and procedures for responding to emergencies.
4. Provide emergency response and incident management according to Department guidelines and the provisions of this plan.
5. Direct repair of City facilities and infrastructure.
6. Provide support to Police and Fire emergency operations as requested, and within capability.
7. Assist in damage assessment.
8. Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
9. Establish internal lines of succession.

I) Finance Department
1. Develop operational guidelines and procedures for emergency fiscal management.
2. Train personnel in the safe and effective fulfillment of emergency duties.
3. Assist in damage assessment.
4. Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
5. Establish internal lines of succession.

J) Parks Department
1. Train personnel in the safe and effective fulfillment of emergency duties.
2. Develop operating guidelines and procedures for responding to emergencies.
3. Provide emergency response and incident management according to Department guidelines and the provisions of this plan.
4. Maintain internal notification/call rosters.
5. Establish internal lines of succession.

K) City Attorney
1. Provide legal counsel to Emergency Management Organization.
2. Assist in the development of emergency policy, guidelines, and procedures.
3. Maintain internal notification and call rosters.
4. Establish internal lines of succession.
5. Safeguard essential records.

L) Library
1. Train personnel in the safe and effective fulfillment of emergency responsibilities.
2. Maintain internal notification and call rosters.
3. Establish internal lines of succession.
4. Safeguard essential records.
6. Assist in or facilitate employee welfare activities such as childcare, family surveys, critical incident stress debriefings, counseling, etc.

M) Municipal Court
1. Train personnel in the safe and effective fulfillment of emergency responsibilities.
2. Maintain internal notification and call rosters.
3. Establish internal lines of succession.
4. Safeguard essential records.

N) American Red Cross
1. Direct emergency housing and feeding operations, including providing food, clothing, and other necessities for persons in reception and care facilities.
2. Conduct shelter registration activities.
3. Provide food to disaster workers.
4) Establish a welfare inquiry service.
VI. EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER FACILITIES

The City of West Linn Emergency Operations Center (EOC) is located at the West Linn City Hall. The EOC is established as a location in which City officials can receive relevant information on the emergency and provide coordination, direction, and control of emergency operations. The EOC has auxiliary power.

The facility does not have a PF 100 rating, nor is it protected against electromagnetic pulse.

Coordination and control of City emergency operations will take place from the EOC as long as environmental and incident conditions allow; however, the Public Works Building or Fire Stations may be used as an EOC should it be necessary to relocate.

If environmental conditions do not allow direction and control functions to be conducted from the above facilities, alternate locations will be identified, selected, and announced. In addition, private or public facilities may also be used as EOCs or Command Posts if determined necessary by Incident staff.

See West Linn Emergency Operations Guide for information on how to activate the EOC.

VII. INCIDENT MANAGEMENT TEAM

A. General Responsibilities:

The Incident Management Team will provide information and recommendations to decision and policy makers as necessary to help determine a course of action to contain, control and recover from an emergency. In order to gather this information and provide recommendations, the Team must:

1. Receive emergency warnings and make warning dissemination.
2. Collect, collate, display and assess situation reports.
3. Receive requests for assistance and emergency information from the public.
4. Provide emergency information and instructions to the general public and private institutions, business, industry, and disaster relief organizations.
5. Establish and maintain contact with:
   a. Other functioning Emergency Operations Centers.
   b. Neighboring jurisdictions.
   c. Clackamas County Emergency Operations Center
   d. State of Oregon Emergency Management Division Emergency Center/OERS.
   e. Public and private agencies with available resources and capabilities to support City emergency operations.
   f. Federal agencies to include, but not necessarily limited to, the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA).
   g. General public, business, industry, community organizations, and disaster relief agencies.
6. Establish guidelines for the ordering, use, and release of resources to meet urgent needs.
7. Direct and manage emergency services resources.

B. Incident Management Team Staffing Pattern

City Departments involved in emergency response, and the Incident Management Team are required to respond to the EOC, and will assume positions according to the incident command organization outlined in the *West Linn Emergency Operations Guide*. Personnel assigned to the EOC have the authority to make the decisions associated with their Command or General Staff position, and to commit their department or organization's resources in support of the incident. The Incident Commander has the responsibility for ensuring that the appropriate Command and General Staff positions are filled. Subunit positions, and positions within the Operations Section, will be filled by additional City personnel and representatives of assisting jurisdictions/agencies, or volunteer organizations as required by the needs of the emergency.

C. General Instructions for All Incident Management Team Personnel

The organization and responsibilities within the EOC will vary with the level of activation and nature of the emergency. City Incident Management Team and EOC staffing will follow the NIIMS Incident Command structure. Checklists for each position are included in the *West Linn Emergency Operations Guide*. The Incident Command organization outlined is flexible; duties may be delegated, positions filled as necessary. It is the responsibility of the Incident Commander to ensure that the organization is appropriately staffed. The following instructions apply to all Incident Management Team personnel:

1. Receive briefing from immediate supervisor.
2. Acquire work materials, bring required equipment such as radios to the EOC.
3. Organize and brief subordinates.
4. Complete forms, reports, and other documentation required of the assigned position, and send material through supervisor to the Documentation Unit.
5. Fulfill assignment according to position guidelines, and Department and City policy.
SECTION II-B

ALERT AND WARNING

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I. DESCRIPTION

The effectiveness of an alert and warning system\(^1\) depends in a large degree upon the specificity and clarity of instructions, and whether or not the public perceives the warning entity as credible at the time the warning is issued. Studies have shown that warnings issued in the names of several authorities are more likely to be perceived as credible than those issued under a single authority. For example, an alert issued in response to a hazardous materials incident might be issued in the names of the Incident Commander, the Fire Chief, and the City Manager. In addition, messages must be geographically precise, repeated more than once, and presented in more than one medium.

The City of West Linn has developed an alert and warning system that utilizes:

A) The Emergency Alert System,

B) Mobile Police and Fire public address systems,

C) Door to door contact.

These methods may be used separately, or in combination to alert and warn the public of an emergency.

II. GENERAL GUIDELINES

A) Upon detection of an emergency condition arising within the City, the Incident Commander will decide if there is a need for immediate local or city-wide alert and warning, devise the message and means of delivery, and direct its implementation. If the position is filled, the Incident Information Officer may be delegated this responsibility.

B) West Linn may also receive warning information from 911 and the Clackamas County Emergency Management via telephone, the Oregon State Police and the State Emergency Management Division via the Law Enforcement Data System (LEDS), and the National Weather Service through the Emergency Alert System. Warning information received via telephone should be confirmed by return phone call. When warnings are received in this manner, the Command staff of the Department with authority for response shall determine the need for further alert and warning, devise the message and means of delivery, and direct its implementation.

C) If the emergency is localized, City emergency response personnel will alert residents in the area by telephone, mobile public address systems and/or door to door contact. Evacuation planning should take into account the fact that certain industrial facilities may need time to shut down vital operations before they can evacuate.

D) The City of West Linn has publicized its alert and warning system in coordination with the Clackamas County Emergency Management.

E) When appropriate, EAS-authorized personnel shall provide preliminary (best available) public protection information to KXL and KGON for immediate broadcast.

F) Updated information will be given to the public through the methods outlined above, and according to guidance outlined in Section II-D, Public Information.

\(^1\) The issuance of an alert or warning message is not the same as the declaration of an emergency. The focus of the first is on providing timely protective action direction to the public, and will take place according to the provisions of this section of the Emergency Operations Plan. A declaration of emergency is issued to activate emergency powers and procedures, and will be accomplished according to the directions in Section II-A, Administrative Overview.
G) The Information Officer, or the public safety official issuing the warning shall maintain a log of all warnings issued during the incident. (An example of the warning log form can be found as Appendix A to this Annex).

H) Rumor control may become essential to the public information effort. The phone banks assigned to the message center function within the EOC may be activated under the direction of the Logistics Section Chief and the Information Officer to respond to inquiries from the public.

III. EMERGENCY ALERT SYSTEM

The Emergency Alert System (EAS) consists of broadcast stations linked together and to government offices to provide emergency alert and warning to the public. The system may also be used to call back off-duty personnel in the event of phone system failure. In Clackamas County, the EAS may be accessed directly with the Common Program Control Broadcast Stations (KXL and KGON).

The City of West Linn’s EAS Common Program Control Broadcast Stations are:

- Primary: KXL (750 kHz AM)
- Secondary: KGON (92.3 MHz FM)

Detailed instructions for the activation and use of the Emergency Alert System are outlined in the EAS Plan (Appendix B) following, and in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. Specific instructions for West Linn personnel can be found on the last page of the EAS plan. Sample EAS messages can be found in Appendix D.

This plan is compatible with the following regulations and plans:

- State of Oregon Emergency Alert System Plan
- Greater Portland/Vancouver Operational Area EAS Plan
- Clackamas County Emergency Operations Plan

IV. MOBILE PUBLIC ADDRESS SYSTEMS

The following City vehicles are equipped with mobile public address systems that may be used for alert and warning.

Police: All marked cars.

Fire: All fire apparatus.

Direction of these assets shall be the responsibility of the Incident Commander through the Operations Section (most commonly through the Law Enforcement Branch Director). All messages should be approved by the Incident Commander, and coordinated with the Information Officer to ensure that conflicting information is not issued.

See Appendix C, Section II-F Evacuation, for guidelines for use of mobile Public Address systems.

V. DOOR TO DOOR ALERT

Door to door alert may be necessary in the event of a rapidly emerging incident that poses a clear threat to public safety. Residents will be directed to temporary shelter depending upon the weather, and the expected duration of the emergency.

Direction of this activity shall be the responsibility of the Incident Commander through the Operations Section Chief (ordinarily through the Law Enforcement Branch Director). All messages should be approved by the Incident Commander and coordinated with the Information Officer to ensure conflicting information is not issued.

See Section II-F, Evacuation, Appendix C for door-to-door alert protocols.
VI. EOC STAFF RESPONSIBILITIES

A) Command and Command Staff

Development of warning messages, and activation of the EAS is the responsibility of the Incident Commander. This responsibility may be delegated to the Information Officer. All messages outside of standard Departmental operating guidelines will be approved by Command before release.

1) With input from other EOC Sections and from the Operations Section Chief, determine the proper protective actions, warning mediums, and the need to activate this plan.

2) Gather information from Planning and Logistics Sections on affected areas, evacuation routes, and congregation points, and shelter locations.

3) Develop public information bulletins. Confirm bulletins with Incident Commander prior to release.

4) Request activation of appropriate alerting methods. Coordinate use of field alerting resources with Operations Section Chief.

5) Activate Emergency Alert System if indicated.

6) Schedule and hold media briefings.

7) Document bulletins, monitor public information flow. Correct misinformation, provide rumor control.

8) Publicize the end of emergency conditions.

9) Terminate warnings.

B) Operations Section

1) Supervise, coordinate and deploy City field alert and warning resources.

2) Advise field personnel of strategic considerations; provide tactical input.

C) Planning Section

1) Monitor progress of field alert and warnings.

2) Track resources dedicated to the alert and warning effort.

3) Develop alert and warning contingency plans.

D) Logistics Section

1) Support alert and warning activities as requested.

2) Keep Command, Operations Section and Information Officer apprised of shelter status.

3) Assign personnel to provide liaison at congregation points and shelters.

3) Coordinate activities with field personnel, Information Officer, and Planning and Logistics Sections.

4) Advise Planning Section, Command and PIO of progress of alert and warning activities.

E) Finance Section

1) Support alert and warning activities as requested.
APPENDIX A WARNING LOG

1. Date________ Time________ Warning #_______ EAS Station ☐ KXL ☐ KGON

2. Situation:
Describe emergency incident. Include description of threat to life/safety, and specific geographic boundaries affected and covered by this warning.

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

3. Content of Warning:
Include exact wording of warning given.

________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________
________________________________________________________________

4. Method of Warning: EAS_____ Mobile Public Address_____ Door to Door Contact_____

Signature of authorizing official____________________________________

5. Warning Terminated________ Date________ Time
Ensure that all methods of alert and warning have been notified to terminate activities.

Signature of terminating official____________________________________

BEGIN A NEW FORM FOR SUBSEQUENT WARNING MESSAGES

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APPENDIX B CITY OF WEST LINN LOCAL EAS PROCEDURES

City of West Linn officials authorized to activate the Area EAS Plan include:

1. Any Command officer acting as Incident Commander (IC) in an incident which, in his or her judgment, threatens public safety.
2. Any member of the Command or General Staff at the direction of the Incident Commander. Delegation of this authority by the IC to another member of the incident staff must be documented in writing at the time of the order.
3. The following personnel have authority in their own right to activate the EAS. However, this should not be done without the knowledge and concurrence of the Incident Commander:
   - City Manager
   - Police Chief
   - Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue East Division Chief
   - City Emergency Management Coordinator
4. Due to the 24-hour accessibility to emergency responders, and its maintenance of the equipment needed to directly activate the EAS, Clackamas County 911 (C-COM) will provide the authentication point for City implementation of this plan. In the event of a major disaster that involves the failure or the overloading of the telephone system, the EAS may be used to notify off-duty personnel to return to work.
5. Upon notification that a City official intends to activate the EAS, C-COM 911 will either advise that person to notify KXL/KGON directly or will perform the activation under the direction of the activating official.
6. Upon activation of the EAS, C-COM 911 will notify:
   - Clackamas County Emergency Management
   - Police Chief
   - Police Watch Commander
   - East Division Fire Chief
   - Fire Battalion Chief
   - City Emergency Management Coordinator
   - City Manager
   - City Information Officers
   - Police Records
   - TVFR East Division Emergency Program Manager
7. When the threat to public safety has passed, the activating official will advise C-COM 911 to contact KXL/KGON and terminate emergency transmissions.

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2 In the event that 911 activity precludes the timely performance of this notification, C-COM 911 may contact West Linn Police Records and request that Records perform this activity.
APPENDIX C: SAMPLE EAS MESSAGES

SHELTER IN PLACE
“At (time__________) today, West Linn public safety officials responded to an industrial accident involving hazardous materials. The accident occurred at (location and time ___________________________________) today. The Incident Commander, City Manager, and the Chiefs of Police and Fire request that all persons in (names of areas ___________________________________) should remain inside their houses or other closed building until their radio, television, or public safety officials say they can leave safely. If you are in the affected area, turn off heat, ventilation, and cooling systems and window or attic fans. Close all windows, doors and vents, and cover cracks with tape or wet rags. Keep pets and children inside. If you are inside and experience difficulty breathing, cover your mouth and nose with a damp cloth. If you are outside, cover your nose and mouth with a handkerchief or other cloth until you can reach a building. Failure to follow these instructions may result in exposure to the hazardous materials. Listen to the radio or television for further information.”

PREPARE TO EVACUATE
“At (time__________) today, West Linn public safety officials responded to a potentially serious condition involving (description of situation_____________________________________________). The incident is occurring at (location____________________________________________________). The Incident Commander, City Manager, and the Chiefs of Police and Fire request all persons in (affected area) ________________________________________________ to stay indoors and prepare to evacuate. If you are in your home, gather all necessary medications and clothing. You do not need to evacuate at this time, but stay tuned to this station for further instructions. This message will be repeated at intervals until conditions change.”

EVACUATION
“At (time__________) today, West Linn public safety officials reported an incident involving (description of situation) __________________________________________________________. The incident occurred at (location and time _____________________________________). The Incident Commander, City Manager, and the Chiefs of Police and Fire request all persons in (names of area) ________________________________________________________________ to evacuate the area in an orderly manner. Please take the following actions to secure your home before you leave (instructions may include shutting off gas and water, etc.) ________________________________________________________________

Drive or walk toward (evacuation route) ___________________________________________

Emergency personnel will be along this route to direct you out of the area. Please observe normal traffic laws. Failure to leave the area may result in severe injury or death. This message will be repeated until conditions change.”

TERMINATION OF EMERGENCY TRANSMISSIONS
“West Linn public safety officials have determined that the incident which occurred at (location and time ____________________________________) no longer represents a threat to public safety. All those who have been evacuated may now return home. Those who have been directed to take shelter in their homes may now leave. The City of West Linn thanks this station for its assistance, and those impacted for their cooperation and patience. This station will now return to normal programming”

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Effective emergency communications among on-scene personnel, off-scene City departments and EOC staff, communications points, and the public is vital to the protection of life and property as well as efficient and effective emergency management. Effective communication is the responsibility of all emergency workers and emergency staff, and will take place using guidelines in this Annex, the Public Information Annex, the Alert and Warning Annex, and the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

General guidance and information can be found in this annex. Specific activation information, lists of resources, and communications planning checklists can be found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

II. GENERAL RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Police, Fire, Public Works and Amateur Radio groups will identify and train communications personnel to staff EOC radios.

B. All Departments will identify and train personnel to staff EOC and City communication point telephones.

C. Police, Fire, Public Works, Library, Information Services and Amateur radio groups will identify trained personnel to serve as Communications Unit Leaders, Message Center Managers, Radio Operators and Call Takers.

D. Information Services will provide technical support and assistance for landline and cellular phone, fax, and electronic mail communications media.

III. COMMUNICATIONS POINTS

Communications points are those contacts usually employed by the public to gain information about an emergency or to request assistance. In the event of an emergency, timely, standard information must be provided to all communications points. The Public Information Officer will provide all communications points with a standard statement about the incident, and provide updates as the incident evolves. All information must be approved by Command.

A. Dispatch

Day to day dispatch and emergency communications responsibilities for the City of West Linn are contracted through Lake Oswego 911 (LOCOM). LOCOM 911 will serve as the primary after hours notification point for the City of West Linn.

Emergency messages may be received via radio, telephone, OERS or LEDS, and will be distributed according to the Lead Agency contact list provided to LOCOM 911 by the City of West Linn. Once notified by LOCOM 911, it is the responsibility of the Lead Agency contact to determine what further notifications should be made and actions taken in response to the message. Emergency activation will take place according to the procedures outlined in The West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

In a major emergency, 911 will continue to receive requests for assistance and information related to the emergency. LOCOM 911 may refer incident-related calls to the EOC at the request of the EOC staff.
B. Department Staff

During a major emergency, all City Departments can expect to receive calls from the public and the media concerning the incident. It is vital that information released be uniform from all sources. Departments may refer all such calls to the EOC, or respond with a prepared statement provided by the Information Staff.

IV. COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS

A. Radio Systems

1. Police Department Radio

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3. Public Works Radio

| Public Works/City Net (shared with Police and Fire) | 154.055 |

4. Amateur Radio

Emergency communications can be enhanced by amateur radio. THE USE OF AMATEUR RADIO REQUIRES THE PRESENCE OF A LICENSED OPERATOR IN THE EOC. For more information on amateur radio, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide under the Communications Planning checklists.

5. Radio Maintenance

The City of West Linn contracts all maintenance of its radio systems with Clackamas Communication.

6. Frequency Management

Frequency management during emergencies is the responsibility of LOCOM 911 the Incident Commander, and Logistics. Any of these may request that a talk group or frequency be closed to all but incident related traffic. Overall incident communications planning is the responsibility of the Logistics Section within the EOC.

B. Cellular Telephones

Cellular telephones may form a key component of the emergency communications plan. In the event of an emergency, all City cellular telephones may be recalled and reissued in support of the incident. A complete list of cellular telephone numbers can be found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

C. FAX Machines

FAX machines can greatly reduce radio traffic, and increase accuracy. A complete list of City Fax numbers can be found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

D. Electronic Mail

The Citywide electronic mail system may be used to keep communications points up to date.
V. Additional Communications Resources

Very large or long-term incidents may require additional communications assets. The resources below are also listed in the Resource Annex, along with ordering instructions.

A. State/Federal Wildland Systems

Additional radios and other communications devices, including repeaters, radio-telephone interconnects and satellite downlink capabilities may be available through the Oregon Department of Forestry, the US Forest Service, or the Bureau of Land Management.

B. The Oregon State Police

OSP has a mobile EOC/Communications Van that may replace or augment emergency communications. The van contains State Police frequencies, programmable highband, UHF, CB and HAM radios, cellular phones, and search and rescue and Oregon Police Emergency Network frequencies.

