

## **Fire Services Annex Lead Department: Sheriff's Department**

### **Purpose**

The purpose of this annex is to provide Lane County fire agencies and departments with plans, procedures, policy and guidelines for meeting the demands of a disaster situation. The annex will help maximize the fire fighting resources available through the individual fire districts and departments, the fire defense boards, the State of Oregon Conflagration Act, and the Oregon Fire Service Mobilization Plan as adopted by the Oregon State Fire Marshal.

### **Situation and Assumptions**

#### **Situation**

Lane County is subject to numerous potential disaster events that could exceed the resources of local fire agencies. The disaster events include conflagrations, forest fires, terrorist incidents, earthquake/tsunami, and hazardous materials incidents.

The Western Lane/Western Douglas Fire Defense Board and the Lane County Fire Defense Board have developed agreements and plans for mutual aid support for events that deplete the resources of an individual agency.

The City of Eugene and City of Springfield Fire Departments provide emergency fire services to the most densely populated and developed areas of Lane County. Much of the remainder of Lane County's fire protection is within the jurisdictions of the agencies that make up the Lane County Fire Defense Board and Western Lane/Douglas County's Fire Defense Board. The Oregon Department of Forestry is responsible for fire protection on state owned forest land. The Bureau of Land Management and National Forest Service are responsible for national forest lands. Some areas within Lane County are without fire protection.

#### **Assumptions**

- Each fire agency within Lane County will be able to handle most emergency situations within its jurisdiction through emergency call back and with the use of mutual aid agreements. Assistance from state and federal agencies will be requested when additional support is necessary.
- A county-wide disaster may effect the lives and families of many fire response personnel preventing or limiting their ability to respond.

- A county-wide disaster will likely cause damage to road systems, utilities, communication systems, and infrastructure. This damage will make response activities difficult.

## **Direction and Control**

All response to major emergencies and disaster events within Lane County will be managed using the Incident Command System (ICS). Unified Command is the preferred method in Lane County when applicable.

The Lane County fire fighting and rescue operations will remain under the supervision of their own officers working in conjunction with Lane County Mutual-Aid Agreements.

Fire fighting agencies within Lane County are organized into two separate fire defense boards for the purpose of mutual aid.

1. Lane County Fire Defense Board
2. Western Lane/Western Douglas Fire Defense Board

To maintain fire operations within the Lane County Fire Defense Board jurisdiction and ensure the orderly continuation of leadership in an emergency situation the following order of succession is established:

1. Chief/President of the Lane County Fire Defense Board
2. Co-Chief/Vice President of the Lane County Fire Defense Board
3. Secretary/Treasurer of the Lane County Fire Defense Board
4. Eugene Fire Operations Chief
5. Eugene District Chief

To maintain fire operations within the Western Lane/Western Douglas Fire Defense Board jurisdiction and ensure the orderly continuation of leadership in an emergency situation the following order of succession is established:

1. Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue Chief
2. Reedsport Fire Chief
3. Eugene Fire Operations Chief

In a major emergency or disaster event the Fire Chief with jurisdiction would act as the Incident Commander (IC) at the Field Command Post. The Fire Defense Board would provide a liaison at the Lane County EOC if activated for the incident.

## **Procedures**

Strategic objectives for all fire incidents are as follows:

1. Protect lives.
2. Stabilization of incident.
3. Minimize property loss.
4. Protect the environment.
5. Restoration of critical operations and services.

Responding fire agencies will operate in conformance with State of Oregon incident command system as adopted by the Oregon State Fire Marshall and the Oregon Fire Chiefs Association for the operation of the Oregon Fire Service Plan.

Incident management shall include record keeping functions to document all activities performed.

The standard operating procedures of the agency with jurisdiction will be used as a guide in emergency response situations. The Incident Commander may determine it necessary to use the standard operating procedures of another agency in some situations.

Coordinated actions will be taken to provide necessary personnel and equipment to local areas and mutual aid departments and if necessary under the State Conflagration Act, to contain the fire as well as to provide back-up protection for other responsible areas.

Reports of loss of personnel and equipment shall be forwarded immediately to the Incident Commander (IC) in the field command post and forwarded to the appropriate EOC if activated.

The fire agency with jurisdiction will work in conjunction with the Lane County Sheriff's Office to perform evacuations when necessary due to fire, floods, tsunami, or other incidents.

During windstorms, major activity will consist of rescue and first aid operations, assisting electrical utilities with downed wires, providing auxiliary power to vital installations and other appropriate operations.

## **Emergency Operations Centers**

Most fire agency incidents will be coordinated from the on scene command post. In major incidents it may be beneficial to coordinate overall activities from an established EOC.

For Western Lane County the EOC would be normally be at the Siuslaw Valley Fire and Rescue headquarters, 2625 Hwy 101, Florence, Oregon. The back-up for Western Lane County would be at the Florence Police Headquarters (**Address needed?**)

For Lane County east of the Highway 126 tunnel the EOC would normally be at the Central Lane 911 Communications Center Base I, 1705 W. 2<sup>nd</sup> Avenue, Eugene, Oregon. The Lane County Sheriff's Office may also activate the Lane County EOC at 125 E. 8<sup>th</sup> Avenue. The City of Eugene EOC at Fire Station #6, 2435 Willakenzie Road, Eugene, Oregon, would serve as a back-up EOC.