



SANTA CRUZ COUNTY EMERGENCY RESPONSE AND RECOVERY PLAN

ESSENTIAL SUPPORT FUNCTION #11 Food Annex

PRIMARY AGENCIES:

Santa Cruz County School Superintendent	Volunteer: American Red Cross
Santa Cruz County Health Department	Salvation Army
Borderland Food Banks	Arizona Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster

SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Santa Cruz County Office of Emergency Management

Available through the Arizona Division of Emergency Management

Arizona Division of Emergency Management	Arizona Department of Agriculture
Arizona Department of Economic Security	Arizona National Guard
Arizona Department of Health Services	Arizona Department of Transportation

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

Describe procedures to identify, secure and arrange for the transportation of food to affected areas following an emergency/disaster.

B. Scope

Activities will be undertaken to:

1. Identify food assistance needs;
2. Coordinate with local responding agencies;
3. Obtain appropriate food supplies;
4. Arrange for transportation of food supplies to staging areas; and
5. Coordinate disaster food stamp assistance.



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II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

An emergency/disaster will deprive people of access to food by disrupting the commercial food supply/distribution network and destroy stored food.

B. Assumptions

1. Requests for county-controlled food may be by telephone/radio/writing.
 - a. This Essential Support Function (ESF) will be implemented upon notification of occurrence of a potential or actual emergency/disaster. Upon activation, a Food Coordination Team (FCT) will be formed with representatives from the primary and support agencies.
 - b. Actions will be coordinated with state/county/local disaster officials.
 - c. Food supplies secured and delivered by this ESF will be suitable for either household distribution or mass feeding.
 - d. Transportation and distribution of food supplies will be arranged by state/local/volunteer agencies.
 - e. Actions will be coordinated with agencies responsible for mass care (see ESF # 6).
 - f. This ESF will encourage the use of mass feeding as the primary outlet for disaster food supplies.
 - g. Priority will be given to move critical supplies of food into areas of acute need.
 - h. When trade has been restored, disaster food stamp program procedures may be implemented.
2. The following conditions may exist:
 - a. Significant disruption of food processing/distribution;



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- b. Minimal access to unprocessed food and food grains (e.g., honey, wheat, corn, oats, rice, etc.);
 - c. Unusable water supplies; and
 - d. Disruption of energy sources (e.g., electricity and gas) needed for food storage and preparation.
3. Schools and institutions may be able to feed affected populations for several days.
4. Affected populations will need a minimum of 1800 calories and three gallons of liquid per person per day.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

FCT will operate under existing state/federal authorities and regulations to provide food supplies to designated staging areas. Requests for food (including types, amounts and destination locations) shall be processed through the FCT. The local response coordinator or ESF # 6 will be the point of contact for all state requests for food assistance. FCT will coordinate efforts to obtain/transport foods and/or request federal assistance to implement the disaster food stamp program.

B. Organization

1. FCT will assume primary responsibility for implementing this ESF. Each support agency will be represented on the FCT. The FCT will be located near the Santa Cruz County Emergency Operations Center (SCCEOC). The FCT will have a representative at the SCCEOC. FCT liaison personnel may be dispatched to field site locations.
2. Agency representatives will have sufficient knowledge of their agency's capabilities and resources and the authority to commit resources.
3. Agency representatives will be knowledgeable of the Federal Response Plan (FRP) and the capabilities and resources of federal response agencies.



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C. Notification

1. SCCEOC will notify primary and support agencies when this ESF is activated.
2. Upon notification, agency representatives will report to the SCCEOC for an initial meeting of the FCT and be available for the duration of the response period.

D. Response Actions

1. Initial Actions
 - a. Determine the critical needs of the affected population in terms of numbers of people, their location and usable food preparation facilities for feeding.
 - b. Identify and locate available resources of food, transportation, equipment, storage and distribution facilities.
 - c. Evaluate the adequacy of available resources.
 - d. Ensure that foods are fit for human consumption (see ESF # 8-Appen. 2).
 - e. Coordinate shipment of food to staging areas.
 - f. Initiate direct market procurement of critical food supplies not available from existing inventories.
2. Continuing Actions
 - a. Expedite requests, for emergency issuance of food stamps after access to commercial food channels has been restored.
 - b. Establish logistical links with organizations involved in mass feeding.

IV. ORGANIZATIONAL ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Santa Cruz County Schools Superintendent, Santa Cruz County Health Department, Borderland Food Bank, American Red Cross, Arizona Volunteer Agencies Active in Disaster and Salvation Army will:**



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1. Determine the availability of food, including raw agricultural commodities (wheat, corn, oats, rice, etc.) that could be used for human consumption.
2. Coordinate with the SCCEOC to determine food needs of the population in the affected areas based on the following categories: acutely deficient; moderately deficient; self-sufficient; and surplus supplies.
3. Identify and assess the requirements for food and distribution services for critical emergency needs and sustained needs after the emergency phase is over.
4. Coordinate food distribution efforts of other volunteer organizations.
5. Secure approval from the United States Secretary of Agriculture to issue food stamps for up to 30 days to qualifying households.
6. Make emergency food supplies available to households for take-home consumption in lieu of food stamps.
7. Provide damage information to the SCCEOC.
8. Develop a plan of operation that will ensure timely distribution of food in good condition to the proper location.
9. Establish and maintain an information flow to State ESF # 11 representatives.
10. Ensure that state and federal sources of food are included, logistical support is provided and food is fit for human consumption.
11. Assess the availability of:
 - a Food supplies and storage facilities capable of storing dry, chilled and frozen food.
 - b Transportation equipment, material handling equipment and support personnel.
12. Contract for storage and transportation services with regional food bank warehouses and AAFB's statewide gleaning coordinator regarding the availability of:



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- a. US Department of Agriculture commodities;
- b. Donated foods;
- c. Storage facilities for dry, cold or frozen foods;
- d. Personnel; and
- e. Trucks, fork lifts, pallets, jacks, etc.
- f. Arrange for food delivery/distribution.
- g.. Assess damages to locally produced food supplies.

B. SCCEOC will coordinate the acquisition/procurement of commercial food, transportation, equipment and services.

C. Santa Cruz County Health Department will:

1. Determine which foods are fit for human consumption and identify potential problems of contaminated foods (e.g., radiation, chemical, bacterial and viral) (see ESF # 8, Appendix 2).
2. . Provide health education in food preparation/storage.

D. Santa Cruz County Public Works will assess the transportation routes needed for delivery of food, equipment and personnel.

V. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

The Santa Cruz County Santa Cruz County School Superintendent and the Santa Cruz County Health Department are responsible for the development and maintenance of this ESF.