C. FEMA

FEMA has several Mobile Emergency Response Systems (MERS) that are mounted on vans. MERS carries a variety of communications resources, including satellite-based radios.

VI. EOC Communications Capabilities

A. West Linn EOC

The West Linn EOC has phone, fax, e-mail, and radio communications capability. A complete list of communications resources can be found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

VII. EOC Activation

A. External Communications

1. All incident-related calls should be referred to the EOC, with the exception of requests for general information that can be satisfied by the prepared statement provided by the Information staff. Any requests for assistance or information not satisfied by the prepared statement should be referred to the appropriate EOC function. EOC phone numbers and the names of Incident Management Team members can be found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

2. Phone lines will be dedicated to providing a communications link between the Communications Points and the EOC. This number shall not be released to the public, or any other entities, and will not be used by EOC staff for other purposes (see West Linn Emergency Operations Guide for additional telephone information).

3. Communications between the EOC and Communications Points may be further augmented with written messages; runners may be assigned to transfer written messages from Communications Points to the EOC.

4. Although a radio link exists between the Police, Fire, and Public Works Departments and the EOC, due to the tactical communications needs of the incident, the EOC will not communicate with the Departments via radio unless it is
the only functioning communication medium. Radio traffic from the incident to the EOC will be answered in the EOC.

B. Internal EOC Communications

During activation, communications in the EOC are the responsibility of the Communications Unit within the EOC Logistics Section. For detailed information on Unit responsibilities, see *West Linn Emergency Operations Guide*

1. Within the EOC, messages internal to a Section will be documented on the Unit Log. Messages external to the Unit or Section will be documented on the Message Form. The Message Manager will maintain files of message form copies to ensure documentation of messages and action taken. These files will be delivered to the Planning Section at the end of each 24-hour period.
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Major emergencies often result in intense media attention from both local and national news agencies. Coordination of information with the media, and the orchestration of an effective response from the entire community, can best be accomplished by establishing procedures that ensure complete and accurate information before, during, and after an emergency. Effective public information can enhance respect and understanding of local government, as well as aid in response to emergencies.

The procedures outlined in this document are intended to enhance, not supersede, departmental standard operating guidelines affecting public information. This annex will be placed in effect when the EOC is activated, or when the City public information officials determine that the best interests of the City and the public are better served by its implementation. At all other times, departmental guidelines remain in effect.

II. Assignment of Responsibilities

A. General

During routine operations, public information for the City of West Linn is the responsibility of the Public Information Officer of the involved Department.

B. Emergency Operations Center

During an emergency which involves the activation of the EOC, or at the discretion of Department Public Information Officers, Public Information staff from the city’s incident management teams shall be appointed to coordinate the dissemination of information about the incident. The Supervisory IO shall disseminate public information with the approval of the Incident Commander. Other City Public Information Officers shall support the Supervisory IO as assigned.

C. Emergency Information Organization

In the event of an extremely complex incident, the staff represented in the flow chart below may assist Supervisory IO. Each Department should have an assigned primary and alternate PIO, especially if the primary PIO would have operational duties at a major incident. In a major incident of extended duration, the Information function may require the participation of all City Information personnel, plus outside resources.

During incidents that have broad scope and impact on citizens of Clackamas County, the Clackamas County Multi-Agency Coordination (MAC) Group may be convened. In this event, an Information Officer may be assigned to assume information responsibilities for
this organization. The Mayor may act as the spokesperson for the City. In this event, the Information Officer assigned to the MAC Group will assist the Mayor in the development of statements, help identify areas of particular sensitivity, and coordinate the release of statements with the Incident Commander.

For specific tasks and a checklist for the Information Staff, see the *Emergency Operations Guide*.

### III. Concept of Operations

**A. Information Flow**

Although the information process is fluid, and must be able to respond to a variety of sources and requests for information, the following flow of incident information should be observed whenever possible:

![Diagram](image)

**B. Release of Information**

In emergencies, the Information Officer shall use the following guidelines in evaluating and releasing information concerning the incident:

1. **Protective Action Statements**
   
   The responsibility for protective action statements may be delegated by the Incident Commander to the Information Officer. Such statements shall be approved by the Incident Commander, and developed and disseminated according to the guidelines in Section II-B, Alert and Warning.

2. **Emergency Information Dissemination**

   Emergency information dissemination should be restricted to approved, specific, and verified information concerning the event, and should include:

   b. Impacted or potentially affected areas of the City.
   c. Advice on emergency safety procedures, if any.
   d. Activities being conducted by the City to combat the hazardous conditions, or mitigate the effects.
e. Procedures for reporting emergency conditions to the EOC.

Accurate information will be provided to the media. Those facts that can be confirmed should be released within an hour of the event. If little information is available, the following statement may be issued:

**Initial Press Release**

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We are aware that an accident/incident involving (type of incident) occurred at approximately (time), in the vicinity of (general location). Emergency crews are responding, and we will have additional information available as we are able to confirm it. We will hold a press briefing at (location), and will notify the press at least ½ hour prior to the briefing. At this time, this briefing is the only place where officials authorized to speak about the incident and confirmed information will be available. Thank you for your assistance.
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3. Consistent Information

Information concerning the event should be consistent for all members of the media. If the incident is being managed by a Unified Command, a unified approach to information management shall be used whenever possible. Releases will be reviewed and approved by all Incident Commanders participating in the Unified Command. When working with private sector entities, public safety issues will be the responsibility of the public safety agencies; questions about corporate policies or processes will be referred to the private sector cooperator.

4. Objective Information

Information should be presented in an objective manner.

5. Rumor Control

Rumor control is vital during emergency situations. Sensitive or critical information must be verified and authorized by the Incident Commander before release. Inaccurate information published by the media should be corrected. Unconfirmed rumors, or information from unauthorized or unnamed sources may be responded to in the following manner:

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We will not be able to confirm that until we have been able to confirm the information with the appropriate sources. Once we have confirmed information, we will release it to all members of the press at the same time.
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6. Often Requested Information

Information that media representatives often request appears below. Using this as a tool to prepare for press briefings can help ensure that concise, accurate information is available, and that participating personnel are not caught off-guard:

a) Casualties
• Number killed or injured
• Number who escaped
• Nature of injuries received
• Care given to the injured
• Disposition of the dead
• Prominent individuals who were killed, injured or escaped.
• How escape was handicapped or cut off.

b) Property Damage
• Estimated value of loss
• Description-kind of building, etc.
• Importance of the property, e.g. historic value, environmental impact, etc.
• Other property threatened
• Insurance protection
• Previous emergencies in the area

c) Causes
• Testimony of participants
• Testimony of witnesses
• Testimony of responders
• How emergency was discovered
• Who sounded the alarm
• Who summoned aid
• Previous indications of danger

d) Rescue and Relief
• The number engaged in rescue and relief operations
• Any prominent persons in the relief effort.
• Equipment used
• Handicaps to rescue
• Care of destitute and homeless
• How the emergency was prevented from spreading
• How property was saved
• Acts of heroism
e) **Descriptions of the Crisis or Disaster**
   - Spread of the emergency
   - Blasts and explosions
   - Crimes or violence
   - Attempts at escape or rescue
   - Duration
   - Collapse of structures
   - Color of flames
   - Accompanying Incidents
   - Number of spectators-spectator attitudes and crowd control.
   - Unusual happenings
   - Anxiety, stress of families, survivors, etc.

f) **Legal Actions**
   - Inquests, Medical Examiner reports, etc.
   - Police follow-up
   - Insurance company actions
   - Professional negligence or inaction
   - Suits stemming from the incident

7. **Restricted Information**
   Do not release information that might hinder emergency response, prejudice the outcome of an investigation, or pose a further threat to public safety. Examples include:
   - Personal conjecture about the course of the emergency, or the conduct of the response.
   - Opinions about evidence, or a suspect or defendant’s character, guilt, or innocence.
   - Contents of statements used in alibis, admissions, or confessions.
   - References to the results of various tests and examinations.
   - Statements which might jeopardize the testimony of credible witnesses.
   - Demeaning information/statements.
   - Information which might be compromising.

8. **Fatalities**
   In an incident involving fatalities, the names of the victims or the cause of death shall not be released without authorization from the Clackamas County Medical Examiner’s office.
9. Confidential information

Confidential information is not to be released. This includes the home phone numbers and addresses of City personnel and volunteer emergency workers.

C. Media Access

The Information Officer will allow media access to the EOC only under limited, controlled circumstances, and only with the prior approval of the Incident Commander. Before being admitted to the EOC, media representatives shall display appropriate identification, and shall be escorted by a member of the Information staff.

D. Information Briefings and Deadlines

Information briefings, press releases, interviews, and warnings shall be logged, and if possible, tape-recorded. Copies shall become part of the final incident package. Whenever possible and appropriate, media briefings shall be scheduled in cooperation with media deadlines. For national media representatives, these times are generally 1100 and 1500 EST but may vary by situation. For local television, the deadline is 1500 for local evening news. The West Linn Tidings publishes on Thursday; stories are best delivered by 5 P.M. Monday, but Tuesday deliveries may be accepted. The Oregonian needs stories by 5 P.M. for publication the next day. Do not commit to firm briefing times unless it is certain that these times can be kept. It may be more efficient to notify the media one hour in advance of a briefing.

E. Information Center/Media Briefing Facilities

An Information Center and briefing area may be established to provide information to the media during large, long-term incidents. An Information Center Manager may be assigned to manage the activities of the Center. The following areas may be available to serve as an Information Center during emergencies:

- City Hall Conference Rooms

In the event of a major, protracted incident, it may be more convenient for the City, and more efficient for the press, for briefings to take place at a conference center, or large hotel, where activities will not interfere with the conduct of the incident. If circumstances allow, the Information staff may assist the media in such logistical support as finding hotel rooms, providing coffee and refreshments for early morning briefings, making arrangements for additional phones, etc.

F. Field Information and Media Access to the Scene

The Field Information Officer is the member of the Information staff assigned to manage media operations at the scene. This person should be from the lead agency.

   a) In cooperation with on-scene personnel, media representatives may be allowed restricted access to the scene. This should be done with regard to the safety of media personnel, the impact on response, and the wishes and concerns of the victims. If possible, Media wishing access through the outer perimeter should be accompanied by a member of the Information staff.

   b) If it is not safe or practical to admit all media representatives to the scene, a media “pool” may be created, where media representatives select one camera crew to take footage for all. If even such controlled access is impractical, an opportunity to tape response vehicles or support activities may satisfy the media’s need for video footage.

   c) Protect response personnel from unwanted media intrusion. Off-shift personnel should be provided uninterrupted rest. It may be necessary to provide security to
Fire Stations and allow them to forward telephones to ensure privacy. This may only be done at the specific instruction of the Incident Commander.

d) Victims and their families should have access to public officials without having to face the media. Try to provide a secure entrance to City Hall, or arrange a meeting/interview room away from the press.

e) The media may be allowed access to response personnel at the discretion of the Operations Section Chief and the Incident Commander, and only if such an interview does not interfere with the response effort. A member of the Information staff should accompany press at the scene. City personnel should not comment on the incident without the knowledge and consent of the personnel listed above.

f) When an incident takes place on private property, access will be coordinated with the owners of the site when possible.

g) Law enforcement officials have the authority to arrest and remove members of the press, or anyone else, determined to be interfering with the safe management of the incident, or whose actions represent a threat to the safety of themselves, responders, or the public.

G. Internal Communications, Rumor Control, and Public Assistance

The Information Officer may assign an Internal Information Officer to deal with internal communications and rumor control lines. Rumor control numbers shall be published via the media only when the lines have been staffed. Publication of rumor control numbers may result in fewer non-emergency calls to 911 and the EOC General Staff, will aid the EOC staff in information gathering, and will offer the public a means of getting valid information about the incident.

Requests for non-emergency assistance received by Information staff should be routed to the appropriate EOC staff. Information staff should also provide information to those persons and offices who are normally contacted by the public. These include Police Records, the City switchboard, and the secretarial staff for each department. Electronic mail may be used to provide a standard statement all City personnel should use to respond to requests for information. Electronic mail may also be used to provide updates to City staff on the conduct of the incident, work schedules, suspended activities, etc.

H. MAC Operations

When the Clackamas County MAC Group has been convened, an Information Officer will be assigned to be responsible for establishing and maintaining information coordination with the Incident Information Staff. In general, the Incident staff will be responsible for statements about the conduct of the incident itself and the City’s activities, including changes to normal priorities, suspension of services, etc. The MAC Information staff will be responsible for addressing regional activities as a whole. The MAC Information Officer and the Supervisory Information Officer are responsible for coordinating information release with the MAC Coordinator and the Incident Commander.

I. Joint Information Centers

In a very large incident involving multiple jurisdictions, the Supervisory Information Officer may assign a Joint Information Center Officer to represent the City, or to feed information to, a Joint Information Center (JIC). A JIC may be set up in a central location, and is designed to allow Information Officers from involved response and recovery agencies to coordinate information released to the media and the public.
IV. Information Forms

The following forms or documents have been developed to assist in overall information coordination:

A. Incident Status Summary (ICS-209)/EOC Briefing/State Reporting Form
   The Planning Section or the official requesting activation of this plan will complete some or all of these forms. The information contained is an analysis of the type of incident, damage, injuries or deaths, and initial response.

B. Incident Action Plan
   The Planning Section will complete this document for complex incidents. It contains more detailed information about the incident, responders, and plans for control. With the approval of the Incident Commander, portions of the Incident Action Plan may be used to brief, or be released to the media.

C. Event Log
   The Major Event Log tracks significant events occurring during the incident, both as a result of the emergency and in response to it. It gives a chronological summary of the incident, and is maintained by the Logistics Section.

D. Unit Log
   The Unit Log is used to document action taken, instructions to unit staff, and occurrences significant to the unit.
   All units activated in the EOC will maintain unit logs.

E. Warning Log
   The Warning Log is used to document time, method and nature of warnings to the public, and is maintained by the Information staff.
   All of the above forms will become part of the final incident package.

V. Media Contacts

A list of local media contacts can be found in the *West Linn Emergency Operations Guide*. It includes the area EAS stations, major television stations, and newspapers. It does not include all area media representatives. EOC and local agency PIOs should have current and more complete contact lists.
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The West Linn Incident Management staff has the authority under emergency conditions to establish priorities for the assignment and use of all City resources and personnel. The City will commit all its resources, if necessary, to protect lives, property and the environment.

During a major emergency, it will be necessary to make difficult choices among competing requests for the same resource. To assure that the status of resource requests and commitments can be maintained throughout the emergency, the Logistics and Planning Sections of the EOC staff will track resources assigned to the emergency. The Operations Section will assist in identifying resource needs, and resources that can be released from the incident (see West Linn Emergency Operations Guide for descriptions of Section responsibilities).

The Incident Commander has the overall responsibility for establishing resource priorities. In a situation where resource allocations are in dispute, the Incident Commander has the final allocation authority. In the event of a long-term emergency affecting major City operations, the West Linn Department Directors and the City Council may re-order City services and priorities to support the Incident.

In the event of a disaster impacting the entire region, additional coordination entities may be established to assist in resource management and allocation. EOC staff will cooperate with such entities according to established agreements, guidelines and procedures.

The Operations, Logistics and Planning Sections have primary responsibility for coordinating the resource management effort, including:

A. Operations Section:
- Provides the EOC staff with additional resource needs.
- Identifies excess resources that may be released or reassigned.
- Assigns and supervises tactical resources.

B. Planning Section:
- Provides the EOC staff with a timely inventory of needs and commitments.
- Identifies those public facilities essential to the life of the community, provides a recommended priority list to the Command and General Staff, and assists in the coordination of facility repair and restoration of services.

C. Logistics Section:
- Serves as the primary point of contact for resource requests from the EOC staff, field resources, cooperating jurisdictions, and resource management organizations.
- Resource lists appear in Section IV of this Plan. In addition, each department is responsible for developing and maintaining mutual aid agreements to augment resources, and department-specific inventories of resources that might be available to them in an emergency.
- Shelter, feeding, and human resource assistance appear in Section II-G of this Plan.
II. General Guidelines

Under emergency conditions, members of the West Linn Incident Management Staff will allocate resources according to the following guidelines:

A. Resource Priorities

Deploy resources according to the following priorities:

1. Protection of life
   a. Responders
   b. At-risk populations
   c. Public at large

2. Incident stabilization
   a. Protection of mobile response resources
   b. Isolation of the impacted area
   c. Containment (if possible) of the incident

3. Property conservation
   a. Protection of public facilities essential to life safety or emergency response
   b. Protection of the environment where degradation will adversely impact public safety
   c. Protection of private property

B. Resource Distribution

Distribute resources in a manner that provides the most benefit for the amount of resources expended.

C. Citizen Requests

Coordinate citizen appeals for non-911 assistance through the Operations Section at the EOC. Citizens will be given information about where to make these requests over local media (see Section II-D).

D. Mutual Aid

Escalate the activation of other available resources by activating mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions.

E. State and Federal Assistance

Should the emergency be of such magnitude that all local resources are committed or expended, request assistance from County/Regional, State, and Federal sources. Activation of County/Regional, State, and/or Federal resources will be accomplished in a timely manner through a request for declaration of disaster. See Section II-H-Recovery.
III. Emergency Fiscal Management

During a major emergency, West Linn is likely to find it necessary to redirect City funds in order to respond effectively to the disaster. Although the authority to adjust department budgets and funding priorities rests with the City Council, emergency procurement authority is delegated to each Department Director.

Tracking the expenditures related to an incident is the responsibility of the Finance Section in the EOC. This section will be staffed by members of the Finance Department (see West Linn Emergency Operations Guide for description of the tasks of the Finance Section).

If a disaster in the City of West Linn requires redirection of City fiscal resources beyond the procurement authority of department directors, the following general procedures will be followed:

A. The City Council will meet in emergency session to decide how to respond to the emergency funding needs.

B. If a quorum of Councilors cannot be reached, and if a prompt decision will protect lives, City resources and facilities, the environment, or private property, the City Manager, Department Directors or their designates, may act on emergency funding requests.

C. In order to facilitate tracking of financial resources committed to the incident, and to provide the necessary documentation should a disaster declaration be necessary, a separate charge code for all incident-related personnel time, losses and purchases will be established by the Finance Section or Department.

IV. Incident Command

West Linn’s emergency response to a major event may involve a variety of local, state, federal, and private sector resources. No single agency or department will have the necessary resources to carry out all response activities. Coordination, direction and control of all response resources will be provided by the ICS organization managing the incident.

In a major emergency, or if an incident is one part of an area-wide disaster, the Emergency Center (EOC) will be activated, and the Incident Command System and structure described in Section II-A and the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide will be implemented. When the EOC is activated, overall incident management, direction and control will come from the Incident Commander and staff at the EOC. On-scene tactical direction and control will remain the responsibility of the Operations Section Chief.

General Procedures:

A. The first public safety official on scene should assume incident command. The person will:

1. Assess the situation.
2. Request the assistance of the appropriate local emergency response agencies.
3. Initiate actions to protect the public according to standard operating guidelines.
4. Surrender incident command as appropriate.

B. The lead local emergency response agency shall:

1. Assume incident command upon arriving on scene.
2. Establish liaison for cooperating resources.
3. Establish an appropriate Command Post, mark it, and alert responders to its location.
4. Fill subordinate positions and assign resources as necessary according to standard operating guidelines.
5. Surrender overall incident command to ranking officers, to the on-call Incident Management Team or to the City Manager as deemed appropriate.

6. The Incident Commander will set up a unified command structure if more than one jurisdiction has legal responsibility for responding to the emergency. Assisting jurisdictions or agencies not included in the unified command will provide liaison to the Command organization as requested.

C. Incident Command will remain at the local government level unless:

1. Local resources are overwhelmed and the Incident Commander requests another jurisdiction or level of government to assume command.

2. The incident occurs in areas of federal jurisdiction, in which case the federal incident commander may assume incident command upon arriving on-scene.

3. If necessary, Oregon statute grants the Governor the authority to assume command of incident operations (ORS 469.6711, and ORS 401.115).

