
Operations Section

The Operations Section comprises the “front lines” or the “doers” of the emergency response. The person filling the position of Section Chief is based on the type of incident. (Ex. FIRE: Hazmat, Rescue; SHERIFF: Civil Disorder, Demonstrations; PUBLIC HEALTH: Contaminated Waterway, Plague; PUBLIC WORKS: Utility Disruption, Building Destruction) This section includes the following annexes:

- Operations Section Chief:

Coordinates the emergency response in the field. Supervises the Operations Section personnel in the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

- Fire and Rescue Branch:

Fights fires, rescues trapped and injured persons, and manages hazardous materials response including radioactive material. Treats and arranges transport for injured and ill persons.

- Medical Branch:

Coordinates medical assistance for area-wide incidents. Coordinates evacuation of special care populations. Coordinates medical facilities, personnel, supplies and other medical resources.

- Sheriff

Enforces laws, controls traffic, manages evacuations, and controls access to hazardous areas.

- Public Works Branch:

Restores and/or maintains the electrical, gas, water and sewer systems. Contact for Power and Telephone Companies. Restores and maintains County facilities, including roadways. Supports damage assessment and mass care activities.