

ANNEX D – EVACUATION

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

Evacuation may be required as a result of flooding, civil disturbance, terrorist activity, fire, explosion, extreme pollution, toxic chemical release or earthquakes and may vary in size from a small neighborhood to a large-scale effort.

B. Assumptions

1. Persons with private transportation will leave a threatened area using their own vehicles.
2. The majority of the evacuees will find their own accommodations.
3. Private and Governmental organizations will volunteer their resources and operate in a cooperative manner with officials to accomplish the evacuation of an endangered area.

II. MISSION

To develop an evacuation system that will provide transportation and care for evacuees, as required, until the hazard abates and the evacuated area is reoccupied.

III. EXECUTION

A. Concept of Operations

1. This plan envisions three types of evacuation:
 - a. Voluntary evacuation by persons who perceive or observe the hazard and leave of their own volition. No official assistance is required.
 - b. Officially recommended evacuation where some evacuees may need assistance.
 - c. A directed evacuation when control of, and assistance to, evacuees would be required. Government assumes a primary role.
2. When an evacuation is officially recommended or directed, the following steps should be taken:
 - a. Collectively and individually notify the occupants of the area to be evacuated, through all available means.
 - b. Establish an operational control post at the evacuation area.
 - c. Designate transportation pickup points at the evacuation area.
 - d. Provide transportation from the pickup point to the reception center as

required.

- e. Make arrangements for removal of sick and non-ambulatory evacuees.
- f. Provide for security of the evacuated area.
- g. Coordinate establishment and operation of reception centers.

- 3. The Town will direct or recommend and control evacuation when the evacuated area and reception area is within its jurisdiction
- 4. For single building and small neighborhood evacuations inhabitants can be evacuated by foot or in their own private transportation. An easily identifiable assembly point should be selected prior to the evacuation, where evacuees can be kept informed of the situation and, when appropriate, be released to return to their homes or places of employment, whichever is appropriate.
- 5. When evacuation must be accomplished expeditiously and on short notice, transportation required above and beyond the evacuees vehicles will be secured from the most available source at the time.
- 6. For planned evacuations, where time is not of the essence, most evacuees will have sufficient time to arrange transportation to satisfy their individual needs.

B. Organization

Refer to **Basic Plan** and **Annex A, Direction and Control**.

C. Tasks

See **Basic Plan, III D, "Tasks"**. Also, **Annex A, Direction and Control, III C-E, "Emergency Staff Functions"**.

IV. ADMINISTRATION AND SUPPLY

- A. Standard emergency administration and supply procedures will be used. See **Basic Plan and Annex A, Direction and Control**.
- B. Supporting agencies are responsible for the administration and supply of their respective field forces.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. Refer to **Annex A, Direction and Control**.
- B. Reception centers will be under the operational control of Graham County Emergency Services and Volunteer agencies. They will be responsible for shelter management, sleeping equipment (hopefully the evacuees will bring their own sleeping equipment; blankets, sleeping bags, cots & etc.) and food service. This does not include evacuation centers operated by private organizations that may be active in an emergency. Communications with these centers will normally be by telephone. Provide as much notification as possible in advance of the need to each center. Graham County will provide a temporary evacuation shelter located at the County Fairgrounds. The Public

School Districts can assist in transportation needs with a large fleet of school buses, and can also feed large groups of people with their food services, if needed. In large scale evacuations, Graham County Fairgrounds will be used first, the high schools second, and the junior high schools as a last resort. Provide as much notification as possible about possible number of evacuees and needs to the County Parks & Rec. Department and the School Districts, when opening up an evacuation center.

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APPENDIX 1 - Transportation Lists

Safford Unified Schools	Dr Tregaskes	Superintendent	348-7000 ext. 3271
	Mickey Wilson	Transportation	348-7020 ext 7080
Thatcher Unified Schools	Paul Nelson	Superintendent	348-7201
	Mike Ajeman	Transportation	348-7229
Pima Unified Schools	Joe Farnsworth	Superintendent	485-0529
	Kalem Norton	HS Principal	485-2421
	Tharrell Eubanks	Transportation	485-9310
Ft. Thomas Schools	Dr. Leon Ben	Superintendent	485-2427
	Eddie Bowman	Transportation	485-9441
Solomon Schools	Kevin England	Superintendent	428-0477
Bonita Schools	Ed Hauser	Superintendent	828-3363 ext 4
	Wayne Brewster	Transportation	828-3363 ext 3