The role of state and federal government in resource management during recovery is outlined in Section II-H-Recovery.

V. Mutual Aid

The City maintains mutual aid agreements, both formal and informal, which facilitate bringing additional resources to the scene of an emergency. Each Department is responsible for developing those agreements necessary to augment available resources. Some of these agreements are outlined below:

A. Informal agreement among local law enforcement agencies to provide back-up law enforcement services.

B. Mutual aid agreements among local fire organizations. This agreement is on file in the Fire Department.
# SECTION II-F

## EVACUATION

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I. Description/Definition

Emergencies or disasters may require the evacuation of people from hazard areas to areas of lower risk. During emergencies such as floods, hazardous materials spills or releases, accidents or threats involving radiological materials, volcanic activity, major fires, dam failures, and others, West Linn emergency responders or EOC personnel may determine that the evacuation of all or part of the community is prudent to prevent loss of life.

The basic approach to evacuation is the same regardless of the type of threat. Staff must:

- Determine the area at risk;
- Compare the risks associated with evacuation with the risks of leaving the threatened population in place;
- Designate roads leading to appropriate lower risk areas;
- Provide bus or other transportation for those without private transportation;
- Open and staff facilities to house and feed the evacuated population;
- Provide clear and understandable instructions to the public.

Experience has shown that during most emergency conditions for which there is advance warning, 50% or more residents in threatened areas will evacuate their homes before ordered to do so by public officials. Moreover, studies indicate that 80% of evacuees will seek shelter from relatives or friends rather than use designated public emergency housing facilities. If this percentage holds true, the City of West Linn may need to shelter up to 3,273 people in the event of a total evacuation.

For the purposes of this plan, an evacuation is the removal of persons from the path of a threat prior to impact, and is the responsibility of the Police Department under the provisions of this plan. Removal of victims from an area impacted by a hazard is considered a rescue, and will be conducted according to departmental SOG.

In Oregon, the responsibility for ordering an evacuation rests with local government or the Governor. In West Linn, formal authority to order an evacuation lies with the City Council, the City Manager, and the Chief of Police. In on-scene operations, this authority is delegated to the Incident Commander. According to West Linn Code, the City has legal authority to evacuate homes, public facilities, or places of business. In addition, law enforcement officers may arrest or take into protective custody persons who have violated an established perimeter, or who interfere with responders.

II. Evacuation Considerations

A. Identification of Need

Not all emergencies requiring protective action on the part of the public require evacuation. The Incident Commander must weigh the risks of leaving the population unprotected against the risks of sheltering in place or evacuating.

B. Identification of Area Affected

Before an evacuation can be implemented, the following activities must take place:

1. Identify high hazard areas, including those areas that may be impacted if the incident escalates or conditions change.
2. Identify potential evacuation routes, their capacities, and vulnerability to the hazard.
Primary routes for evacuation of West Linn include, but are not limited to, Highway 43, I-205, Willamette Falls Drive, Sunset, Rosemont, and Salamo Roads. If the evacuation involves more than one jurisdiction, it is vital that use of such routes is coordinated prior to implementation of the evacuation plan.

3. Alert and warn the public at risk. Include specific information about the risk, the protective actions that need to be taken, and the possible risks of non-compliance.

C. Determination of the Time Needed for Evacuation

The following formula can be used to estimate the time needed to evacuate a threatened area:

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TD + TA + TM + TT = TN
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TD = Time from response to decision to evacuate.

TA = Time needed to alert and instruct the public, usually estimated to be from 15-60 minutes, depending upon the time of day, etc.

TM = Time needed to mobilize the population once warned. Under ideal circumstances, 2500 vehicles can pass a single point in one hour. Estimate four persons per vehicle.

TT = Time required to leave the hazard area.

TN = Total time required to evacuate.

For example, it takes incident personnel 15 minutes to make the decision that evacuation is the appropriate protective action. TD=15.

Once a decision has been made, it takes 25 minutes to activate the EAS and to complete the door to door contact in the immediate risk area. (TD=15) + (TN=25) = 40.

Once notified, it takes 30 minutes for the population to leave their homes and enter the evacuation route system, using one major route north out of the area, and one major route south. (TD=15) + (TN=25) + (TM=30) = 1 hour and 10 minutes.

Once on the road, it takes each vehicle 15 minutes to clear the hazard area. (TD=15) + (TN=25) + (TM=30) + (TT=15) = 1 hour and 25 minutes total evacuation time.

III. Special Populations

Special populations within the City of West Linn that may need assistance during evacuations include students, and residents of nursing homes and hospitals. There are no correctional institutions within the City. Juvenile foster care is the responsibility of Clackamas County. All of the identified institutions are required to have internal disaster plans that address evacuation. In addition, the Logistics Section may assist in procurement of specialized transportation resources such as ambulances, and vehicles for transportation of the handicapped.

IV. Implementation Responsibilities

A. City Manager

1. At the request of the Incident Commander, sign the evacuation order (model order appears as Appendix B to this annex).

2. Notify the Mayor and Council of evacuation. Keep them informed, and request their assistance in public information and instruction as appropriate.
B. Police Department
1. Direct overall evacuation operations.
2. Document evacuation contacts and process.
3. Establish and maintain outer perimeter.
4. Provide traffic and crowd control.
5. Rescue persons threatened by armed and dangerous suspects.
6. Sign the evacuation order (model order appears as Appendix B to this annex).
7. Provide security for emergency housing facilities as requested.

The Police Department does not have the capability to conduct evacuations in areas contaminated by hazardous materials.

C. Public Works and Parks Departments
1. Provide resources such as vehicles, personnel to assist with traffic movement and crowd control.
2. Work with Oregon Highway Division, Clackamas County Transportation Division and adjacent City public works organizations to keep routes open and free of debris, and to provide highway signs and barricades.

Public Works does not have the capability to support operations in areas contaminated by hazardous materials.

D. Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue
1. Establish and maintain inner perimeter on hazardous materials incidents.
2. Rescue trapped victims, and victims in hazardous atmospheres.
3. Assist in the evacuation process as requested.

TVFR has limited capability to conduct operations in areas contaminated by hazardous Materials.

E. Office of the City Attorney
1. Advise Command staff, City Manager, and Council in the legal implications of evacuation activities.
2. Assist as requested.

F. Finance Department
1. Document fiscal resources dedicated to the evacuation process.
2. Estimate economic impact of closing City businesses due to evacuation.
3. Assist as requested.

G. All other City Departments:
Assist as requested.
V. Evacuation Responsibilities, Assisting Agencies

A. Clackamas County Sheriff/Oregon State Police
   1. Upon request, assist Police Department with traffic and crowd control.
   2. Upon request, assist Police Department with incident security.

B. American Red Cross
   1. The American Red Cross will oversee all emergency housing activities, including:
      a. Directing ARC personnel to meet evacuees at reception areas and assigning evacuees to emergency housing facilities.
      b. Providing information to City staff concerning numbers of evacuees being sheltered, etc.

VI. Implementation Guidelines, Command and General Staff

A. Command Staff
   1. The Incident Commander, regardless of agency or whether on-scene or in the EOC, shall determine the need and the extent of the area to be evacuated, develop an evacuation plan, activate the alert and warning system, and direct the implementation of the evacuation plan.
   2. In the event of a major evacuation in response to an incident under the overall Command of a non-law enforcement agency, unified command between that agency and the Police Department should be considered to facilitate coordination of evacuation operations. In addition, a Police Officer may be assigned to the Planning Section to assist in development of evacuation contingency plans.
   3. The Command Staff will utilize the alert and warning guidelines described in Section II-B, to warn the public of the emergency condition, and provide the public with evacuation and shelter information.
   4. The Incident Commander will establish an inside and outside security perimeter, and shall provide criteria for access to them. Security of the inner perimeter shall be the responsibility of the lead emergency response agency; the Police Department shall maintain security of the outer perimeter. The outer perimeter will allow for the potential escalation of the hazard, thus ensuring an ample margin of safety for emergency personnel. The Command Post will be established within the outer perimeter (unless Command is in the EOC), and only personnel meeting Command criteria for access will be allowed to enter this area.
   5. The Incident Commander will identify appropriate reception areas for evacuees, and shall assign personnel to provide liaison to those persons in the reception area, and security to the facility. If reception or sheltering is needed, the Logistics Function should be activated and Clackamas County Emergency Management requested to activate Red Cross shelter and transportation.
   6. As the emergency response progresses and more information becomes available, the Public Information staff will utilize the procedures described in Section II-D of this plan to provide the media and the public with information on:
      a. Modes of transportation for evacuees unable to provide their own;
      b. The reason for the evacuation;
      c. The location of reception or shelters. See Section II-G;
d. Possible results of failure to evacuate.

7. Ensure that an official evacuation order is signed by the City Manager or designate, the Chief of Police, and the Incident Commander (model order appears as Appendix B to this annex).

8. Notify the State Emergency Management Division (EMD), and Clackamas County Emergency Management of the evacuation.

9. If it is anticipated that shelters will be needed, contact Clackamas County Emergency Management for assistance.

10. After the emergency event has ended:
    a. Incident Commander(s) will allow the early return of persons needed to staff essential services and to open vital businesses as soon as this can be done safely.
    b. Incident Commander(s) will direct a general return to the evacuated area as soon as possible.
    c. The Public Information Officer will advise the public and the media of the termination of the evacuation order and the lifting of the security perimeter.

B. Operations Section

1. Law Enforcement
   a. Supervise personnel necessary to support evacuation, including Reserves and mutual aid.
   b. Coordinate strategic considerations with Command, and develop tactics for evacuation operations (evacuation protocol appears as Appendix C to this annex).
   c. Implement evacuation plan.
   d. Establish and maintain control of outer perimeter, restrict access to those persons properly authorized and protected.
   e. Supervise and conduct mobile public address system and door to door alert and warning.
   f. Establish and maintain crowd and traffic control.
   g. Request resources through Logistics Section (if activated).
   h. Designate neighborhood congregation points for evacuees who need transportation to reception areas or shelters. Notify Command of persons who need assistance in leaving their homes.
   i. Keep Command, Planning Section, and Public Information Officer apprised of activities.

2. Public Works
   a. Maintain clear evacuation routes.

3. Fire Department
   a. Perform rescue as assigned.
C. Planning Section

1. With input from on-scene personnel, determine and mark evacuation routes, safety perimeters, transportation pick-up points, reception areas, and shelters on EOC maps. Long evacuation routes, such as might be experienced during a national security crisis, should include designated rest areas, facilities for vehicle fuel and maintenance, and information centers.

2. Provide the above information to Public Information Officer, Operations Section, and assisting agencies, such as mutual aid cooperators and the Red Cross.

3. Document and track resources assigned to the evacuation effort, including personnel, vehicles, and facilities.

4. Track and document progress of evacuation operations, provide contingency planning.

D. Logistics Section

1. Arrange transportation for groups or individuals requiring assistance or special considerations to evacuate, such as the elderly, disabled, hospital patients, residents of nursing homes, and prisoners.

2. Advise Command in the activation of appropriate shelter or reception facilities.

3. As requested, assist the Red Cross in movement of volunteers to reception areas and shelters. A Facilities Unit Leader or Facility Manager may be assigned to provide liaison and coordination between the EOC and Red Cross shelters.

4. Procure additional personnel needed to support shelter operations. May include, but not be limited to, shelter security, Facilities Unit Leader, Facility Managers, Ground Support Unit Leader, etc.

5. Facilitate procurement of additional barricades, signs, etc.

6. Provide transportation for essential workers as necessary.

7. Contact appropriate facility manager to use facility as a reception area as needed.

E. Finance Section

1. Support other Sections as requested.

2. Document fiscal resources dedicated to the evacuation effort.

3. Provide information on the financial impact of the evacuation to the planning process.

For further information on the duties and responsibilities of the Incident Command staff, see West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

See Section II-G for information on feeding and sheltering.
APPENDIX A-EMERGENCY TRAFFIC POLICY

In the event of an evacuation in West Linn:

1. All City public safety employees not directly involved in the management of the incident shall be available for traffic control and direction.

2. The City has the authority to close roads, and to restrict access to and from all areas of the City.

3. The Police Department has the authority to remove stalled and parked vehicles that impede the flow of traffic.

4. Traffic flow direction may be altered, reversed, etc., at the direction of the Incident Commander.

5. Incident managers will coordinate changes in traffic flow with the Clackamas County Sheriff, Lake Oswego and Oregon City Police Departments, Oregon State Police, and the Oregon Department of Transportation Highway Division.
APPENDIX B-EVACUATION ORDER

1. An emergency condition exists in the City of West Linn.
2. The City has determined that there is the need to evacuate portions of the City.
3. Such evacuation is needed to ensure the safety of the public.
   Therefore:
   1. The City of West Linn is requesting the immediate evacuation of:
      ____________________________________________________
      ____________________________________________________
   2. The City of West Linn requests that those needing special assistance to call ________.
      This number has been established to respond to evacuation assistance requests only.
   3. The City of West Linn is restricting all entry into the hazard area. No one will be allowed to re-enter the area after ________am/pm.
   4. Information and instructions from the City of West Linn will be transmitted by radio from KXL (750 kHz AM) and KGON (92.3 MHz FM). Public information will also be available from American Red Cross representatives at facilities now being opened to the public for emergency housing.
   5. The City of West Linn will advise the public of the lifting of this order when public safety is assured.

Date________Signed____________________________________
City Manager

Signed____________________________________
Chief of Police

Signed____________________________________
Incident Commander
APPENDIX C-EVACUATION PROTOCOLS

I. General Policy

Under West Linn code, the City Manager has the legal right to impose a mandatory evacuation order on citizens in their own homes. This authority is delegated to the Police Department and Incident Commanders. Citizens should be informed of the need to leave a hazardous area, and the possible consequences of not leaving. Citizens who obstruct the evacuation process may be arrested.

These protocols cover door to door, siren alert, and mobile public address processes. These methods may be conducted singly, in combination, or in conjunction with the Emergency Alert and Cable Interrupt Systems.

II. Door to Door

Door to door contact is an effective, but time intensive method of alerting, warning, and evacuating an area. More detailed information can be shared with the population, and positive confirmation can be made that the individual received the warning, understood the instructions, and knew the consequences of his or her actions.

A. Receive Assignment from Officer Supervising the Evacuation.

Your supervisor should give you a prepared statement that includes:
1. Type of incident, expected duration, and available time to evacuate.
2. Recommended actions to be taken by the public.
3. Implications of not following actions.
4. Evacuation route.
5. Reception/shelter location.
6. Neighborhood congregation point for those needing transportation.

Your supervisor should also brief you on the number of personnel assisting in the evacuation.

B. Conduct Door to Door Evacuation

1. Knock, ring bell, etc. Allow at least one minute for response, more at night.
2. If no answer, document time and address, move to next facility.
3. If answered, read prepared statement, and:
   a. Determine how many persons are in the building
   b. **Determine whether they intend to leave**, have a place to go, and transportation. If yes to all, document time and address. Using plastic flagging, mark the building in a conspicuous place to indicate that contact has been made. Go to next facility.
   c. **If they do not intend to leave**, ask if they understand the possible dangers if they stay, document the time, address, and number of people remaining. Using plastic flagging, mark the building in a conspicuous place to indicate that contact has been made. Move to next facility.
   d. **If they intend to leave, but do not have transportation**, document the number of people needing assistance, the time and address, and special transportation requirements (ambulance, handicapped van, etc.) and report this information immediately to your supervisor. Advise citizens who are able to walk to proceed to the designated congregation point- do not stop your activities to remove them from the area.
e. **If they intend to leave, but do not have a place to go**, refer them to the shelter or reception point. Document time and action taken. Using plastic flagging, mark the building in a conspicuous place to indicate that contact has been made. Move to the next facility.

C. **Reporting**

After clearing a portion of your assigned area (this may be block by block in a residential area, by store in a shopping center, by floor in an office building or hospital, or by apartment building in a major apartment complex), report information collected to your supervisor. Your supervisor should inform the Incident Commander or Operations Section Chief, and the Planning Section (if activated).

**BECAUSE OF THE EXTRA TIME NEEDED TO ARRANGE TRANSPORTATION, INFORMATION ON PEOPLE NEEDING EVACUATION ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE TRANSMITTED AT THE TIME OF COLLECTION.**

III. **Mobile Public Address**

Mobile public address is more time efficient than door to door contact, but is able to convey only a limited amount of information. It is most effective used in combination with the Emergency Alert System and door to door contact. It may be used to alert and warn the public prior to the request to evacuate, or to advise of protective actions short of evacuation.

A. **Receive Assignment from Officer Supervising the Evacuation.**

Your supervisor should give you a prepared statement that includes:

1. Type of incident, expected duration, and available time to evacuate.
2. Recommended actions to be taken by the public.
3. Implications of not following actions.
4. Evacuation route.
5. Neighborhood congregation point for those needing transportation.
6. Reception/shelter point.
7. TV or radio station with more information.

B. **Conduct Alert**

1. Repeat message at each intersection, and at least once mid-block, depending upon length of block.
2. Do not stop to give information, etc.

C. **Reporting**

When an assigned area has been covered, note date and time, and report completion to your supervisor. Your supervisor should advise the Incident Commander or the Operations Section Chief, and the Planning Section (if activated).
SECTION II-G

SHELTERING, FEEDING, AND HUMAN SERVICES

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Sheltering and feeding citizens during a disaster is the task of the American Red Cross. It is the policy of the City of West Linn not to sanction or refer citizens to shelter and feeding operations that are not managed by the American Red Cross.

Besides sheltering and feeding, the Red Cross can perform a variety of other valuable emergency services, including additional support for disaster victims, coordination of other volunteer organizations, and assistance to local governments in damage assessment. For more information on the services of the American Red Cross, call 503-284-1234.

*Red Cross aid is an outright gift. It is provided by voluntary contributions from the American people. All Red Cross disaster help is free.*

Additional human services may be provided by the Clackamas County Departments of Health and Human Services.

II. Sheltering and Feeding

A. Assembly/Reception Facility

In the event an incident requires the temporary evacuation or relocation of citizens, on-scene staff may choose to refer them to an assembly area, such as a school. Sheltering in excess of 4-6 hours should be requested through the American Red Cross. Activation of assembly facilities can be accomplished by contacting the facility manager.

B. American Red Cross Contracted Shelters

The American Red Cross will provide shelter staff, logistical support, and communications. In addition, the Red Cross will manage evacuee registration and provide basic medical services to shelter residents. The Red Cross can provide quarantine for carriers of infectious diseases, but cannot provide decontamination for hazardous materials or radiological emergencies. This duty remains with the Incident Management staff.

The following facilities have current shelter agreements. **Only the American Red Cross can activate these agreements.** West Linn incident management staff may request that a shelter be opened by calling the Clackamas County Emergency Management through 911 or at 655-8224 or other number provided by them at that time.

**Oregon City Area/West Linn Area Shelters**

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<td>King Elementary School</td>
<td>995 South End Road</td>
<td>Oregon City</td>
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WL Sheltering 2002
Pets are not allowed in Red Cross shelters.

Depending upon the emergency, evacuees may be requested to provide food and water for pets prior to leaving their homes, or they may take small animals any pet care facility. Clackamas County Animal Control may also be able to provide limited shelter for threatened small animals.

C. Emergency Response Personnel

1. EOC Staff

Arrangements for the feeding and sheltering of EOC staff is the responsibility of the Logistics Section of the EOC staff. If practical, EOC staff will be released to their homes to sleep. If this is not practical, EOC staff will be fed, and sleeping quarters assigned, as close to the EOC as possible to the EOC. Other City cooking facilities and limited sleeping areas are available at all fire stations.

2. Response Personnel

Insofar as is practical, response personnel will be released to their homes or stations to sleep. If returning home is not practical, space may be arranged in a shelter within commuting distance of the hazardous area. The City of West Linn may establish purchase agreements with local restaurants; these may be used to provide sack lunches and dinners.

