

ESF 24
Evacuation

Purpose

To establish responsibility, policy, and procedure to evacuate all or part of the population from any stricken or threatened disaster area within the county to locations providing relative safety and shelter.

Organization

An evacuation could involve all emergency service organizations of the county.

Situation

There are several emergency situations that may require an evacuation of part or all of the county. Small-scale localized evacuations may be needed as a result of flood, hazardous material accident, fire, or transportation accident. Mass evacuation could be required in the event of the threat of enemy attack (terrorism).

It is assumed that the public will receive and understand official information related to evacuation. The public will act in its own interest and evacuate dangerous areas when advised to do so. If necessary, local authorities will carry out mandatory evacuation.

Only the Governor can "direct and compel" an evacuation. However, a local governing body (municipal or county) can "recommend" an evacuation as opposed to "ordering" an evacuation.

Authorized fire authority representatives having jurisdiction have the power to direct evacuation of hazardous areas in performance of their duty.

Mission

To provide for an orderly and coordinated evacuation of the population should the need arise because of enemy attack (terrorism), natural disaster, or technological hazard.

I. Execution

A. Concept of Operations

1. The chief executive of local government through the Spartanburg County Emergency Operations Center (EOC) exercises initial direction and control of the function of evacuation.
2. If deemed necessary, the Governor may order evacuation of selected areas, regardless of the action taken or contemplated by local officials. If such a decision is made, he orders implementation of the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan to augment local emergency operations.

B. Tasks

1. Pre-Disaster Phase

- i. Coordinator, Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Management
 - a. Coordinates with all appropriate agencies to ensure emergency operational readiness.
 - b. Maintains Spartanburg County EOC Standard Operating Procedures.
 - c. Coordinates identification of feasible evacuation routes likely to be available in the anticipated disaster.
 - d. Coordinates identification of emergency shelters.
 - e. Coordinates with appropriate agencies in plans for emergency

- ii. Sheriff coordinates Law Enforcement activities during return to normal activities.
- iii. Department of Social Services coordinates conclusion of provision of Emergency Welfare Services.
- iv. County Schools
 - a. Provides support to Emergency Welfare Services as required.
 - b. Provides mass transportation for return of evacuees as required.

C. Coordinating Instructions

This annex is effective for planning upon receipt and for execution upon order.

II. Administration and Logistics

Administration and Logistics to support this annex will be in accordance with the Basic Plan.

III. Direction and Control

Direction and Control of evacuation operations will be through the Spartanburg County EOC or authorized Forward Command Post.

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Signatures on File

The following agencies have primary and support responsibilities in this plan and agree to them

/s/ _____ Date _____
Chairman, Spartanburg County Council

/s/ _____ Date _____
Administrator, Spartanburg County

/s/ _____ Date _____
Director, Spartanburg County Emergency Services

/s/ _____ Date _____
Coordinator, Spartanburg County Office of Emergency Management