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# ESF#1:

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## Transportation Annex

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Comprehensive Emergency Plan

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## I. Purpose

- a. Emergency Support Functions (ESF's) are documents that are created to ensure unified and reliable plans that will provide effective and timely emergency response, and recovery in the event of a disaster. The purpose of this public document is to provide the general public with a broad understanding of ESF #1: Transportation Annex.

## II. Purpose of ESF #1: Transportation Annex

- a. Polk County Emergency Management Commission (PCEM) has adopted ESF #1 with the intent of ensuring support of emergency transportation during/following an emergency within Polk County. The performance of this plan during an emergency is important to continuing transportation services, reducing negative economic impacts, meeting community needs, and moving emergency relief items and personnel. The content of this plan includes:
  - The identification of agencies responsible for continuing transportation safely and effectively during these times.
  - Identification of roads, air, railroads, and navigable waterways that are key to transportation efforts.
  - Provides routes, restrictions, and closures for all transportation methods in the event of different emergencies. PCEM has an agreement with the Department of Transportation, who has a traffic incident management plan in place with predetermined detour routes.
  - Describes organization and maintenance of emergency vehicles. Ensuring that emergency vehicles will be ready to go if needed.

## III. Scope

- Disasters/Emergencies may severely impact state and/or local transportation. ESF #1 works to manage transportation related issues within Polk County.
- Under ESF #1 it may be necessary for PCEM to assist with the movement of goods, equipment, people, or animals.
- In addition PCEM has agreements with mass transportation companies in the event that people need to be moved in large numbers.
- ESF #12: Energy works alongside ESF #1: Transportation. It ensures the supply of energy or fuel during the time of an emergency. This is important to maintaining safe and effective travel during these times.

## IV. Community Responsibility

- a. As a member of the community it is your responsibility to tune into your local news stations, PCEM's official website, and other social media applications for information. While monitoring these be alert for instructions on dangerous areas and structures, road and overpass conditions, congestion, and other routes to take while traveling. 511.IA website ( <http://511ia.org> ) is a helpful and accurate tool to see road conditions, closures, traffic, and more.

- b. Here are some things you can do to be prepared for different emergency situations.
- Have your car checked before winter weather for things like oil, heater, exhaust, and battery.
  - Create a winter car kit that includes the following: Blankets, flashlights, shovels and other small tools, snacks and water, flares, necessary medication.
  - Be aware and know when to stop when roadways may be unsafe for travel. Such as damaged power lines, bridges and/or accidents.
- c. For more information please see our website, <http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/emergency-management/emergency-preparedness/be-informed/>.

V. Closing Remarks

- a. These procedures can change due to circumstances; so additional information and instructions will be provided through various media outlets in the case of an actual emergency.
- b. The objective of this document is to provide the reader with a better understanding of PCEM, participating agencies, and their own roles in the event of an emergency.