The American Red Cross will feed disaster workers in their feeding and shelter operations, as well as providing coffee and snacks to on-scene personnel.
3. Families of City Response Personnel

In the event of an extended incident involving a major City shelter operation, consideration may be given to sheltering the families of response personnel together. This will facilitate keeping families informed, and will improve the morale of City employees. The Logistics Section shall be responsible for making such arrangements.

D. Fallout Shelters

There are no fully equipped or maintained public fallout shelters within the City of West Linn, nor do the City of West Linn, any state agencies or the American Red Cross have personnel trained in fallout shelter management. In light of this resource gap, it will be the policy of the City of West Linn to remove citizens from the source of radiation rather than shelter in place.

III. Clackamas County Health and Human Services

The Clackamas County Departments of Health and Human Services provide medical, health, and welfare services to all citizens within Clackamas County. Contact with these Departments and Divisions during a major emergency or after hours will be through Clackamas County Emergency Management at 655-8224 or other number provided by them at that time, or through 911.

A. Emergency medical, health and welfare services (See Section I-I, Health and Medical, for more information on medical and health services offered by the County).

B. The Clackamas County Emergency Operations Center will be the primary location for coordination and control of human services emergency operations. For localized emergencies or extreme environmental conditions, the County Health Officer or the County Chair may authorize other locations. The Incident Commander or City Manager may make a request for another location.

C. Telephone, radio, and the Emergency Alert System will be used to coordinate emergency Health and Human Services. Telephone will be the primary communications medium, if available.

D. The County Chair’s Public Information Officer will coordinate emergency public information concerning emergency health services.

E. Non-government organizations, agencies, and institutions will be requested to provide their own administrative and logistical support except for assistance agreed upon and approved by the Directors of the Departments of Health and Human Services.

IV. Other Human Service Agencies

A. State of Oregon Senior and Disabled Services Division

The Oregon Senior and Disabled Services Division can assist in the event of a disaster that impacts their clients.

For additional human services agencies and phone numbers, see the Emergency Operations Guide and other EOC resources.
SECTION II-H

REPORTING AND RECOVERY

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I. Reporting

Disaster assistance from mutual aid agencies, Clackamas County, and State and Federal entities will be enhanced by prompt and thorough reporting of emergency conditions. This section outlines the notification and reporting processes, emergency declaration, damage assessment, and recovery procedures that the City will implement in the event of a disaster.

Accurate incident status summaries are important to decision makers within the incident staff, as well as to assisting agencies and the public. The ICS 209L, Incident Status Summary (Appendix D, form D-1), shall be completed as soon as possible after the onset of an emergency, and shall be updated at least every 24 hours thereafter. The ICS 209L shall be prepared by the Planning Section on all Level III activations, and distributed via phone, radio, LEDS, or hard copy to at least the following:

- All Command and General Staff
- Clackamas County Emergency Management 503-655-8224*
  503-655-8531 (fax)
- Oregon Emergency Management Division 503-378-2911
  503-588-1378 (fax)
- Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue FOC (if activated) 503-259-1246
  503-259-1228 (fax)

The Public Information Officer may also distribute the Incident Status Summary to the media, the public, assisting agencies, adjacent jurisdictions, and volunteer organizations at the direction of the Incident Commander.

In addition to the ICS 209L, in any emergency that may result in a declaration of local emergency, the OEM Initial Damage Assessment Form (Appendix D, Form D-2) will also be completed and submitted to the above contact points.

The following is an outline of the public assistance recovery process. Time lines vary from disaster to disaster.

1. Disaster strikes
2. Emergency response and initial damage assessment by local officials. Local declaration of emergency.
3. Local/state/federal damage assessment teams accomplish the preliminary damage assessment, and immediate needs funding (INF) requirements are identified.
4. FEMA reviews the declaration request and makes recommendation to the President.
5. If warranted, President makes disaster declaration.
6. State holds applicant(s) briefing.
7. Applicant submits Request for Public Assistance
8. Public Assistance Coordinator holds Kickoff Meeting with applicant.
9. Applicant formulates projects.
10. Required 20% of small projects validated.
11. Large projects managed with assistance of state and FEMA.
12. Funding is provided for small projects following validation. Funding for large projects is provided as work progresses.

* The Clackamas County EOC may provide other numbers during an activation.
II. Emergency Declaration Process

The disaster declaration process follows the three steps outlined below:

A. **Step 1: Declaration of Local Emergency**

A declaration of emergency by the City of West Linn is the first step in accessing state and federal disaster assistance. The West Linn City Council has the legal authority under Emergency Code to declare that a Local Emergency exists. If a quorum of Councilors cannot be assembled, the City Manager is delegated this authority. If the City Manager is unable to act due to absence or incapacity, the Emergency Management Coordinator, Police Chief, or the Incident Commander may exercise local Declaration authority. The declaration of a local emergency must include a description of the situation and existing conditions, must delineate the geographic boundaries affected, and must outline what special powers are being activated by the City. If County, State or Federal assistance is needed, it must also declare that all appropriate and available local resources have been expended, and contain a request to the Governor for the type of assistance required (if needed). The Command and General Staff have the following responsibilities in the declaration process:

- **Operations:** Identify necessary resources, and outline special powers needed to respond to the emergency. Assist in initial damage assessment.
- **Planning:** Provide situation and resource summaries and initial and preliminary damage assessments.
- **Logistics:** Compile resource request
- **Finance:** Assist in preliminary damage assessment; coordinate damage survey activities.
- **Command:** Present package to City Manager and City Council.

*The City of West Linn may choose to declare a local emergency even if the need for additional support or resources is not anticipated in order to implement provisions of the emergency code.*

The State of Emergency Form (Appendix A) will be used to document the declaration of a state of emergency.

B. **Step 2: County/State Disaster Declarations**

In order for the City of West Linn to receive federal disaster funding, and to activate certain state and federal resources to support the emergency, the local declaration of emergency and request for additional assistance must be communicated to the Governor of the State of Oregon. The State of Oregon has the option of declaring a State of Emergency and activating only state resources in support of the incident, or of declaring a State of Emergency and beginning negotiations with FEMA for a Federal Disaster Declaration. Since the State of Oregon has no emergency funding mechanism outside
state agency current operating budgets and emergency requests to the legislature, disaster declarations are frequently quickly passed to FEMA.

**West Linn’s request for a declaration must be processed through Clackamas County Emergency Management to the State Emergency Management Division.**

Clackamas County may add its support to the request, request that additional areas or services be included, or pass the request through without comment, but may not decline to process the request.

Clackamas County Emergency Management will pass the request through to the State within one hour of receiving it from the City. If Clackamas County Emergency Management will not be able to comply with this time frame, and if the request is time-critical, the request may be presented directly to the State Emergency Management Division, with advice to Clackamas County Emergency Management of action taken.

The request for a disaster declaration will be documented using the Local Emergency Declaration Form (Appendix A), and should be accompanied by a current ICS 209L and/or OEM Initial Damage Assessment form (Appendix D, forms D-1, and D-2). The declaration may be communicated via radio, teletype, or telephone, but must be followed up with a hard copy to Clackamas County Emergency Management and the State Emergency Management Division.

*The request for a disaster declaration and assistance does not indicate the surrender of Command responsibility and authority.*

**C. Step 3: Federal Disaster Declarations**

The Federal Government may declare an incident either an "emergency," or a "major disaster." When the President of the United States declares either condition to exist, various resources of the federal government are available to respond to the emergency, and disaster funding is made available for recovery. Certain federal agencies have disaster responsibilities that can be activated short of a federal disaster declaration. Federal disaster declarations designate specific geographic boundaries, usually counties, and specific time periods that restrict eligibility.

The Governor of the State of Oregon, with the assistance of the Emergency Management Division, will prepare and forward a request for a Presidential declaration of an emergency or a major disaster to the Director of FEMA Region 10, who will, in turn, present it to the President.

Current legislation defines "emergency" as:

...any occasion or instance for which, in the determination of the President, federal assistance is needed to supplement State and local efforts and capabilities to save lives and to protect property and public health and safety, or to lessen or avert the threat of a catastrophe in any part of the United States...

In addition, a "major disaster" is defined as:

...any natural catastrophe...or, regardless of cause, any fire, flood, or explosion, in any part of the United States, which, in the determination of the President, causes damage of sufficient severity and magnitude to warrant major disaster assistance...to supplement the efforts and available resources of States, local governments, and disaster relief organizations in alleviating the damage, loss or suffering.

**III. Determining Eligibility for Assistance**

Eligibility for federal disaster and recovery assistance is based on the scope of the disaster, and the eligibility of the individual applicant to apply for such assistance. Funding is generally made available on a “matching” basis: generally a maximum of 75% federal to 25% local or state funds.
A. Damage Assessment

Damage assessment is conducted in two phases: initial damage assessment, and preliminary damage assessment. The initial assessment provides information on which to base response, and is supplemented by the preliminary assessment with supporting information for the disaster declaration. Phase 1 Initial Damage Assessment is the responsibility of the local government; the Phase 2 Preliminary Damage Assessment is a more in-depth analysis of long term effects and costs of the emergency, and is done with the combined efforts of local, state, and federal agencies.

Phase 1: Initial Damage Assessment

Organization and supervision of the initial damage assessment is the responsibility of the Planning Section, with supporting field information from Operations and fiscal documentation from Finance. While the primary purpose of the Initial Damage Assessment is to assist in determining appropriate response activities, the secondary purpose is to begin the formal disaster declaration process. Efficient accomplishment of this task may require major assistance from all departments and available volunteer resources. Record keeping, especially of expenditures, should be started very early in the incident. The Finance Section or the lead agency will assign a charge code to which all incident-related expenditures will be coded (see Appendix B for cost coding information). The initial damage assessment should begin as soon as possible after the impact of the emergency, and should be conducted using the following priorities:

Priority 1 - Public Safety and Restoration of Vital Services

- West Linn EOC and City Hall, fire stations, Police Department and Public Works facilities.
- Telephone and radio communications systems.
- Hazardous occupancy industries, natural gas pipelines.
- Bridges and overpasses.
- Hospitals, nursing homes, and shelters.
- Power, natural gas, water, and sewer systems.
- Schools and businesses where life-safety threats may exist.

Each facility should be analyzed on structural integrity and safety, functional capability, and estimated cost to repair or replace.

Priority 2 - Assessment of damage to support emergency or major disaster declaration.

An estimate of numbers of private dwellings and businesses affected by the incident will be needed to support the request for a State or Federal declaration. A "windshield" survey (a cursory, "drive-by" damage assessment) should be made at the same time as the more detailed survey required for priority 1 facilities.

- Private homes, multiple family dwellings.
• Public Facilities not covered in Priority 1.
• Businesses.

Complete:
• Appendix D-2-OEM Initial Damage Assessment Form
• Once initial damage assessment has been completed, damage found should be documented and forwarded to the Regional Office of Emergency Management and Oregon Emergency Management.

Phase 2: Preliminary Damage Assessment

The initial damage assessment should provide the basis for subsequent assessment activities; the preliminary damage assessment builds upon that information to provide supporting documentation for State and Federal disaster assistance. While assessment will have begun with the Planning Section in the EOC, often the Preliminary Damage Assessment will occur after the EOC has been demobilized. If demobilization has occurred, the final incident package, including all damage assessment information, shall be transferred to the Finance Function for long-term follow up. The City Finance Director will serve as the Financial Officer of record, and may choose to assign the Finance staff of the Incident Management Team most involved in the incident to manage the long-term recovery, or may assign these duties internally as necessary.

Finance staff should plan to perform the following tasks

1. Identify a Recovery Coordinator for each Department that will have projects.

2. Establish and maintain contact with the Oregon Emergency Management Division and the Office of Regional Emergency Management. Determine:
   a) Reporting and inspection time lines
   b) Support needed by State/Federal Teams
   c) Process for obtaining approval for activities taken during recovery activities.

3. Coordinate the assignment of personnel to Damage Assessment Teams (these personnel will most likely be from Public Works or Development Services). The Section should arrange appointments with managers/owners of affected facilities in order to facilitate the process.

4. Provide current cost and damage assessment information to the Command and General Staff and to the Mayor and Council, City Manager and Department Directors.

B. Eligibility Criteria

As a local government, the City of West Linn qualifies as an applicant under the federal Public Assistance Program. However, this basic qualification is only the first step in complying with eligibility criteria. The facility or structure, the work, and the costs associated also must be eligible. The following is a brief description of eligibility criteria for applicants, facilities, work, and costs. Changes to the Public Assistance Program are common. This plan provides general information only, some of which may vary depending on actual circumstances. The following FEMA reference materials have more extensive information:

• FEMA 321: Public Assistance Policy Digest
• FEMA 322: Public Assistance Guide
• FEMA 323: Public Assistance Applicant Handbook
• FEMA 325: Debris Management Guide
1. Applicant

In addition to the City of West Linn itself, certain private non-profit (PNP) organizations within the City may also qualify for assistance. In order to qualify, such organizations must meet the following criteria:

- Have tax exempt status, or have satisfactory evidence from the state that the organization is a non-revenue producing, non-profit entity organized under state law.
- Provide services that would otherwise be performed by a government entity. These services include education, medical, fire and emergency services, utilities, custodial care, and other “critical” government services.

Under the 2000 amendments to the Stafford Act, "non-critical" PNPs must first apply to the Small Business Association for a disaster assistance loan. If the application is denied or the loan does not cover all eligible damages, non-critical PNPs may then apply to FEMA for the remainder of damages.

2. Facility

For the purposes of the Public Assistance Program, an eligible facility is defined as “a building, works, system, or equipment that is built or manufactured, or an improved and maintained natural feature that is owned by an eligible public or Private Nonprofit applicant.” The definition does not include land used for agricultural purposes.

“Improved natural features” may include such things as golf courses, erosion control sites, soil stabilization measures, and channel bank armoring. Maintenance must be done on a regular schedule at to standards. It is the improvement itself that must be maintained for the natural feature to be considered a facility.

In addition to the basic qualification discussed above, the facility must:

- Be the responsibility of an entity that is a qualified applicant.
- Be located in a designated disaster area.
- Not be under the specific authority of an other Federal agency.
- Be in active use at the time of the disaster (exceptions to this rule may apply if the facility was temporarily inactive for repairs or remodeling, if future use by the applicant was established in an approved budget, or if the owner can demonstrate that there was intent to use the facility within a reasonable time).

3. Work

The following criteria apply to work conducted as a result of disasters:

- **Cause of damage**: work must be required as a direct result of the declared disaster.
- **Location**: work must be within the designated disaster area.
- **Legal responsibility**: work must be the legal responsibility of an eligible applicant.

There are two types of work: Emergency Work and Permanent Work. **Emergency Work** includes activities required to protect life and property, and is usually undertaken during the response phase of the emergency. **Permanent Work** includes activities required to restore a damaged facility to its pre-disaster design, function, and capacity.

a. Emergency Work

   Emergency Work has two categories: A) debris removal, and B) Emergency Protective Measures.
• Category A-Debris Removal
  * Debris removal is eligible when it is necessary to eliminate immediate threats to life, public health and safety, improved public or private property, or ensure the economic recovery of the community to the benefit of the community at large.
  * Debris includes sand, mud, silt and gravel, downed trees, wind-blown debris, wreckage from buildings, vehicles and personal property.

In general, debris removal from public property is eligible when the above conditions are met. Debris removal from private property is more restrictive and should be discussed on a case-by-case basis.

• Category B-Emergency Protective Measures
  * Emergency protective measures are eligible for public assistance when necessary to eliminate or lessen immediate threats to lives, public health or safety, or eliminate or lessen immediate threats of significant additional damage to improved public or private property. This may include emergency communications, emergency access, and emergency public transportation costs.

b. Permanent Work

Permanent work is that work required to restore a damaged facility to its original design, function, or capacity:

• **Design**: FEMA provides funds to restore a facility to its pre-disaster design. If a gravel road is destroyed, FEMA cannot replace it with a paved surface.

• **Function**: the facility must perform the same function that it was designed to perform before the disaster.

• **Capacity**: the restored facility must operate at the capacity available before the disaster.

Permanent work is further divided into the following categories:

• Category C-Roads and Bridges.
• Category D-Water Control Facilities
• Category E-Buildings and Equipment
• Category F-Public Utilities
• Category G-Parks, Recreational Facilities, Other Items.

Examples of what may be covered under these categories can be found in Appendix B-Cost Coding.

4. Cost

The fourth category of eligibility is related to cost. In addition to the eligibility criteria established for applicant, facility, and work, the cost must be:

• Reasonable and necessary to accomplish the work;

• Compliant with federal, state, and local procurement requirements; and

• Reduced by all applicable credits such as insurance proceeds and salvage values.

The eligible cost criteria apply to all direct costs, including labor, materials, equipment, and contracts awarded for the performance of eligible work. An additional discussion of cost can be found in Section IV, Project Management.
IV. Project Management

Managing the projects required to return the community to its pre-disaster state is complex and requires a long-term effort. Documenting the process, meeting deadlines, assessing the impact of additional regulatory requirements, and monitoring the progress of projects from initial response to close out will require substantial commitment of staff time. This section discusses the project management aspects of participation in the Public Assistance Program.

A. Special Considerations

Special considerations include all program issues other than eligibility that may affect the funding or scope of work on a project. Many of these issues will require the assistance of subject matter experts, and will be discussed with State and Federal representatives during project formulation. A Special Consideration Checklist is included in Appendix D. This should be completed and kept in each project file. Special considerations include:

- Insurance
- Hazard mitigation
- Environmental issues
- National Flood Insurance Program
- Historical facilities
- Other federal or state laws or regulations that require compliance.

1. Insurance

The Stafford Act requires purchase of insurance coverage on insurable facilities as a condition of receiving federal disaster assistance. FEMA will require the purchase of insurance coverage prior to the release of any approved funding. This requirement does not apply on projects less than $5000, and may be waived if the State Insurance Commissioner determines that a specific type of insurance is not reasonably available, adequate, or necessary.

The Stafford Act requires that all disaster assistance grants be reduced by any insurance proceeds received.

2. Hazard Mitigation

Hazard mitigation is defined as any cost-effective measure that will prevent or reduce the threat of future damage to a facility that has already been damaged during a disaster. This may include work above and beyond the work required to return the facility to its pre-disaster condition. Hazard mitigation projects should be considered on every project and discussed with the Public Assistance Coordinator. For hazard mitigation measures to be approved, specialists must review the measures for eligibility, technical feasibility, environmental and historical soundness and cost effectiveness.

3. Environmental Issues

The National Environmental Policy Act governs the review and consultation process used to determine the environmental consequences of a federal act. While the Act does not require that FEMA limit the environmental impacts of recovery projects, it does require that the decision to fund a project be made in an informed manner and involve relevant stakeholders. This process is usually the vehicle through which FEMA addresses other environmental laws and regulations.

Other federal environmental laws that may impact recovery projects include the Clean Air and Clean Water Acts, the Resource Conservation and Recovery Act, and the Endangered Species Act.
4. National Flood Insurance Program
   The City of West Linn is a participant in the National Flood Insurance Program. Like other insurance programs, the Stafford Act requires that insurance proceeds be deducted from grants for insurable facilities within the 100-year flood plain. The amount of the reduction will be the maximum amount of insurance proceeds available through a standard NFIP policy. The reduction is done on all projects for building and building contents within the 100-year flood plain.

5. Historical Facilities
   Historical facilities may require extensive repair and restoration, or even demolition following a disaster. FEMA is required to identify historical facilities, identify the impact of recovery projects on the facility, consult with stakeholders, and proceed with the work only after resolving preservation issues.

6. Other Regulations
   In addition to the programs and laws described in 1-5 above, other federal and state restrictions may apply. These may include, but are not limited to land use planning, farmland protection, and requirements related to the presence of minority or low income populations, or the presence of wetlands.

