

The information contained in this Executive Summary has been taken directly from the Nueces County Emergency Management which has been designated as a CONFIDENTIAL document. The below information should be handled accordingly.

NUECES COUNTY ANNEX- Basic Plan

Commissioners Court Executive Summary

This Basic Plan outlines our approach to emergency operations and is applicable to Nueces County and the Cities of Agua Dulce, Driscoll and Petronila. It provides general guidance for emergency management activities and an overview of our methods of mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery. The plan describes our emergency response organization and assigns responsibilities for various emergency tasks. This plan is intended to provide a framework for more specific functional annexes that describe in more detail who does what, when, and how. This plan applies to all local officials, departments, and agencies. The primary audience for the document includes our chief elected official and other elected officials, the emergency management staff, department and agency heads and their senior staff members, leaders of local volunteer organizations that support emergency operations, and others who may participate in our mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery efforts.

Assumptions

- Nueces County will continue to be exposed to and subject to the impact of those hazards described above and as well as lesser hazards and others that may develop in the future.
- It is possible for a major disaster to occur at any time, and at any place. In many cases, dissemination of warning to the public and implementation of increased readiness measures may be possible. However, some emergency situations occur with little or no warning.
- Outside assistance will be available in most emergency situations, affecting Nueces County. Since it takes time to summon external assistance, it is essential for us to be prepared to carry out the initial emergency response on an independent basis.
- Proper mitigation actions, such as floodplain management, can prevent or reduce disaster-related losses. Detailed emergency planning, training of emergency responders and other personnel, and conducting periodic emergency drills and exercises can improve our readiness to deal with emergency situations.

Activities by Phases of Emergency Management

Mitigation

We will conduct mitigation activities as an integral part of our emergency management program. Mitigation is intended to eliminate hazards, reduce the probability of hazards causing an emergency situation, or lessen the consequences of unavoidable hazards. Mitigation should be a pre-disaster activity, although mitigation may also occur in the aftermath of an emergency situation with the intent of avoiding repetition of the situation. Our mitigation program is outlined in Annex P, Mitigation.

Preparedness

- We will conduct preparedness activities to develop the response capabilities needed in the event an emergency. Among the preparedness activities included in our emergency management program are:
- Providing emergency equipment and facilities.
- Emergency planning, including maintaining this plan, its annexes, and appropriate SOPs.
- Conducting or arranging appropriate training for emergency responders, emergency management personnel, other local officials, and volunteer groups who assist us during emergencies.
- Conducting periodic drills and exercises to test our plans and training.

Response

We will respond to emergency situations effectively and efficiently. The focus of most of this plan and its annexes is on planning for the response to emergencies. Response operations are intended to resolve an emergency situation while minimizing casualties and property damage. Response activities include warning, emergency medical services, firefighting, law enforcement operations, evacuation, shelter and mass care, emergency public information, search and rescue, as well as other associated functions.

Recovery

If a disaster occurs, we will carry out a recovery program that involves both short-term and long-term efforts. Short-term operations seek to restore vital services to the community and provide for the basic needs of the public. Long-term recovery focuses on restoring the community to its normal state. The federal government, pursuant to the Stafford Act, provides the vast majority of disaster recovery assistance. The recovery process includes assistance to individuals, businesses, and to government and other public institutions. Examples of recovery programs include temporary housing, restoration of government services, debris removal, restoration of utilities, disaster mental health services, and reconstruction of damaged roads and bridges. Our recovery program is outlined in Annex J, Recovery.

Organization & Assignment of Responsibilities

General

1. The Nueces County Judge is responsible for establishing objectives and policies for emergency management and providing general guidance for disaster response and recovery operations, all in compliance with the NIMS. During disasters, he/she may carry out those responsibilities from the County EOC.
2. The Nueces County Commissioners Court Administration Director will provide overall direction of the response activities of all our departments. During major emergencies and disaster, he/she will normally carry out those responsibilities from the County EOC.
3. The Nueces County Emergency Management Coordinator will manage the EOC.
4. The Incident Commander, assisted by a staff sufficient for the tasks to be performed, will manage the emergency response at an incident site.
5. During emergency operations, department heads and officials retain administrative and policy control over their employees and equipment. However, personnel and equipment will carry out mission assignments directed by the incident commander. Each department and agency is responsible for having its own operating procedures to be followed during response operations, but interagency procedures, such a common communications protocol, may be adopted to facilitate coordinated effort.
6. If our own resources are insufficient or inappropriate to deal with an emergency situation, we may request assistance from other jurisdictions, organized volunteer groups, or the State. The process for requesting State or federal assistance is covered in section V.F of this plan; see also the Request for Assistance form in Annex M, Appendix 2. External agencies are

expected to conform to the general guidance and directed provided by our senior decision-makers.

Annex Assignments:

ANNEX	ASSIGNED TO:
Annex A: Warning	Sheriff & MetroCom
Annex B: Communications	Sheriff & MetroCom
Annex C: Shelter & Mass Care	Community Services Director
Annex D: Radiological Protection	County Fire Chief's Association President
Annex E: Evacuation	Sheriff
Appendix 4: Hurricane Plan	Emergency Management Coordinator
Annex F: Firefighting	County Fire Chief's Association President
Annex G: Law Enforcement	Sheriff
Annex H: Health and Medical Services	City/County Public Health Director
Annex I: Public Information	Government Affairs Officer
Annex J: Recovery	Tax Assessor
Annex K: Public Works & Engineering	Public Works Director
Annex L: Utilities	Public Works Director
Annex M: Resource Management	Purchasing Agent
Annex N: Direction & Control	County Judge & EMC
Appendix 4: Animal Issues Committee	County Ag Agent & Animal Control Manager
Annex O: Human Services	Human Services Director
Annex P: Hazard Mitigation	Emergency Management Coordinator
Annex Q: Hazardous Materials & Oil Spill	Corpus Christi- Nueces Co LEPC Chair
Annex R: Search & Rescue	County Fire Chief's Association President
Annex S: Transportation	Community Services Director
Annex T: Donations Management	Human Services Director
Annex U: Legal	County Attorney
Annex V: Terrorist Incident Response	Sheriff