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## **NUECES COUNTY ANNEX S- TRANSPORTATION**

### **Commissioners Court Executive Summary**

This annex outlines our concept of operations and organizational arrangements for transportation of people, supplies, and materials during emergencies, assigns responsibilities for various transportation tasks, and outlines related administrative requirements.

#### **Assumptions**

- If we must evacuate or relocate people, the primary mode of transportation for most residents will be personal vehicles. However, we must provide transportation for people who do not have vehicles.
- During emergencies, we will use our own transportation resources and those available pursuant to inter-local (mutual aid) agreements to the extent that they are available.
- If commercial transportation providers that we normally deal with are able to support our emergency needs, we will continue to contract with those companies during emergencies.
- As school buses are the primary local passenger transportation resource, we assume that local school districts will respond to requests for transportation assistance from local government during emergencies.
- If we are unable to obtain transportation services from commercial providers, we may rent or lease transportation equipment to provide the required transportation.
- Businesses or individuals may be willing to donate transportation services or loan transportation equipment during emergencies.
- Local authorities will divert municipal or rural transit system buses from their normal routes and schedules as needed to support emergency operations.
- Transportation may be requested from the Disaster District Committee DDC in Corpus Christi when the assets within the jurisdiction are not sufficient.

#### **Activities by Phases of Emergency Management**

##### **Prevention**

- Identify and maintain a current list of local public and private transportation resources. See Appendix 1.K, Annex M, Resource Management, for a list of transportation resources.
- Identify possible transportation needs that could result from various disasters.
- Develop procedures for preserving transportation resources from known hazards by relocating them or protecting them in place.

### **Preparedness**

- Determine possible emergency transportation needs and related requirements for moving people, supplies, and equipment. Assess capabilities in relation to requirements to identify resource shortfalls; identify additional resources required.
- Negotiate agreements with other jurisdictions, public agencies and private industry for use of their transportation assets, and, where appropriate, drivers during emergencies.
- Participate with other departments and agencies in the determination of evacuation routes for known hazards and, where appropriate, pickup points or routes for those who may require public transportation.
- Review special facility evacuation plans to ensure they include realistic transportation arrangements.
- Plan and execute exercises involving the public and private sector. These exercises should include the utilization of various types of transportation and heavy-duty equipment.

### **Response**

- Activate emergency transportation function to receive and process requests for cargo and passenger transportation.
- Respond to transportation requests within limits of available resources.
- Monitor transportation resource status and identify requirements for additional resources to the County EMC.
- Maintain records on use of transportation resources. See Appendix 3 for more information.

### **Recovery**

- Continue to coordinate transportation of equipment, supplies and passengers as needed.
- Assess further transportation needs of citizens and provide transportation as needed.
- Return borrowed resources and those obtained through agreement, lease, or rental when those resources are no longer required.

### **Organization & Assignment of Responsibilities**

#### **General**

The County Judge shall provide policy guidance with respect to emergency transportation operations.

The Nueces County Community Services & Inland Parks Director shall serve as Transportation Officer and coordinate emergency transportation operations.

#### **Task Assignments:**

1. Community Services & Inland Parks Director
2. Law Enforcement
3. Corpus Christi RTA