B. Project Formulation
   Once the Preliminary Damage Assessment has been completed, the President has declared a disaster, and the City has submitted its Request for Public Assistance, the process of project formulation begins. This process begins at the Kick-off Meeting with state representatives and the Federal Public Assistance Coordinator. Project formulation includes:
   - Combining associated work into projects
   - Developing scope of work and cost for projects
   - Identifying any special considerations
   - Completing project worksheets

1. The Kickoff Meeting
   At the kickoff meeting, the City will receive project worksheets, information of eligibility, information on available technical assistance, and guidance on documentation. City representatives should be prepared to discuss how capital improvement and maintenance projects are normally planned and managed, and to provide a list of damages and damage sites. The kick-off responsibilities of the City, the state, and FEMA’s Public Assistance Coordinator appear below:

   **City**
   - Attend kickoff meeting to receive initial guidance on project formulation and to submit a listing of damages.
   - Identify damage sites
   - Notifies state or FEMA if technical assistance is needed.
   - Maintains proper documentation.

   **State**
   - May attend the kickoff meeting and subsequent meetings to formulate projects.

   **FEMA Public Assistance Coordinator**
   - Conducts the kickoff meeting
• Provides technical assistance, upon request
• Assigns work to specialists and Project Officers
• Maintains the case management file.

2. Project Formulation

All projects must be formulated and submitted within 60 days of the kickoff meeting.
Twenty percent of the small projects submitted within 30 days of the kickoff meeting
must be validated. All projects submitted more than 30 days after the kickoff meeting
must be validated. While additional information will be provided at the kickoff
meeting, some project formulation in advance of this meeting will assist in meeting
the timeline. Projects may be grouped according to any of the following methods:

• Type of damage—This is one of the most common methods. For example, all
culvert erosion could be a project.

• System—all eligible damage to a water or sewage system could be formulated into
one project.

• Boundaries—a water or road system could be divided geographically, and each
part formulated into one project.

• Method of work completion—work to be completed by force account resources
may be combined into one project. For work to be contracted, each contract may
be a project, or a group of contracts let to a single contractor may be a project.

• Complex—All damages sustained at a group of facilities, such as the Public
Works Maintenance complex, may be grouped into one project.

3. Develop Scope of Work

The scope of work and description of damage is the most important part of the project
formulation process. Descriptions must be detailed, and clearly demonstrate the
relationship of the damage to the disaster. A complete scope of work includes:

• Project location—must be detailed enough that the location can be identified in a
field visit.

• Description of damage—this must be in terms of the facility, features, or item
requiring repair, and must be detailed. Facility damage must be described in
quantitative terms, with physical dimensions. Without accurate measurements,
accurate materials and cost estimates cannot be developed.

• Cause of damage—the specific cause of the damage must relate to the incident for
which the disaster was declared. Otherwise, the project is not eligible.

• Description of eligible work—the scope of work must be complete and tie back to
the cause of damage. If part of the work has been completed prior to project
approval, the work yet to be completed must be described separately from the
finished work. The work should be quantifiable (length, width, depth, capacity)
and descriptive (wood, brick, asphalt, etc.). “Restore to pre-disaster condition” is
not an acceptable scope of work description!

4. Develop Cost Estimates

FEMA may grant funds on the basis of actual costs, or on estimates of work to be
completed. The three primary methods of estimating costs are unit prices, time and
materials, and contracts. The method used to determine costs on a particular project
depends on whether or not the work has been completed. Actual costs derived from
time and materials expended can be developed for work completed. Unit price
should be used when possible for work yet to be completed.
Once identified, projects must be segregated into small (less than $52,000 per project) and large (greater than or equal to $52,000 per project\(^1\)). Funding and management mechanisms are different for each.

- **Small Projects**
  - Develop detailed scope of work and cost estimate.
  - Complete a Project Worksheet for each project.
  - Submit Project Worksheets within 60 days of kickoff meeting (30 days for 20% validation).

- **Large Projects**
  - Develop a general description and general cost estimate for large projects. Large projects will be assigned to a federal Project Officer, who will prepare a detailed scope of work and cost estimate in coordination with the City and the state.
  - Complete a Project Worksheet for each project.
  - Submit Project Worksheets within 60 days of kickoff meeting.

### C. Documentation

Accurate documentation is essential to the recovery management process. Appropriate documentation will help to recover all eligible costs, allow the efficient development of projects, assist in validating small projects, and prepare the City for audits.

Finance staff should plan to perform the following tasks:

1. **Establish Contact**
   
   Establish and maintain contact with the State Applicant Liaison, and FEMA’s Public Assistance Coordinator and Project Officers (assigned to individual large projects).

2. **Provide Information**
   
   Provide current cost and damage assessment information to the Command and General Staff and to the Mayor and Council, City Manager and Department Directors.

3. **Establish System**
   
   - Assign Recovery Coordinator. This may be the Finance Section Chief from the Incident Management Team, the City Finance Director, or other employee at the direction of the City Manager or Incident Commander. This person should be able to make a long-term commitment to the process, and may need to be relieved of other duties for the duration.
   
   - Establish a file for each project (see discussion of project formulation). Identify a department contact for each project. The project file should include:
     * Project Worksheet
     * Disbursement and accounting records for each project. Sample forms are included in Appendix D. These forms are not required; however, the system used must be able to generate the same information.
     * Completed Special Consideration Checklist
     * Documentation that supports cost estimate provided on worksheet.
     * Any additional documentation that might be useful, including photographs, etc.

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\(^1\) $52,000 was the fiscal dividing point for FY02; it is adjusted for inflation each federal fiscal year.
4. Observe Deadlines

Expenditure documentation and other records must be kept up to date in order to meet the work category deadlines established by FEMA. Deadlines are calculated from the date of the Presidential Disaster Declaration, and include:

- Emergency Work-6 months
- Permanent Work-18 months

5. Maintain files

Files should be maintained for three years after project completion. Under the “Single Audit Act,” there is a possibility of an audit by state or federal auditors.

D. Validation

The validation process is conducted to ensure that the scope of work reflects disaster-related damage, that work and costs are eligible, cost estimates are reasonable, and that any applicable special considerations have been addressed. Twenty percent of small projects are chosen at random for validation. Large projects are validated through the formulation process. The following describes the validation process and the information the City should be prepared to present to validation staff.

1. Process

The FEMA public Assistance Coordinator will select the projects that will be subject to validation, and notify the City. The process will include a detailed review of project-file documentation and field visits to the project sites.

2. Required Information

The City should be prepared to provide the following information or demonstrate that the following criteria have been met for each identified project:

- Completed Work-complete documentation
- Force Account Labor
  - Records should be well organized and identified by date, position, location, and labor performed to support costs claimed on the Project Worksheet.
  - Employee hours are eligible according to the guidelines.
  - Hours worked are divided into regular and overtime hours.
  - Fringe benefits are identified for both regular and overtime. A blended rate may be used, or a separate rate for each worker category.
  - Calculations are clear, complete, and accurate.
  - The file is up to date.
- Force Account Equipment
  - Records are well organized and identified by date, position, location, and the number of labor hours for equipment operators match or exceed the equipment hours.
  - Volunteer and prison labor hours for equipment operation are identified, if applicable.
  - FEMA equipment rates or other approved rates are used for calculation.
  - Mileage, not hours, is used for automobiles, pickups, buses, and ambulances.
  - Calculations are clear, concise, and accurate.
• The file is up to date.

• Materials
  • Purchase orders/invoices dates and quantities match material records.
  • Inventory records/stock tickets match material records.
  • Calculations are clear, complete, and accurate.
  • The file is up to date.

• Leased/Rental Equipment
  • Records are on file, and up to date.
  • Lease/rental agreement dates fall within the disaster period.
  • Invoice date and amount are correct.
  • Gasoline, oil, and lubricants are claimed only when not covered in agreement.
  • Repairs and parts are claimed only when renter is liable for these costs as stipulated in the rental agreement.
  • Calculations are clear, complete, and accurate.

• Contract
  • Copy of the contract is on file and up to date.
  • Prescribed procurement procedures were followed.
  • Competitive bidding was used or an exception was authorized.
  • Calculations are clear, complete, and accurate.

• Work to be Completed
  • The Public Assistance Coordinator has approved cost estimating method.
  • Cost estimate was accurately developed.
  • Calculations are clear, complete, and accurate.
  • File is up to date.

V. Support Services

A. Disaster Recovery Centers (DRCs)

The Logistics Section may be called upon to arrange a large facility to serve as a Disaster Recovery Center (DRC), where citizens can meet with Federal/State/local and volunteer agency representatives to apply for disaster assistance. Appropriate facilities include schools, churches, and community centers. In West Linn, facilities that should be considered include the school gymnasiums.

Advertising of these facilities will be coordinated by the Public Information Officer through the Joint Information Center (if activated) located in the Federal/State Disaster Field Office. Federal, State, local and volunteer agencies may provide or accept applications for the following services through the Disaster Application Center:

1. Temporary housing for disaster victims whose homes are uninhabitable as a result of a disaster.

2. Essential repairs to owner occupied residences in lieu of temporary housing, so that families can return to their damaged homes.
3. Disaster unemployment and job placement assistance for those unemployed as a result of a Major Disaster.

4. Disaster loans to individuals, businesses, and farmers for refinancing, repair, rehabilitation, or replacement of damaged real and personal property not fully covered by insurance.

5. Agricultural assistance payments and technical assistance, and federal grants for the purchase or transportation of livestock.

6. Information on the availability of food stamps and eligibility requirements.

7. Individual and family grants to meet disaster-related expenses and other needs of those adversely affected by Major Disasters when they are unable to meet such needs through other means.

8. Legal counseling to low-income families and individuals.

9. Tax counseling concerning various disaster-related tax benefits.

10. Consumer counseling and assistance in obtaining insurance benefits.

11. Crisis counseling and referrals to mental health agencies to relieve disaster-caused mental health problems.

12. Social Security assistance for recipients or survivors, such as death or disability benefits or monthly payments.

13. Veteran's assistance, such as death benefits, pensions, insurance settlements, and adjustments to home mortgages held by the Veteran's Administration if a VA-insured home has been damaged.

14. Other specific programs and services as appropriate to the disaster.

B. Logistical Support

Logistics staff may also arrange for local guides, office space, document reproduction services, etc. for State and Federal Damage Assessment Teams.

If federal mobile homes are to be provided for use as emergency shelter, Logistics may assist in choosing siting and site preparation, consistent with West Linn's local comprehensive land use plan.

C. Departmental Support

1. The Engineering and Planning and Building Departments will provide staff to lead damage assessment teams.

2. All other departments will make available unassigned personnel to assist with damage assessment.

3. Additional support may be available from Clackamas County Assessment and Taxation, County Engineers, etc. It may be necessary to provide a delegation of authority to allow engineers from the private sector or other jurisdictions to participate in the damage assessment process.
Appendix A-DECLARATION FORM

EMERGENCY/MAJOR DISASTER REQUEST FORM

TO: ____________________________________________, Governor, State of Oregon.
FROM: ____________________________________________, City of West Linn.

(Name and Title)

At__________ (Time) on___________ (Date),

____________________________________________

(Emergency Incident or Event)

occurred in West Linn, threatening life and property.
The current situation and conditions are:

The geographic boundaries of the emergency are:

I DO HEREBY DECLARE THAT A STATE OF EMERGENCY NOW EXISTS IN WEST LINN, AND THAT
THE CITY OF WEST LINN HAS EXPENDED ALL APPROPRIATE AND AVAILABLE RESOURCES. I
RESPECTFULLY REQUEST THAT THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OREGON DECLARE A
"STATE OF EMERGENCY," CONSIDER THE CITY AN "EMERGENCY AREA" AS PROVIDED FOR IN
ORS 401, REQUEST APPROPRIATE SUPPORT FROM STATE AGENCIES AND/OR THE FEDERAL
GOVERNMENT, AND PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING FORMS OF ASSISTANCE:

Signed______________________    Date_______________________

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INSTRUCTIONS FOR COMPLETING THE DISASTER DECLARATION FORM:

RESPONSIBILITY:  Completion of the Disaster Declaration Form is the responsibility of the Lead Agency, or of the Incident Commander.

TIMELINE:  As soon as possible after the initial assessment is made; or when it becomes apparent that the provisions of the City Emergency Code are necessary; or when assistance beyond that of mutual aid is necessary.

DISTRIBUTION:  Command and General Staff, City Manager, Mayor and Council. Clackamas County Emergency Management, Oregon Emergency Management. This request may be passed to Clackamas County via radio, telephone, teletype, or fax. Hard copies must be sent to the Clackamas County Emergency Management, and the Oregon Emergency Management Division, and a copy placed in the final incident package.

Clackamas County Emergency Management 503-655-8224*

503-655-8531 (fax)

Oregon Emergency Management Division 503-378-2911

503-588-1378 (fax)

SPECIAL INSTRUCTIONS:

FROM:  Personnel of the City of West Linn who may sign this declaration include the Mayor, City Manager, Emergency Management Coordinator, lead agency Director, and Incident Commander. If time is not critical, the Council should meet to ratify the declaration. If time is of the essence, any of the above personnel may proceed with the declaration, with ratification occurring as soon as possible.

"Current situation and conditions" should include the rationale supporting the declaration of disaster, including (as appropriate), need for additional powers to protect the public, status of City response, commitment of City and mutual aid resources, and projection of incident potential.

"Geographic Boundaries" should be specific, unless the entire City is impacted.

"Forms of Assistance" requests should be specific, including numbers, special qualifications, and tasks to be assigned. For example, if the National Guard is requested, describe tasks for which its resources will be used.

* The Clackamas County EOC may provide other numbers during an activation.
Appendix B COST CODING

The City of West Linn uses a 14-place alphanumeric cost coding system for its day-to-day accounting procedures. The cost coding system identifies the fund, department, and line item for expenditures. In the event of a City-wide emergency, this cost coding system expands to include a 6-place alpha-numeric project code assigned by the Finance Section Chief (A12345). This project code identifies expenditures related to a specific emergency, should be included on all purchase orders, requisitions, time sheets, contracts, etc.
Federal Categories for Project Applications

The bold headings are the allowed categories for reimbursement during federal disaster recovery efforts. The bulleted items under each heading represent activities or expenses which have qualified for funding on past disasters, and which may be eligible for funding in future events.

Emergency Work

A. Debris Clearance
Types of activity may include:
- Debris/wreckage clearance
- Debris/wreckage clearance-public waterways
- Clean reservoirs, catch basins, streams, drainage facilities
- Clearance to rough grading

B. Emergency Protective Measures
Emergency Protective Measures are those taken to eliminate or lessen immediate threats to lives, public health, or safety, and/or to eliminate or lessen threats of significant damage to improved property. Types of allowable expenses may include:
- Overtime-law enforcement
- Overtime-fire/ems
- Overtime-public works
- Overtime-other
- Mutual Aid
- Emergency Communication
- Emergency Standby
- Stores Issues
- Buttress construction
- Emergency levees
- Pumping and sandbagging
- Emergency channel and stream clearance
- Burying/disposal of dead animals (health hazard)
- Drainage of trapped water (health hazard)
- Emergency water vehicles
- Pumping basements (health/public safety hazard)
- Decontamination of public water supplies
- Pumping of septic tanks (health hazard only)
• Vector control of insects/vermin
• Protection of electrical system switches
• Emergency Dispatch
• Emergency Food
• Construction of fire breaks
• Emergency hiring

**Permanent Work**

**C. Road Systems**
Eligible features include the following:
• Roads-surfaces, bases, shoulders, ditches, drainage structures (such as culverts and cross drains), low water crossings, and other features, such as guardrails.
• Bridges-decking, pavement, girders, guardrails, abutments, piers, slope protection, and approaches.

**D. Water Control Facilities**
Eligible features include the following:
• Dams and reservoirs, drainage and irrigation channels, debris basins, levees, and shore facilities such as bulkheads and seawalls.

**E. Buildings and Equipment**
Eligible features or activities include the following:
• Buildings-structural and architectural components, interior systems, contents, consumable supplies, books and publications, removal of debris, cleaning and painting, demolition.
• Equipment-heavy equipment and apparatus, trucks, automobiles.

**F. Public Utilities**
Eligible utilities and features include:
• Water treatment plants and delivery systems
• Power generation and distribution facilities, including generators, substations, and power lines.
• Sewage collection systems and treatment plants.

**G. Parks, Recreational Facilities, Other Facilities**
This category is used for parks, recreational facilities and other facilities that do not readily fit into categories C-F. Typical eligible features include:
• Playground equipment
• Ball fields and associated facilities
• Swimming pools
• Tennis Courts
• Boat docks and ramps
• Piers
• Golf courses
- Public cemeteries
- Improved and maintained beaches
Appendix D FORMS

Forms
This appendix includes the following forms:
D-1 ICS 209L-Incident Status Summary
D-2 OEM Initial Damage Assessment Report Form
D-3 FEMA Request for Public Assistance
D-4 FEMA Project Worksheet
D-5 Force Account Labor Summary Record
D-6 Force Account Equipment Summary Record
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D-8 Rented Equipment Summary Record
D-9 Contract Work Summary Record
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## HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES

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I. Description and Policy

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is responsible for the delivery of emergency medical services within the City of West Linn. The Department staffs advanced life support (ALS) engines at all stations. Clackamas County and the State of Oregon provide health and human services to residents of West Linn.

II. Health and Human Services

A. Clackamas County Health Department

The Clackamas County Health Department provides medical and health services to all citizens within Clackamas County. Contact with the Department during a major emergency will be through the Regional Office of Emergency Management at 655-8378, 911, or the County Emergency Operations Center (if activated).

Services of the Health Department include:

1. Health Services
   - Environmental Health
   - Health Division (Clinics)
   - Food Handlers Certificates
   - International Health Center
   - Vector Control
   - Health Officer

2. Communicable disease control, including:
   a. Upon request, screening shelter residents and visitors for communicable diseases.
   b. Establishing and monitoring isolation space.
   c. Providing staff and supplies for immunizations as directed by the medical officer.
   d. Providing advice on sanitation measures for emergency food and water.
   e. Monitoring garbage and waste disposal.

The Department of Health will request emergency medical, health and welfare services not available in the County from the Oregon Department of Health.

B. Clackamas County Human Services Department Services

The Clackamas County Human Services Department provides mental health and crisis management services to all citizens within Clackamas County. Contact with the Department during a major emergency will be through the Regional Office of Emergency Management at 655-8378, 911, or the County Emergency Operations Center (if activated).
C. **Emergency Coordination**

The Clackamas County Emergency Operations Center will be the primary location for coordination and control of Departments of Health and Human Service emergency operations. For localized emergencies or extreme environmental conditions, the County Chair may authorize other locations. The West Linn Incident Commander or City Manager may also make a request for another location.

1. Telephone, radio, and the Emergency Alert System will be used to coordinate emergency Health Services. Telephone will be the primary communications medium, if available.

2. Emergency public information concerning health services will be coordinated by the County Chair’s Public Information Officer in cooperation with the West Linn PIO.

D. **State of Oregon**

The Oregon Department of Human Resources is the agency responsible for coordinating the activities of the state’s social service agencies. The Department of Human Resources includes the following two divisions which may play a major role in disaster assistance:

1. **Adult and Family Services**
   
   Provides low-income assistance, including cash payments, medical coverage, food stamps, day care, and job placement assistance.

2. **Health Division**
   
   The Health Division is the lead state agency for all radiation emergencies other than transportation accidents. The agency provides radiation monitoring expertise, detection equipment, and training.

   The agency also provides such health services as immunization, and vector control.

   The agency also coordinates emergency laboratory services to assess the potential of biological agents.

   Emergency contact with these agencies will be through OERS at 1-800-452-0311.

III. **Emergency Medical Services:**

A. **Activation:**

1. **Multiple Patient Scenes**
   
   Multiple patient scenes do not constitute an emergency under this plan.

2. **Mass Casualty Incidents**
   
   During an incident which involves multiple injuries, emergency medical services are coordinated through a regional Mass Casualty Incident Plan (MCI), which includes all area hospitals, rescue units, and ambulances in the Portland metropolitan area.

   a. The MCI Plan is coordinated through the designated Medical Resource Hospital, and uses a dedicated emergency medical communications network, the Hospital Emergency Administrative Radio (HEAR) system.
b. The MCI is activated by “an event (Multiple Vehicle Accident, explosion, etc.) in which five or more victims are involved, or a potential situation, (fire, aircraft difficulty, etc.) in which ten or more victims may be involved. The first responding or reporting agency (fire, police, ambulance), is requested to notify 911 who will notify the Medical Resource Hospital. The Medical Resource Hospital will then perform an all call (all-hospital notification and bed inventory) as judged appropriate by the emergency physician. If medical triage is deemed necessary, appropriate routing of patients from the scene will be performed via the HEAR system.”

