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Since an emergency often requires that large numbers of people and supplies be moved quickly, emergency responders will need additional transportation. This annex describes various transportation resources, maintenance for those resources and equipment maintenance in general.

I. OBJECTIVES

- A. To provide and coordinate the use of transportation resources in the district.
- B. To provide portable equipment for disaster response (e.g. generators, trailers).
- C. To provide, coordinate, and direct the use of available, or incoming, transportation resources during emergencies.
- D. To provide service, repair and fuel for all vehicles and equipment.
- E. To maintain records of equipment use and service provided.

II. PHASES OF THE EMERGENCY

A. Before

- 1. Preplan equipment and transportation needs during a disaster.
- 2. Become aware of all possible transportation resources and develop agreements as to their use.
- 3. Maintain vehicle and radio-in-vehicle inventory.
- 4. Maintain a portable equipment inventory (e.g. generators, trailers).
- 5. Pre-designate likely locations for Public Collection Points.

- 6. Maintain transportation location map.
- 7. Maintain list of backup drivers, especially persons who are not employed as drivers but are qualified for large vehicles or other special equipment.

B. During

- 1. Use the response checklists to guide your actions.

C. After

- 1. Continue to track the use of all equipment until it has been returned to normal operating status.
- 2. Service all equipment and check for damage, repair or replace as needed, submitting all expenses for reimbursement.

III. ORGANIZATION AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Within ICS, the Transportation Unit reports to the Logistics Section Chief.

When a disaster occurs this Unit will:

- 1. Coordinate resources required to:
 - a. Serve as auxiliary ambulances.
 - b. Evacuate persons from damaged or threatened areas.
 - c. Transport supplies, equipment, and disaster workers.
 - d. Provide transportation for damage assessment teams, officials, and other essential personnel.
 - e. Provide transportation to relocate people to shelter or other safer locations.

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- f. Coordinate the maintenance, fueling and repair of vehicles and equipment utilized to support disaster operations.
 - g. Provide aerial damage survey, including radiation monitoring.
 - h. Transport potable water to points of consumption.
 - i. Supervise the demobilization of vehicles and equipment in accordance with the Demobilization Plan.
2. Activate, as needed, any pre-emergency agreements made with commercial, private, or government owners of vehicles (e.g., school districts, drayage firms, etc.).
 3. Coordinate use of the Airport for such as, to bring in needed personnel, equipment and supplies. These airports could also be used to evacuate wounded and personnel as required.
 4. Coordinate highways, public transit systems and regional transportation systems to meet emergency transportation requirements.
 5. Coordinate local Civil Air Patrol squadrons.
 6. Solicit general aviation (small plane) transportation services in support of emergency operations.

C. State

1. Department of Transportation
 - a. Provides transportation route information.

D. Private

Transportation industries will manage their systems and facilities to provide the maximum possible service and to fill essential needs as specified by government authorities.

This includes continuity of management, protection of personnel and facilities, conservation of supplies, restoration of damaged lines and terminals, rerouting, expansion or improvement of operations, and obtaining personnel, materials, and services.

IV. POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

A. Sharing of resources

All transportation assigned to a department shall be retained to meet the emergency disaster needs of that department. Any transportation resources in excess of the immediate needs of a department shall be reported to the Logistics Section Chief.

B. Commercial transportation

Commercial transportation will be used in accordance with previously prepared agreements or understandings with industry representatives.

C. Limited mobility groups

Persons requiring public transportation will be moved by the best available mode of transportation, with consideration being given to the distance to be traveled, turnaround time, the location of terminal facilities in reception areas, etc. Transportation will basically consist of buses, scheduled air carriers, and railroads.

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D. Hazardous areas

Persons in hazardous areas without access to private automobiles will be picked up at a Public Collection Point (PCP). The PCP will generally be the public school closest to their place of residence. If assistance is needed in reaching pickup points, it should be provided by publicly owned local vehicles or by local taxi cabs. Buses (school and commuter) will be assigned to designated PCPs and, when loaded, will proceed to appropriate Reception and Care Centers in the designated reception areas. The buses may need to make several round trips.