Whenever possible, all injured responders shall be transported to a single hospital to expedite on-the-job injury paperwork, and to ensure continued contact and support to injured employees and their families.

c. Command and control of an MCI within the City of West Linn will be established and maintained through the West Linn Incident Command organization.

3. National Disaster Medical System (NDMS)

West Linn participates in the National Disaster Medical System (NDMS). The NDMS is a federally sponsored network of communities with hospitals and emergency response teams ready to provide medical assistance during a national mass casualty incident. In the event of a major mass casualty incident, patients would be transported from the devastated area to one or more NDMS reception cities. Upon arrival, patients would be triaged and sent to area hospitals.

The NDMS will also be involved in the medical aspects of long-term disaster response and recovery. If the disaster involves a disruption to the medical system, it may be necessary to develop plans to assist citizens who have power-dependent health problems, such as in-home oxygen and dialysis, or who are on maintenance medications and are unable to renew their prescriptions without assistance. In these events, the City will coordinate its efforts with the NDMS, Clackamas County Health, and Clackamas County Emergency Management.

IV. Mass Casualty Scene Management

A. Response-Transportation Accidents

Medical and rescue crews shall not attempt to question train engineers, bus drivers, or aircraft flight crews as to the cause of the accident. Such questions are the responsibility of the investigating agency. Additional security may be needed to protect such personnel from the media.

B. Accident Investigation

The National Transportation Safety Board (NTSB) is responsible for accident investigations on all aircraft, and selected accidents involving surface transportation. The FAA may assist the NTSB in accident investigation. Investigations of accidents involving public use aircraft (public use aircraft are those aircraft used by government entities) are normally conducted by the agency operating the aircraft. Coordination of the incident with these agencies is vital. None of the investigative agencies have the authority to direct emergency services during the rescue phase, but they may direct the removal of bodies and debris. It is NTSB policy to be on the scene of a major accident as soon as possible. In minor accidents, the FAA, instead of the NTSB, may respond to the scene.
It is vital that the Incident Commander contact the NTSB prior to removing deceased victims, or moving aircraft wreckage. This can be accomplished by contacting any FAA facility, or directly with:

NTSB Seattle Office 206-764-3782 (24 Hour)

C. Debris Removal and Scene Security

Mass Casualty scenes involving public transportation should be treated as a crime scene. Removal of accident-related debris from the impact area except as necessary to facilitate rescue should not be attempted by West Linn personnel without clear direction from the appropriate authority. Accident investigation is highly dependent upon the preservation of the accident scene that should be maintained in as close to impact condition as possible. Removal of debris will ordinarily be accomplished by, or under the direction of, investigative agencies such as the NTSB or FAA. Scene security is of extreme importance, and shall take place under the direction of the Police Department.

When responding to and securing the scene of a transportation accident, the following steps shall be considered:

1. If bodies must be removed prior to the arrival of investigators, attempt to identify the victim, and mark the position in which the body was found. The location and position of bodies may be valuable clues to the cause of the accident. Assign a photographer to document accident scene, and the location of bodies prior to their removal. The following procedure shall be used prior to, and during removal:
   a. Use spray paint to number the location of each body, making sure the number is easily visible on the ground, or on debris next to the body.
   b. Photograph the scene, making sure the number will appear in the photograph.
   c. Mark the body bag with the same number.
   d. Place body in body bag.
   e. Bags for personal effects should be marked with the same number.
   f. Subsequent paperwork should reference the same number.

2. Mark cuts or tears in metal or other materials made in order to rescue victims to differentiate them from those caused by the accident.

3. Protect the scene from “souvenir” hunters. This may require lighting the scene at night to ensure a secure perimeter.

V. Mass Fatalities

Under normal circumstances, determination of the cause of death, investigation of the scene of the fatality, disposal of human remains, and notification of next of kin is the responsibility of the Medical Examiner. However, in the event of a catastrophic disaster, the City may become responsible for those functions. If an event causes multiple fatalities, the following process shall be followed:

A. Contact the Office of the Medical Examiner, and determine its ability to respond to the incident. If the Office will be unable to respond or cannot implement its agreement with the Funeral Directors, dispatch Police or Fire personnel with instructions to:
   1. Determine and document the cause of death to the best of their ability.
   2. Photograph scene.
   3. Obtain body bags, and place personal effects with body.
4. Confirm identification if possible.
5. Transport remains to funeral home or temporary morgue.
6. Relay identification of deceased (if that can be determined) to the Planning Section.

B. With the approval of Command, the Planning Section will contact Funeral Home Directors, Police and Fire Chaplains to notify the next of kin.
C. The Planning Section will provide copies of documentation to Office of the Medical Examiner.

VI. Care for Families of Victims

Special care should be taken to provide up-to-date information to friends and family of victims. Consideration should be given to keeping all such people in a central location where they can be protected from the press, and where information can be provided as it becomes available. These services generally take place under the direction of other entities, such as an airline in the event of an air disaster, or Union Pacific Railroad in the event of a rail accident; however, the Public Information Officer should expect calls from relatives, the press, and concerned citizens, and may be requested to assist in providing information to friends and families of victims.

Assign a member of the clergy, a social worker, counselor, or member of the Trauma Intervention Program to each family, if possible.

VII. Temporary Morgue Services

The City of West Linn has no permanent mortuaries within its limits, however the metropolitan area has many such facilities. In addition to permanent mortuaries, temporary morgues may be necessary in the event of an incident that results in either damage to these facilities, or numbers of fatalities that exceed their capabilities. Identification of victims may be a long and complicated process. Facilities which might be used as temporary morgues include school gymnasiums, armories, or other secure, air conditioned buildings. Facilities should provide:

A. A receiving entrance protected from public view.
B. A plainly marked general information area, easily accessible, and where it will not interfere with free passage to the operational area.
C. Waiting room and public restrooms
D. Separate rooms for interviews with individuals seeking missing persons.
E. Private viewing rooms for identification purposes.
F. Telephone area and personnel adequate to handle incoming and outgoing calls.
G. Working area for the press.
H. Working area for the clergy.

In addition to the above, the facility should provide work spaces with the following provisions:

A. Storage space for bodies. Should be divided to provide segregated areas for each of the following: male adults, female adults, male children, female children, and those whose sex cannot be determined.
B. 220 volt, AC current for X-ray equipment.
C. Tables for examination.
D. Running water.
E. Good ventilation.
F. Good lighting.

Organizations and agencies that may, upon request, provide services to help manage a temporary morgue operation include:

- American Red Cross
- City of West Linn Police Department Criminologists
- Clackamas County Medical Examiner
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I. Description

A continuity of service emergency is defined as any situation in which the loss or reassignment of personnel resources threatens the ability of the City to provide mandated services. Any number of scenarios may require major reorganization of City personnel resources. Strikes may result in large numbers of employees being absent from the workplace; the long term recovery demands of a major disaster may require that personnel be assigned to the incident management team—leaving their day-to-day duties uncovered. Some services are required by law; others by City policy and internal priorities. It is the City’s policy that normal services be continued as long as possible under all circumstances.

The loss or reassignment of a major portion of the City’s personnel resources is considered an emergency under the City’s Emergency Operations Plan. This plan is designed to assist City Departments in meeting their service commitments while allowing maximum flexibility to meet the needs of the emergency.

II. Continuity of Service Planning

The Administration Department is the lead agency for continuity of service emergencies. The Director may assume Command of the emergency in the event of a strike, or form part of a Unified Command structure if continuity of service issues arise as the result of a technological or natural disaster. Other Departments will provide support to the response effort as directed by Command.

III. General Guidelines

A. Service Priorities

- **Tier I Services**—Services that must be performed to maintain public health and safety.

- **Tier II Services**—Services that should be performed to avoid major inconvenience or financial loss to the City or its citizens, and/or which are critical to the function of the individual department.

- **Tier III Services**—Routine services that can be delayed for a short time (one month or less) without serious consequences.

B. Coordination

The Incident Command System may be activated to respond to the loss or reassignment of personnel resources. The ICS organization may be activated to manage the reorganization process as its only strategic goal (such as for a strike), or as part of the overall response to a major emergency (such as would follow an earthquake).

IV. Levels of Activation

Continuity of service issues may arise with a long warning period, such as for a strike, or as an immediate critical need. The following levels may be used as a guideline for initiating planning efforts.

*Level I*—City activities that require continuity of service planning for a single Department. Continuity planning at this level is the responsibility of the affected Department, with assistance as needed from the Human Resources Department, and will not require activation of this Plan.
**Level II**—City activities that require continuity of service planning for two or more Departments. Activation of this plan at Level II is at the discretion of the affected Departments and the City Manager.

**Level III**—City activities that involve the loss or immediate reassignment of a major portion of the workforce. Activation of this plan shall take place under the direction of the City Manager and/or Unified Command organization.

### V. Incident Command Staff Responsibilities

Because the issues related to continuity of service differ significantly from normal emergency response activities, the following checklist is provided in addition to the checklists found in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

#### A. Command/Command Staff

- _____ Assess the impact of the emergency on the Department or City’s ability to continue normal services.
- _____ Reassign Department or City resources as necessary to meet the needs of the emergency.
- _____ Activate ICS organizational elements as needed to manage incident.
- _____ Prioritize service delivery by Department.
- _____ Identify resource shortfall; determine sources for additional assistance.
- _____ Authorize procurement of personnel resources as needed to maintain priority services.
- _____ Establish and maintain cost accounting mechanisms.
- _____ Confirm public information policy and process.

For more information on the responsibilities of Command, see the **West Linn Emergency Operations Guide**.

**Information Officer**

- _____ Receive briefing from Command.
- _____ Determine responsibilities of the Information function regarding:
  - _____ Recruitment
  - _____ Discussion of contract negotiations
- _____ Obtain approval from Command for press releases.
- _____ Staff the function appropriately.

For more information on the responsibilities of the Information Officer, see the **West Linn Emergency Operations Guide**.

**Liaison Officer**

- _____ Obtain briefing from Command.
- _____ Determine responsibility for continuity of service analysis (in the event of a strike, Operations may be responsible for this activity).
- _____ Establish and maintain contact with Directors of impacted Departments.
- _____ Conduct continuity of service analysis as assigned. Determine as needed:
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_____ Status of priority service delivery by Department.
_____ Availability of additional resources
_____ Special resource needs
_____ Special resource qualifications
_____ Contract issues that may affect the use of Department resources.

_____ Determine resource ordering process
_____ Staff function appropriately (this may require a representative from each impacted Department).

For more information on the responsibilities of the Liaison Officer, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

B. Operations Section

The description below includes all Department Directors in the Operations organization, and each will complete the tasks described below.

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities.
_____ Assess impact of emergency on Department priority service delivery.
_____ Determine resource short fall.
_____ Perform emergency callback of City personnel as needed (Police Records may assist in this task).
_____ Activate mutual aid assistance as necessary.
_____ Identify the need for temporary hires or reassignment of personnel from other Departments. Consider:
   ______ Task assignments
   ______ Personnel class required
   ______ Special qualifications needed
   ______ Approximate duration of assignment (if known)
   ______ Potential source (if known).
   ______ Date/time/reporting location
   ______ Person to whom the resource should report

_____ Obtain approval for temporary hires from Command.
_____ Place requests for temporary hires with Logistics.

_____ Monitor use of reassigned or temporary-hire personnel. Release as soon as possible.

For more information on the responsibilities of the Operations Section, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

C. Planning Section

Planning Section responsibilities would continue as described in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. For more information on the responsibilities of the Planning Section, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.
D. Logistics Section

Logistics Section responsibilities would continue as described in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. For more information on the responsibilities of the Logistics Section, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

E. Finance Section

Finance Section responsibilities would include coordination with the City’s insurance carriers, assisting the Safety Officer as requested and other duties as described in the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide. For more information on the responsibilities of the Finance Section, see the West Linn Emergency Operations Guide.

VI. Department Responsibilities

A. Administration

- Establish and maintain contact with Mayor and Council.
- If a strike is anticipated, request Office of City Attorney develop City Strike Policy.
- Direct organization to complete continuity of service analysis.

Include:
- Time lines
- Format

- Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
  - Support to Mayor and Council
  - Recording services
  - Emergency documentation
  - Mediation services
  - Liaison between emergency organization and Mayor and Council.

- Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
- Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
  - Emergency call-back of all Department employees
  - Request additional resources according to established procedure.

Human Resources

- Assume command.
- Staff incident management organization as needed.
- Assign personnel to negotiation process as needed.

- Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
  - Recruitment
  - Compensation and benefits administration
  - Labor relations
_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
_____ Establish/confirm resource ordering process.
_____ Assign personnel to Logistics (Supply Unit) as needed.
_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
   _____ Emergency call-back of all Department employees
_____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.
_____ Assist Office of City Manager and/or lead agency as requested.

B. **Finance Department**

_____ Staff Incident Command organization as needed.
_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
   _____ Risk management
   _____ Time/Payroll processing
   _____ Liquor licensing
   _____ Service billings (includes installment financing)
   _____ Process payments (includes rents, bond/tax payments)
   _____ Customer service-Open/close accounts
   _____ City lien processing
   _____ Sewer collection
   _____ City banking and deposit functions
   _____ Staff Finance Section as required
   _____ Operations-related purchasing

_____ Review City insurance policies for covered losses. Assist in collection of funds from policies.
_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
_____ Establish/confirm resource ordering process.
_____ Assign personnel to Logistics (Supply Unit) as needed.
_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
   _____ Emergency call-back of all Department employees
_____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.
_____ Assist Office of City Manager and/or lead agency as requested.

C. **Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue**

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
   _____ Fire suppression
   _____ High hazard/public occupancy inspections
Fire code enforcement
Arson investigation
Hazardous materials response
Emergency Medical Services
Plan review
Emergency response

Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

Determine need for additional resources. Consider:

Activation of volunteers
Emergency call-back of all Department employees
Activation of mutual aid resources.

Request additional resources according to established procedure.

Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.

D. Police Department

Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:

Confirmation of out of County warrants.
Entry of stolen/recovered vehicles
Entry of missing/returned persons
Assignment of case numbers
Validate computer entries
Entry of part 1, UCR crime data
Street Patrol
Criminal investigation
Operations related support services
Emergency response

Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

Determine need for additional resources. Consider:

Activation of reserves
Emergency call-back of all Department employees
Activation of mutual aid resources.

Request additional resources according to established procedure.

Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.

E. Planning and Building Department

Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:

Building safety inspections
Section II-J
WL Continuity of Service 2000

F. Engineering

Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:

- Emergency or critical facility permit review
- General building permit review and inspection
- Public Notices
- Development permits
- Construction plan review (public facilities)
- Commercial building permit review (public facilities)
- Public facility permit issuance

Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

Determine need for additional resources. Consider:

- Emergency call-back of all Department employees
- Activation of mutual aid resources.
- Existing consulting contracts

Request additional resources according to established procedure.

Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.

G. Public Works

Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
Section II-J
WL Continuity of Service 2000

_____ Water quality sampling (state and federal mandates)
_____ Back/flow cross connection
_____ Underground utility line locates
_____ Water/sewer line and service repairs
_____ Reservoir and pump station repairs
_____ Park equipment repair
_____ Garbage/litter pickup
_____ Mowing
_____ Street signing/striping
_____ Catch basin maintenance
_____ Flood response
_____ Snow removal/sanding

_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.
_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
   _____ Emergency call-back of all Department employees
   _____ Activation of mutual aid resources.
   _____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.
   _____ Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.

H. City Attorney

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services). These may include:
   _____ Legal support to Mayor and Council
   _____ Legal support to incident management organization
   _____ Ongoing litigation

_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
   _____ Emergency callback of all Department employees.
   _____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.
   _____ Assist Finance and/or lead agency as requested.

I. Municipal Court

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services).

_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:
   _____ Emergency callback of all Department employees.

_____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.

_____ Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.
J. Parks Department

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services).

_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:

______ Emergency callback of all Department employees.

_____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.

_____ Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.

K. Library

_____ Determine those services required by law, City policy or Department priorities (Tier I and II Services).

_____ Conduct Department continuity of service analysis.

_____ Determine need for additional resources. Consider:

______ Emergency callback of all Department employees.

_____ Request additional resources according to established procedure.

_____ Assist Administration and/or lead agency as requested.
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I. INTRODUCTION

Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue (TVFR) provides hazardous materials response for the City of West Linn. The Hazardous Materials Response Plan is maintained by TVFR and serves as the City's plan.

A. Purpose

The purpose of the Plan is to describe how Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue will respond to, and operate during, hazardous materials (hazmat) incidents. The Incident Command Manual (ICM) Operational Guidelines 300X provides operational/tactical guidelines for ‘First Responder-Operations’ level hazardous materials response. Unless superseded by a specific part of this Plan, all District Standard Operating Procedures (SOGs) and Operational Guidelines will remain in effect during hazmat operations.

This Plan covers all incidents involving the potential or actual spill or release of hazardous materials including fixed facilities, transportation routes, and abandoned materials. It also includes incidents involving chemical or biological agents. Incidents not covered by this Plan are:

1. Nuclear incidents
2. Military weapons or weapons related hazardous materials incidents
3. Spills/releases into bodies of water under the jurisdiction of the US Coast Guard

It is the responsibility of all District response personnel to know this Plan and comply with its requirements.

B. Response Strategy and Objectives

Any hazardous material incident may represent a potentially dangerous situation. Chemicals that are combustible, explosive, corrosive, toxic or reactive, along with biological and radioactive materials pose a special hazard to emergency responders and the general public. This plan identifies the functions needed to control and mitigate a hazardous materials incident. The Plan’s objectives are to:

1. Describe operational concepts, organization and support systems required to implement this Plan.
2. Describe the specific roles and responsibilities of first responders.
3. Provide guidelines for coordinating hazardous materials emergency response capabilities of local, state and federal agencies, adjacent jurisdictions, and private industry.
4. Describe the lines of authority and incident management structure for a hazardous materials incident.

The basic strategic goals by the District at a hazardous materials incident are:

1. Ensuring that life safety and health risks to the public and the emergency responders are the highest priority.
2. Stabilizing the incident scene and preventing further escalation of the incident with minimum personal risk.
3. Directing the response efforts toward protecting property and minimizing or lessening the impact of the event on the environment.

C. Compliance Requirements

This plan has been developed to comply with appropriate regulations relating to hazardous material incident response.

This Plan has been developed to comply with the following regulations:

1. 29 CFR 1910.120(q)/OAR 437-02-100
2. Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act of 1986 (SARA Title III) Section 303
3. OAR 437- Division 2, 1910.155-165

D. Relationship to Other Plans
This Plan is consistent with and supports the following plans and procedures:

   Incident Command Manual - TVFR
2. Multnomah County Emergency Operations Plan
   Response Plan
5. Beaverton Emergency Operations Plan
6. City of Tualatin Emergency Operations Plan
7. City of Tigard Emergency Operations Plan
8. City of West Linn Emergency Operations Plan
9. City of Oregon City Emergency Operations Plan
10. Federal Response Plan

E. Summary of Hazard Analysis
The complete Hazard Analysis is located in the office of the Fire Prevention Hazardous 
Materials Specialist. The fixed facilities containing hazardous materials in ‘reportable 
quantities’ and ‘threshold planning quantities’ are kept in an electronic database, which is 
updated annually by the FPO Hazardous Materials Specialist. Information and maps of 
additional locations of hazardous materials found within the TVFR service area are 
contained in a separate volume. These include:

1. Transportation Routes: Roadways/rail lines
2. Pipelines: Flammable liquids/natural gas
3. Sewer manholes

The Hazards Analysis is updated annually.

F. Incident Response Planning
Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue is responsible for planning, preparedness, and response 
to hazardous materials incidents in the area it serves. Facilities containing hazardous 
materials are responsible for their own on-site emergency response planning.

At TVFR the Fire Chief has overall responsibility for ensuring compliance with State and 
Federal statutes concerning hazardous materials incident response. Planning 
responsibilities are delegated to the District’s Operations Division and the Fire Prevention 
Division. In addition, the Operations Division is responsible for the development of 
operational guidelines for responding to hazardous materials incidents.

Site Assessment:
Information on hazardous occupancies or locations that have been obtained through 
preplanning activities is provided to all first-in companies, the Battalion Chiefs, and the 
Hazardous Materials Response Team. Development of this response information prior to 
arrival at an incident is aimed at preventing premature entry into dangerous environments 
and unnecessary exposure to responding personnel. It is also meant to provide familiarity 
with the location or occupancy.

Fixed facilities in the District are identified as “Hazmat Facilities”, based on the type and 
quantity of hazardous materials and in accordance with the appropriate level of response. 
The delineation of Hazmat Facilities are used for pre-planning and response purposes.

Planning for hazardous materials incidents takes several forms, from site-specific pre-
plans, to a community-wide response plan. The following types of plans are utilized by 
TVFR to prepare for, and respond to, hazardous materials incident response:
1. **Fire Response Pre-Plans:**
   Facilities containing hazardous materials that pose a significant threat to the safety of responders and the community are identified in District response pre-plans developed by first responders. These pre-plans include:
   a. Site layout
   b. Special hazards (including type and location of hazmat)
   c. Fire protection systems
   d. Special site considerations
   Each station contains copies of pre-plans for target facilities in their first response area. In addition, all companies on the first box alarm, the PAUs, Battalion Chiefs and the Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) have copies of the pre-plans. Each Station Captain receives, on an annual basis, a list of his or her target hazardous materials sites from the FPO Hazardous Materials Specialist.
   Criteria and requirements for pre-plans are identified in SOG 5.5.1

2. **Facility Emergency Response Plans:**
   TVFR receives and maintain copies of response plans for facilities that use and store hazardous materials. Facility response plans must include the following information:
   a. Designated Facility Emergency Coordinator
   b. Site layout indicating location of hazardous materials
   c. Methods for determining the occurrence of a release
   d. Notification procedures
   e. Descriptions and locations of available emergency equipment
   f. Site evacuation plans
   These plans are located in the office of TVFR's FPO Hazardous Materials Specialist.

3. **Emergency Response Plan:**
   The Emergency Response Plan describes how Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue will respond to, and operate during, hazardous materials incidents. It also describes the community level response procedures by identifying the roles and responsibilities of cooperating agencies.

G. **Plan Exercise and Revision**
   This Plan is exercised on an annual basis, at a minimum. Exercises are evaluated according to the 'Hazardous Materials Exercise Evaluation Methodology' developed by FEMA in 1990. Following each exercise, or actual occurrence, the Plan is reviewed and revised, if necessary. The Plan is updated annually.

H. **Training Schedule**
   A training schedule is developed annually to serve as a refresher and as a method to ensure competency. Training is scheduled for First Responder Operations, On-Scene Incident Commander and the HMRT. The schedule can be found in the District’s Training Calendar.

II. **EMERGENCY ALERTING PROCEDURES**
   The Fire District receives initial notification of a hazardous materials incident through dispatch agencies. Dispatch guidelines identify procedures for obtaining information from the caller, identifies the appropriate dispatch of equipment and outlines additional notifications that must be made.
   Dispatch attempts to obtain the following information from callers reporting a hazardous materials incident:
   1. Location of the incident
2. Name and phone number of caller  
3. Type of incident: (accident, spill, pipeline, placarded transportation)  
4. Type of area (freeway, fixed facility, parking lot)  
5. Number and types of injuries and/or persons exposed

Based on the type of incident, Dispatch will send the appropriate level of response. If the dispatch of the Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) is necessary, the Team will notify the following, as appropriate:

1. OERS: 800-452-0311  
2. National Response Center: 800-424-8802  
3. Poison Control Center: 800-452-7165  
4. State Fire Marshal: 503-373-1540

Dispatch will also notify appropriate law enforcement officials for the area of the incident, if necessary.

1. In the event that the HMRT is unable to respond to a hazardous materials incident, the Incident Commander is responsible for ensuring the appropriate notifications have been made; usually this is delegated to Dispatch.

III. INCIDENT COMMAND AND SCENE MANAGEMENT

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue uses the National Interagency Incident Management Systems’ Incident Command System (NIIMS-ICS) as its incident management organization. Under the Incident Command System, the incident organization will develop in a modular progression, depending on the nature and specific conditions prevailing at the scene. *(A complete description of the Incident Command System can be found in the District’s “Incident Command Manual”.*

**A. Incident Commander**

The Incident Commander (IC) is the designated fire department official responsible for all operations directed toward the containment and mitigation of a hazardous materials incident. Upon arrival, the IC will secure and maintain control of the incident scene until the situation has been corrected, has been turned over to another public safety agency, or has been turned over to the responsible party’s clean up company.

The Incident Commander will implement the Hazardous Materials Emergency Response Plan (ERP) and assume responsibility for all Command and General Staff functions necessary to manage the initial response. The IC will call for additional resources, as incident needs dictate.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue will staff the position of Incident Commander for the scene of all hazardous materials incidents within its service area*. The Fire District will coordinate and direct operations that include, but are not limited to:

1. Rescue  
2. First aid/emergency medical services  
3. Scene isolation  
4. Scene stabilization and management  
5. Product identification  
6. Agency notification  
7. Interagency coordination  
8. Identification of appropriate personnel protection  
9. Safety  
10. Decontamination  
11. Incident termination  
12. Compliance with applicable regulations and Fire District procedures

*With the exception of drug lab incidents.
B. First Responders

First responders have been trained to implement defensive control measures as specified in the Incident Command Manual (ICM) Operational Guideline 300X. First responders have been trained to the ‘Operations’ level.

If an incident is beyond the capability of first responders, the Incident Command System (ICS) will be expanded to include the Hazardous Materials Group and other responders with a higher level of training and more specialized skills and equipment.

As the incident progresses, it may be necessary to modify/expand the organizational structure so tasks may be accomplished as efficiently and safely as possible. The Incident Commander is responsible for establishing an organization appropriate to the scope and complexity of the incident.

C. Hazardous Material Response Team

The Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) reports to and functions through the on-scene Incident Commander. Within the Incident Command System, the HMRT functions as the Hazardous Materials Group or Branch (depending on the scope and complexity of the incident). The Hazmat Group Supervisor will not assume, nor be given, the responsibility of incident command of any hazardous materials incident. Only when the HMRT is the first on-scene at a hazardous materials incident, will the HMRT Company Officer function as an Incident Commander. Immediately upon arrival of a Battalion Chief or Overhead Team IC, the officer of the HMRT will pass command of the incident to that Chief Officer.

The Incident Commander or Operations Chief will manage tactical activities. Within Operations, the Hazardous Materials Group manages all activities in the hazard zone. Only appropriately trained and equipped personnel are allowed to enter the hazard area, or ‘hot zone’. The Hazardous Materials Group/Branch in the ‘hot’ zone will be operating in a more aggressive manner than the first responders in that they will take an offensive approach to a hazardous material and its container, attempting to control, contain, confine, or prevent a release.

D. Complex Incidents

A more complex incident may require a unified command structure composed of the senior officials of involved agencies and jurisdictions. They will determine strategies and objectives that will fulfill their individual responsibilities while coordinating the action of their respective personnel through the on-scene Incident Commander.
E. **Inter-Agency Relationships-**Incident Command

1. **Fixed Facilities:**
   Within TVFR’s service boundaries, there are hundreds of fixed facilities which use, store or transport hazardous materials. In all situations in which a fire involves hazardous materials at a fixed facility, the Fire District is the Incident Commander. At some facilities that have a qualified Emergency Response Team (ERT) for hazardous materials, TVFR may agree to establish a unified command structure for response to hazardous materials incidents that remain within the boundaries of the facility. For each of those sites, TVFR has attempted, through pre-planning, to identify facilities which are appropriate for a unified command structure. For hazardous materials incidents that begin on-site at a facility, but later escalate to affect the surrounding community, the Fire District is the Incident Commander.

For fixed facilities that have hazardous materials, but do not have a trained ERT, the Fire District is the Incident Commander for hazardous materials incidents.

2. **Freeways/State Roads/City Streets:**
   If a hazardous materials incident occurs on a freeway, state road, or city street, the appropriate law enforcement agency will be contacted. The Oregon State Police (OSP) have the authority to act as the initial IC until the local command agency is on scene, and/or in the event that an incident is on a freeway or state road. In practice, however, OSP usually delegates command of hazardous materials incidents to the Fire District.

3. **Cities and Unincorporated Counties Served by TVFR:**
   The Fire District is designated as the Incident Commander for hazardous materials incidents in all of the cities and unincorporated counties served by TVFR. In the event that a hazardous materials incident becomes complex to the point that an Emergency Operations Center is activated by city or county officials, the overall Incident Commander will usually be staffed by the city/county. However, the Fire District retains on-scene command responsibilities.

4. **Drug Labs:**
   For hazardous materials incidents involving drug labs, the appropriate law enforcement agency assumes Incident Command. Tualatin Valley Fire & Rescue’s HMRT will function under the direction of the IC or Operations Chief (if staffed).

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IV. **ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ON-SCENE RESPONDERS**

A. **First Responders - Operations Level**

All companies are trained to the ‘Operations’ level for hazardous materials response. The role of first responders is to protect persons, property and/or the environment from the effects of a hazardous materials release or potential release. They are not trained or equipped to use specialized chemical protective clothing or special control equipment. Their actions are limited to those that may be accomplished using full protective clothing (turnouts or Level B clothing and SCBA). Detailed procedures for ‘Operations’ trained personnel can be found in ICM Operational Guideline 300X and are summarized below:

**Initial Actions:**

1. Given the limited capability of units arriving first at the area of a hazardous materials release, or potential release, premature commitment of companies and personnel to unknown, potentially hazardous situations must be avoided. Dispatch will verbally identify any predetermined target hazards according to occupancy type (see section V-A). Before approaching a target occupancy, responders should refer to pre-plans.
2. Cautious, methodical size-up combined with immediate site access control, limits needless exposure of responding personnel and reduces the vulnerability of the public and the environment.

3. As soon as the presence of a hazardous material is detected or suspected, responders should take the following actions:
   a. Use full structural firefighting clothing and SCBA as a minimum to provide unnecessary exposure to contaminants.
   b. Isolate the hazard area.
   c. Control access to the hazard area.
   d. Communicate available information to the responding Incident Commander.
   e. Alert other responders and call for assistance, if needed.
   f. Establish an appropriate staging area for incoming responders.
   g. Take steps to identify the hazard and evaluate the risk without endangering on-scene personnel.
   h. Consult the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook for appropriate action guides.

4. Develop a plan of action consistent with the District’s Emergency Response Plan, the DOT Emergency Response Guidebook for appropriate action guides and TVFR Operational Guideline 300X.

5. Implement the plan within the capability of the available personnel, protective clothing, and equipment. The priorities should continue to be focused on limiting the exposure of personnel and the public; stabilizing the incident until additional resources are available to gain control; and limiting the impact of the event by protecting property and the environment from additional harm.

B. Incident Commander (IC)

The on-scene Incident Commander is responsible for directing all incident activities. In addition, the IC is responsible for ensuring that the incident is conducted in accordance with this Plan, and is in compliance with appropriate state and federal regulations. The Incident Commander functions as the ‘Local On-Scene Coordinator (LOSC)’ as required by The Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) of 1986.

All TVFR Duty Chief and the IC’s of the Overhead Team have been trained to ‘hazardous materials on-scene commander level’. It is the policy of TVFR that only appropriately trained IC’s may direct hazardous materials incidents. Qualified IC’s are dispatched on all hazardous materials incidents. The IC is responsible for the following actions:

1. Ensure establishment of a Site Access Control plan by:
   a. Ensure that appropriate areas (zones) for isolation, control, and support are established.
   b. Limit and control site access.

2. Establish that appropriate notifications have been made:
   a. Ensuring the HMRT has made appropriate notifications according to HMRT Standard Operating Procedures, including:
      • State and federal agencies
      • Local affected agencies (e.g., city public works, Cleanwater Services)

3. Ensure contact has been made with ‘responsible party’, if available.

4. Ensure the use of appropriate PPE.

5. Determine appropriate protective actions; relay to public if appropriate.

6. Ensure safety and coordination of all on-scene response agencies.

7. Staff ICS organization as needed; establish Unified Command when appropriate.

8. Ensure appropriate incident termination procedures are carried out.

9. Ensure that an appropriate post-incident debriefing and analysis is conducted.

10. Determine the need to staff Public Information Officer position.
C. Operations Section

1. Conduct a site assessment/size-up:
   a. Determine the nature, source, and extent of problem
   b. Determine incident level
   c. Determine need for appropriate protective actions; make recommendation to IC

2. Ensure establishment of Hazardous Materials Group/Branch as needed.

3. Implement plan of action based on IC’s objectives:

4. Ensure effective integrated operations with law enforcement, public works and cooperating agencies.

5. Ensure appropriate site access control:
   a. Coordinate all Operations activities with assisting and supporting agencies.

6. Terminate incident activities:
   a. Evaluate decontamination needs and support activities
   b. Establish release/demobilization plan, including post-incident information and transfer of responsibilities to appropriate agency/organization
   c. Ensure site is secured for clean up operations
   d. Ensure appropriate safety and medical documentation is completed

D. Hazardous Materials Group (HMRT)

The specially trained Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT) responds to releases or potential releases for the purpose of stopping or controlling them and is assigned the function of Hazardous Materials Group or Branch. They assume a more aggressive role than a first responder at the operational level does in that they will approach the point of the release. Their duties require more specific knowledge of the substances they may be called upon to contain. They are trained to the Hazardous Materials Specialist level and their training includes: knowledge of procedures for the use of specialized chemical protective clothing, monitoring equipment, special procedures for containing a chemical hazard, and decontamination.

In the event that an incident is complex, the Hazardous Materials Group Supervisor may request the support of an additional State Regional Response Team(s) through the Incident Commander. The IC requests an additional Team(s) through the Duty Officer of the State Fire Marshal’s Office.

Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue’s Hazardous Materials Response Team is one of the State funded ‘Regional Hazmat Response Teams’ (State Hazmat Team 9). The HMRT is responsible for responding in TVFR’s service area and in an area outside the District, which is assigned by the State.

A complete description of the HMRT operations can be found in the following TVFR manuals:

1. HMRT Standard Operating Procedures
2. HMRT Operating Guidelines (HMTOGs)
3. HMRT Call Down & Position Checklists

E. Planning Section

1. Evaluate Hazard(s):
   a. Determine need for, and secure, appropriate Technical Specialists; coordinate with HMRT Resource Officer.
   b. With HMRT Resource Officer, develop information on alternative strategies and worst-case scenarios.
2. Develop Contingency Plan Options:
   a. Determine resources available to implement contingency plans.

3. Prepare written Incident Action Plan

F. Logistics/Finance

1. Provide logistical support and service requirements for incident.
2. Coordinate with HMRT to ensure appropriate medical monitoring is done for all responders.
3. Ensure appropriate fiscal documentation for cost recovery.

V. GENERAL INCIDENT PROCEDURES

A. Hazard Assessment

First Responders

Early recognition of incident hazards and potential risks is essential. The initial responsibility for assessment of incident hazards lies with the first responding units. On-site information gathering is limited to that which can be obtained within the limits of the first-responders’ training and protective equipment. First-in units will gather and communicate pertinent information regarding the presence or release of hazardous materials to the Incident Commander.

Each responder should be alert to the signs, evidence and indications of the presence of hazardous materials during fires and other incidents and report such information to the next higher level of command.

The following environments must be evaluated before commitment of any personnel for any reason:

1. Large containers or tanks that must be entered
2. Confined spaces (manholes, trenches, tunnels, etc.) that must be entered
3. Potentially explosive or flammable situations indicated by gas generation or gas release or over pressurization of containers (BLEVE)
4. Presence of ‘extremely hazardous substances’ (as defined by the EPA) that are identified on pre-plans
5. Visible vapor clouds
6. Areas where biological indicators, such as unconscious persons, dead animals or vegetation are located

Hazardous Materials Response Team (HMRT)

When an incident is beyond the capabilities of first responders, the HMRT will respond and conduct a more complex hazard assessment, commensurate with their training and equipment. Among the HMRT resources is a computer program called Aloha, which is an air dispersion model to predict air movement and dispersion of gases. It predicts pollutant concentrations downwind from the source of the spill, taking into consideration the physical characteristics of the released material. It also accounts for some of the physical characteristics of the release site, weather conditions, and circumstances of the release.

This information is used to determine the appropriate course of action to take, particularly with regard to protective actions for the public. The HMRT provides technical information and advice to the Incident Commander, who is ultimately responsible for making decisions on appropriate protective actions for the public.

B. Site Access Control/Site Security

An incident generally involves the escape of normally controlled substances and response activities involve actions to minimize and prevent these releases. Site Access Control
(also known as Site Security) is preventing or reducing the exposure of any person and the transfer of hazardous substances (contaminants) from the site by civilians, responders, and/or equipment. Site Access Control involves two major activities:

1. Physical arrangements and control of the work site
2. Removal of contaminants from people and equipment

Control is needed to reduce the possibility of transport from the site of contaminants, which may be present on personnel and equipment. This can be accomplished in a number of ways including:

1. Establishing physical barriers to exclude the public and unnecessary response personnel.
2. Establishing checkpoints with limited access to and from the site, or access within the site.
3. Minimizing personnel and equipment on-site consistent with effective operations.
4. Establishing containment zones or areas.
5. Undertaking decontamination procedures.
6. Conducting operations in a manner to reduce the possibility of contamination.

C. Rescue

In most situations, emergency personnel can protect the public by isolating and denying entry to contaminated areas. Initial rescue actions should concentrate on removing able-bodied persons from immediate danger. Consideration of involvement in complicated rescue problems or situations should be evaluated before being attempted.

When the probability is high that the victim cannot be saved or is already dead, rescue should not be attempted if it will place the rescuer at unnecessary risk. The on-scene Incident Commander has the responsibility for making a determination to attempt a rescue.

Consideration of the following questions will help in weighing the likelihood of a successful rescue against the overall risk to the rescuer during a hazardous materials incident:

1. Has the presence of a victim been confirmed visually or by other credible sources?
2. Is the person conscious or responsive?
3. How long has the victim been trapped or exposed?
4. Is the leaking material pooling or vaporizing in the area of the victim?
5. What are the properties of the material involved? What is the concentration of the material around the victim?
6. What special equipment is available to assist in this effort?

D. Evacuation/In-Place Sheltering

There are essentially two ways to protect the public from the effects of hazardous materials releases into the environment:

1. Evacuation: Moving threatened persons to shelter in another area.
2. In-place Sheltering: Instructing people to remain where they are until the danger passes.

Evacuation is clearly safer with respect to the hazards, but has certain limitations, which may pose new problems. Evacuation takes time and may not be possible if large numbers of persons or a large volume of vapor is present, or if the proximity of the release is too close to a population to facilitate moving them in a timely manner. Evacuation through a toxic atmosphere may actually cause more harm than good in some cases.

1. Evacuation:
   Evacuation is best considered when:
   a. There is an immediate danger of fire or explosion
   b. Time frame necessitates (the need to relocate people is > than 24 hrs.)
The Incident Commander is responsible for making the decision to effect an evacuation. Evacuation requires coordination with the appropriate law enforcement agency.

2. In-Place Sheltering:
   The decision to shelter in-place is appropriate when the hazardous material will not affect the structure or its occupants, or the hazards will pass a structure with little infiltration. In general, in-place sheltering is an alternative when:
   a. Pre-planning has identified options for special needs populations such as hospitals, nursing homes, day cares, schools, etc.
   b. Evacuation cannot be properly managed with available manpower, resources and facilities.
   c. The hazardous material displays the following characteristics:
      - Low to moderate toxicity
      - Totally released and dissipating
      - Small quantity solid or liquid leak
      - A migrating vapor of low toxicity and quantity and people are safer indoors than outside
      - Release can be rapidly controlled at the source

As with evacuation, the Incident Commander is responsible for making the decision to direct in-place sheltering.

The success of either option will depend on pre-plans, effectiveness of communication resources, timely notification and public instruction and information.

E. Emergency Medical Treatment
   Emergency Medical Services (EMS) protocols for hazardous materials incidents are being developed. Currently, medical procedures on hazardous materials incidents follow routine EMS protocol. The following EMS actions are taken at hazardous materials incidents:
   1. Upon arrival, EMS personnel should immediately obtain a briefing from the IC and/or the HMRT.
   2. Locate the ALS unit in a safe location.
   3. Locate and establish the medical treatment area.
   4. If at all possible, EMS personnel perform essential tasks only on victims who have been previously decontaminated. If that is not possible, EMS personnel must be properly protected from contamination.
   5. Transportation of severely contaminated victims should be avoided. In the event a patient has been contaminated and must be transported, the patient should be put in disposable clothing (i.e. Tyvek), if possible. Decontamination of contaminated patients should be performed prior to transport, unless otherwise directed by the IC. One hospital in the TVFR service area has facilities for receiving contaminated patients: St. Vincent’s.
   6. Whenever a patient is transported to a hospital, the EMS personnel should be prepared to provide hospital staff with appropriate information on the substance. This information can be provided by Poison Control.

F. Personal Protective Equipment (PPE)
   All companies are trained and equipped to the ‘Operations’ level for hazardous materials response and are required to use full protective clothing as a minimum protection against exposure during hazardous materials incidents. For the purposes of first responder guidelines full protective clothing is defined as turnouts and SCBA (see Operational Guideline 300X). Hazardous materials can contaminate protective clothing, respiratory equipment (SCBA), tools, apparatus, vehicles, and other equipment used at an emergency scene.

   The use of chemical protective clothing and equipment requires specific skills acquired through training and is only available to members of the Hazardous Materials Response
Team (HMRT). Special protective clothing may only protect against one chemical, yet may be readily penetrated by other chemicals for which it was not designed. It offers little or no thermal protection in the case of fire. No one suit offers protection from all hazardous materials.

The level of special protection required in each zone at an incident will be determined by the Hazardous Materials Group Supervisor and ultimately, the Incident Commander, based on the information available. The levels of protection available include:

1. Level A: Highest level of protection available to the responder.  
   *(Level A equipment is only available for use by members of the HMRT.)*
2. Level B: High level of protection to the respiratory tract, but a lower level of skin protection than Level A.
3. Level C: Does not provide maximum skin or respiratory protection. This level presupposes that the type of air contaminants have been identified, concentrations measured, and the atmosphere is not oxygen deficient.
4. Level D: Provides only minimal protection.

G. Emergency Equipment and Resources

A detailed list of emergency equipment and resources can be found in Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue’s “Emergency Resources List”. The type of equipment and resources needed will be determined by the HMRT and ordered by the Logistics Section Chief, upon approval of the Incident Commander.

The Logistics Chief, in coordination with the HMRT, is responsible to track all expenditures to facilitate cost recovery.

H. Decontamination

Decontamination (DECON) is the process of making personnel, equipment, and supplies safe by reducing present levels of poisonous or otherwise harmful substances. This process is one of the most important steps in ensuring personal safety at a hazardous materials incident. The extent of its success depends on the ability of the IC to maintain control of personnel at the site.

I. Clean up and Restoration

Once an incident is stabilized, it is the responsibility of the Incident Commander to ensure the site is secure and that appropriate steps for clean up operations are initiated. *Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue shall not engage in clean up or site restoration, unless the Fire District/Department is the responsible party.*

At the earliest opportunity, the Incident Commander should try to identify a ‘responsible party’ for the incident. The ‘responsible party’ is usually the property owner of the site, or in the case of a transportation incident, it is the shipper. The ‘responsible party’ is responsible for clean up and site restoration and costs incurred. In the event that a ‘responsible party’ can not be identified, the Incident Commander ensures that the Oregon Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is notified. DEQ is then in command of clean up and restoration operations.

Clean up and site restoration activities may include:

1. Compliance with clean up standards
2. Restoration of environment and site
3. Assessment of damages
4. Enforcement actions
5. Cost recovery
VI. INCIDENT TERMINATION

A. Clean-up Operations

Incident scene activities include removing the hazardous material(s), all contaminated debris (including water, containers, vehicles, tools, and equipment), and returning the scene to as near normal as it existed prior to the incident.

*Clean-up operations are not a function of Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue.*

Assuring that clean up occurs is the responsibility of the `responsible party`. The State Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ) is the enforcement agency that oversees clean up operations and ensures clean up is done in accordance with appropriate regulations. In the event that a responsible party cannot be determined, responders should notify DEQ, who will contact a state contractor to conduct clean up operations.

TVFR will cooperate with DEQ to supply information that may be helpful concerning clean-up. In some cases, the HMRT may take samples of materials for testing. These samples should be picked up by DEQ to be tested and analyzed. *Under no circumstances is any Fire District unit, including the HMRT, to transport these samples or any hazardous material, even if properly contained, to any District location unless approved by the Hazardous Materials Team Leader (Group Supervisor).*

If Fire District operations are concluded at the incident, control of the area will be passed to the appropriate agency responsible for the site at that time (such as the responsible party, DEQ or a law enforcement agency). The “Hazardous Materials Spill Release Report” will be completed by the Fire District’s Incident Commander or the HMRT Leader and provided to the responsible party. The Fire District also maintains a copy of the report. The HMRT is not responsible for remaining on scene for purposes of safeguarding materials after control and containment of the substance has been completed. This function may be undertaken by the responsible party, a law enforcement agency or DEQ.

B. Role of the HMRT in Incident Termination

At the conclusion of a hazardous materials incident with an HMRT response, the Hazardous Materials Group Supervisor (Team Leader) is responsible for ensuring that activities identified in the ‘Incident Termination Worksheet’ are completed. Those activities include:

1) Coordination with DEQ on proper handling and disposal of waste water
2) Coordination with the IC for agreement that the incident has been mitigated
3) Ensuring that contaminated items are appropriately decontaminated or disposed of
4) Formation of a plan to identify agencies’ continued responsibilities after the HMRT leaves

C. Role of the Incident Commander in Incident Termination

The Incident Commander (IC) is responsible for ensuring that appropriate incident termination procedures are followed. An important aspect of incident termination is the need to provide a debriefing to incident responders before they leave the scene. The debriefing should include the following topics:

1. Inform all responders of the hazardous materials involved in the incident and provide information on signs and symptoms of exposure.
2. Provide information for personal exposure records.
3. Identify equipment damage and unsafe conditions requiring immediate attention or isolation for further evaluation.
4. Ensure a post-incident analysis takes place.
5. Determine need for critical incident stress debriefing.
6. Identify a contact source for additional information.

VII. POST-INCIDENT PROCEDURES

The Incident Commander is responsible to ensure each hazardous materials incident includes a review of actions taken. Corrective actions should be taken at the lowest possible level. Recommendations regarding procedures of the response plan and/or HMRT operating procedures should be forwarded to the HMRT Leader and the HMRT Manager.

As a standard part of this Response Plan, the Incident Commander, the HMRT, and the HMRT Manager will review all hazardous materials incidents in order to:
1. Identify and correct any deficiencies in the response plan and HMRT operating procedures.
2. Identify what could have been done differently to improve the overall response.
3. Identify any teamwork issues.
4. Identify any changes in pre-incident planning that could have improved the response.
5. Identify any interagency coordination that could have been improved.
6. Identify additional training required to improve response.

VIII. INTERAGENCY COORDINATION

As part of the response system, various agencies will be notified and will respond based on the specific nature of the incident. Details for notifications are found in:
1. HMRT Standard Operating Procedures
2. HMRT Call Down & Position Checklists

The following agency resources are available and will respond as needed:

A. Local Agencies

1. Law Enforcement
   Upon request, law enforcement agencies will perform the following activities:
   a. Establish outer perimeter, at the direction of the IC.
   b. Provide traffic and crowd control.
   c. Implement evacuation ordered by IC-which includes:
      - Isolate affected area
      - Permit entry only to appropriate persons
      - Notify residents by using PA systems, door-to-door checks
      - Direct residents out of area and to shelters
      - Provide security for evacuated area
      - Re-route traffic around affected area
      - Identify need for transportation assistance
      - Assist in return of residents upon ‘all-clear’
      - Provide Incident Commander for drug lab incidents

   Note: Law enforcement agencies do not have appropriate PPE for working in contaminated areas.

2. Public Works/County LUT
   Upon request, public works agencies will perform the following activities:
a. Provide special equipment (e.g. dump trucks, front-end loaders, etc.) in non-contaminated areas.
b. Provide barricades for Site Access Control.
c. Provide absorbent material (e.g. sand, kitty litter), if available.
d. Provide information on storm and sanitary sewer configurations.
e. Provide information on water supply system.
f. Assist in containing released material, to their level of training and equipment.

3. **Cleanwater Services**
Upon request, Cleanwater Services will perform the following activities:

a. Provide special monitoring equipment
b. Provide ‘Source Control’ information on sewer configurations
c. Perform sampling of contaminated runoff

4. **Water Districts**
a. Provide information on water supply system.

5. **Local Hospitals: (Providence St. Vincent)**
a. Providence St. Vincent hospital has facilities to handle patients contaminated with hazardous materials.

6. **Cities Served by Tualatin Valley Fire and Rescue**
a. Provide public works and law enforcement incident support as needed.
b. Ensure effective integrated command and operations.
c. In the event of an Emergency Operations Center activation, provide overall incident command.

### B. **State Agencies**

1. **Oregon Emergency Management (OEM)**

a. Maintains 24-hour notification capability through OERS (Oregon Emergency Response System).
b. Notifies state agencies; notifications to other agencies as requested.
c. Activates the State’s Emergency Operations Center (EOC)
d. Provides statewide communications system.

2. **Oregon State Police (OSP)**
a. Acts as initial Incident Command agency until local command agency is on-scene or if no local agency is available.
b. Provides law enforcement support.
c. Provides technical assistance at drug labs.

3. **Department of Environmental Quality (DEQ)**
a. Provides technical assistance during oil spills and hazardous materials incidents, particularly related to the clean up phase of operations.
b. Receives notification via OERS.
c. Provides technical assistance and advises on necessary protective actions.
d. Evaluates environmental implications of a spill in coordination with OHD; evaluates possible public health effects.
e. Coordinates state support to on-scene personnel in cooperation with OEM.
f. Provides liaison with federal agencies, adjacent states private industry (shippers, carriers).
g. Collects and analyzes water, soil vegetation or tissue samples.
h. Identifies clean up requirements.
i. Works with industry to ensure clean up and restoration is done to specified standards.
j. Ensures materials are disposed of in an appropriate manner.
k. Investigates causes and pursues enforcement action.
l. Assesses environmental damage.

4. **Office of State Fire Marshal (OSFM)**
   a. Receives notification via OERS.
   b. Authorizes dispatch of Regional Hazmat Response Teams.
   c. In cooperation with DEQ, considers environmental implications of spill and control measures.
   d. In cooperation with OHD and PCC, evaluates possible health effects.
   e. In cooperation with DEQ and OEM, arranges state agency support to on-scene personnel.
   f. Provides fixed site information on oil and hazardous materials from the Hazardous Substance Survey.
   g. Maintains a Hazardous Materials Incident Reporting System.
   i. In cooperation with OEM, maintains statewide hazardous materials communications through the FIRE NET radio system.

**PRIMARY RESPONSE AGENCIES FOR RADIATION INCIDENTS**

1. **Oregon Department of Energy (ODOE)**
   Lead state agency for *transportation* incidents involving radioactive materials:
   a. Provides training, drills, and exercise support.
   b. Coordinates distribution of radiation detection equipment.
   c. Provides coordination of plans and procedures.
   Acts as lead state agency during a *transportation* specific radiation incident:
   a. Receives notification via OERS.
   b. Assumes the role of lead state agency.
   c. Provides technical assessment and protective action recommendations.
   d. In cooperation with OEM, coordinates state support operations to on-scene personnel.
   e. Coordinates release of public information with local Public Information Officer (PIO).
   f. Provides liaison with federal agencies, adjacent states, private industry (shippers, carriers, etc).
   g. Ensures clean up/restoration from incidents is done to specified standards.
   h. If necessary, coordinates with the Governor to exercise the Governor’s authority to protect health, safety and the environment.

2. **Oregon Health Division (OHD)**
   Is the lead state agency for radiation incidents involving fixed *sites*:
   a. Receives notification via OERS.
   b. Assumes the role of lead state agency.
   c. Provides technical assessment and protective action recommendations.
   d. Coordinates release of public information with local Public Information Officer (PIO).
   e. Provides liaison with federal agencies, adjacent states, private industry (shippers, carriers, etc.).
   f. Ensures clean up/restoration from incidents is done to specified standards.
   g. Investigates cause.
   h. Assesses damage.
   i. Coordinates mortuary services.

**STATE AGENCIES CAPABLE OF PROVIDING SPECIFIC EXPERTISE**

1. **Oregon Department of Transportation (ODOT)**
a. Notifies OERS and local emergency response agencies if ODOT is first on-scene.
b. Closes state highways and re-routes traffic when requested and when necessary
c. Provides personnel and barricades to implement closure and detour.
d. Directs spiller to start immediate clean up if incident occurs on state highways.

2. Oregon State Parks and Recreation Department (OSPRD)
   a. Notifies OERS and local emergency response agencies if OSPRD is first on-scene.
   b. For an incident affecting a State Park, ocean shore, or state scenic waterway, OSPRD personnel will assist other agencies in crowd/traffic control and provide equipment and facilities as available.

3. Oregon Department of Fish and Wildlife (ODFW)
   a. Notifies OERS and local emergency response agencies if ODFW is first on-scene.
   b. Responds to incidents that could degrade land or water to the point that fish or wildlife would be adversely affected, or their habitat destroyed.
   c. Evaluates and documents the impact on fish and wildlife and assesses monetary damages against the responsible party for losses of fish, wildlife or habitat.
   d. Provides advice, counsel and logistical support to other agencies.

4. Oregon Department of Forestry (ODF)
   a. Notifies OERS and local emergency response agencies if ODF is first on-scene.
   b. In emergency response, ODF personnel act as first responders, at the awareness level, as defined by OSHA.
   c. Ensures operator/landowner takes initial remedial action on pesticide and oil spills if the spill occurs on lands regulated under the Oregon Forest Practices Act, and will communicate subsequent clean up direction to operators as provided by DEQ.
   d. If requested by lead state agency, ODF is capable of mobilizing a substantial response organization to provide support to emergency responders (radio systems, dispatch and command center trailers, public information personnel, kitchens and other incident support personnel/equipment).

5. Public Utility Commission (PUC)
   a. The PUC has specific responsibilities related to motor carrier, railroad and air transportation incidents. PUC will investigate transportation incidents after the scene has been stabilized.

6. Oregon Department of Agriculture (ODA)
   a. Provides limited technical information on pesticides and fertilizers.
   b. Evaluates the adverse impact of an incident on agricultural resources (crops and dairy products).
   c. Provides laboratory analysis capability.

7. Oregon Occupational Safety and Health Agency (OR-OSHA)
   a. Investigates injuries and fatalities.

8. Military Department (OMD)
   a. OMD comprises both Army and Air National Guard units assigned to the State of Oregon. In a major incident, OMD could provide site security, administer first aid, care for evacuees, transport personnel, and assist in the recovery, identification and disposition of the deceased.

9. Oregon State University (OSU)
   a. Provides training in toxicology, chemistry, and other technical fields related to hazardous materials.
b. Operates the Extension Toxicology Network and the Oregon Toxicology Information Center that can provide specific toxicological information. This information can be accessed through PARC.

C. Federal Agencies
Technical assistance for oil spills and hazardous materials incidents is available from a number of federal agencies. Their roles are briefly summarized below:

1. **United States Coast Guard (USCG)**
   a. Lead Federal agency for hazardous materials incidents on inland ‘navigable waterways’ and coastal areas.
   b. Pre-designated Federal on-scene coordinator (FOSC) for coastal zone if a federal response is required.
   c. Continuously manned facilities that can be used for command, control, and surveillance of oil discharges and hazardous materials releases occurring in coastal areas and inland navigable waterways.

2. **Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)**
   a. Can provide expertise on environmental effects of oil, discharges or releases of hazardous substances, pollutants or contaminants and environmental pollution control techniques.
   b. Pre-designated FOSC for inland zone, if federal response is required.
   c. Scientific support coordinator for responses in inland areas.

3. **Department of Energy (USDOE)**
   a. Provides assistance to the FOSC and Incident Commander during radiation incidents. Assistance is available from their Richland Operations office.

4. **Department of Defense (DOD)**
   a. Assumes Incident Command if an incident involves defense-related materials.

5. **Department of Transportation (USDOT)**
   a. Offers expertise in their requirements for packaging, handling and transporting regulated materials.

6. **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA)**
   a. Provides advice and assistance to ‘on-scene coordinator’ (OSC) on coordinating emergency planning and mitigation efforts with other federal agencies, state and local governments and the private sector.
   b. In the event of a major disaster declaration or emergency determination by the President, FEMA coordinates all federal disaster or emergency actions with the FOSC.

7. **Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI)**
   Assists local law enforcement agencies and Hazardous Materials Response Team in any incident involving a biological agent. The threatened use or use of a chemical/biological agent is a federal crime that will be investigated by the FBI.

D. Specialized Technical Assistance
For certain types of hazardous materials incidents, assistance is available from industry:

1. **CHEMTREC**
   An off-scene 24 hour emergency information service operated by the Chemical Manufacturers Association Chemical Transportation Emergency Center (800-424-9300). CHEMTREC can supply chemical and safety data, as well as contact to
product manufacturers. It can activate a number of industry-based response actions, including:

a. CHLOREP - A team for chlorine incidents, which is currently fielded by Atochem, North America Inc., in Portland (503-228-7655).

b. CHEMNET - An industry-wide mutual aid program activated by the shipper.

c. Response teams for pesticides, hydrogen cyanide, hydrogen fluoride, phosphorous and liquefied petroleum gas can also be activated.

2. **Association of American Railroad's Bureau of Explosives**

   Can be contacted for incident involving the railroads (800-826-4662)

**E. Responsibilities of Industry**

Level III, Section 303 of the Superfund Amendment and Reauthorization Act (SARA) 1986 requires private industry to work with the state and local governments to plan for hazardous materials incidents that could occur at their facilities. Private industry is responsible for ensuring their emergency operations plans are consistent with this plan. In Oregon, private industry provides information on their hazardous materials inventories and locations to the State Fire Marshal (SFM) on an annual Hazardous Materials Substance Survey. The SFM in turn provides a listing of that information to each fire department and county, on an annual basis.

Private industry is responsible for clean up and site restoration on their property.

To facilitate information sharing and coordination between industry and government, industry sponsors local committees called CAER (Community Awareness and Emergency Response) groups. In TVFR's service area, the local CAER group is called 'The Environmental Hazard Committee’ or TEHC. It meets monthly.
## IX. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES FOR HAZARDOUS MATERIALS INCIDENTS

### On-Scene

**First Public Safety Officer**
- Notifies 9-1-1
- Assumes initial command
- Activates local emergency response system
- Initiates actions to protect the public

**Local Incident Commander**
- Assumes command
- Responsible for:
  - Rescue
  - Emergency medical services
  - Site access control
  - Fire suppression
  - Security (traffic/crowd control)
  - Notifications
  - Communications
  - On-scene liaison
  - Public information
  - Hazard determination
  - Incident stabilization
  - Decontamination

**Responsible Party**
- Provides information about material
- Notifies OERS as required
- Provides clean up

### Off-Scene

**Local Emergency Management**
- Provides support to on-scene operations (if needed)
- Activates EOC if necessary

**Legal State Agency**
- Provides technical support to IC
- Coordinates with local agencies
- Coordinates with responsible party to ensure clean up
- Contracts for clean up if no responsible party