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1. Introduction

1.1 Purpose of ESF #1: Transportation

The purpose of the plan is to establish a framework by which Polk County Emergency Management Agency can coordinate the Emergency Support Function #1 Transportation. This response may consist of federal, state, and local government agencies and private industries.

The public version of ESF #1: Transportation 'FOR PUBLIC DISTRIBUTION' is designed to provide the public with the following information regarding the plan:

- **Section 1** provides the introduction and purpose of the emergency support function.
- **Section 2** is a description of the roles and responsibilities of the agencies that will respond.
- **Section 3** contains information you should know and what actions you can take after a disaster
- **Section 4** contains important contact numbers.

Please note that the ESF #1: Transportation is a living document. It may undergo a major revision every three years and can be updated annually from submitted and committee approved changes.

For more general information please contact Polk County Emergency Management Agency at 515-286-2107 or your local emergency manager.

1.2 The role of ESF #1: Transportation

The role of Emergency Support Function (ESF) #1: Transportation is to establish policies for the coordination of resources (human, technical, equipment, facilities, materials and supplies) that support emergency transportation needs to accomplish response and recovery missions following an emergency or disaster in Polk County.

1.3 Core Capabilities List

The National Preparedness Goal identified 31 core capabilities—these are the distinct critical elements needed to achieve the goal.

These capabilities are referenced in many national preparedness efforts, including the National Planning Frameworks. The Goal grouped the capabilities into five mission areas, based on where they most logically fit. Some fall into only one mission area, while some others apply to several mission areas.

ESF #12: Energy includes the following Core Capabilities:

Risk Management for Protection Programs and Activities

- **Mission Area:** Protection
- **Description:** Identify, assess, and prioritize risks to inform Protection activities and investments.

Critical Transportation

- **Mission Area:** Response
- **Description:** Provide transportation (including infrastructure access and accessible transportation services) for response priority objectives, including the evacuation of people and animals, and the delivery of vital response personnel, equipment, and services into the affected areas.

Infrastructure Systems

- **Mission Area:** Response, Recovery
- **Description:** Stabilize critical infrastructure functions, minimize health and safety threats, and efficiently restore and revitalize systems and services to support a viable, resilient community.

2. Participating Agencies

ESF COORDINATOR:

Polk County Emergency Management

PRIMARY AGENCIES:

Local jurisdiction Public Works Departments
Polk County Public Works

SURFACE TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Local jurisdiction law enforcement
Polk County Sheriff's Office
Iowa State Patrol
Iowa Department of Transportation, Office of Motor Vehicle Enforcement
Iowa Department of Transportation
Community School buses
Des Moines Area Regional Transit Authority
Heart of Iowa Regional Transit Agency
LINK Associates
Traffic Management Advisory Committee (TMAC)
Metropolitan Planning Organization (MPO)
Iowa Motor Truck Association
Animal Rescue League of Iowa

AIR TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Des Moines International Airport
Ankeny Regional Airport
Iowa Department of Transportation

RAIL TRANSPORTATION SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Various Private Sector Railroads

2.1 Concept of Operations

ESF #1 – Transportation assets may be engaged either in response to an incident occurring within Polk County, or for incidents which occur outside of Polk County but have an impact on transportation within Polk County.

To make sound decisions related to the transportation system, ESF #1 – Transportation will rely on information and assessments supplied by ESF #3- Public Works & Engineering, ESF #6 – Mass Care, ESF #9 – Search and Rescue, and ESF #14 Mitigation and Recovery (damage assessment). This coordination should take place via Unified Command or through the Polk County Emergency Operations Center, if activated.

The ability to sustain transportation service, mitigate adverse economic impacts, meet societal needs, and move emergency relief personnel and commodities hinge on effective transportation decisions at all levels. Unnecessary reductions or restrictions to transportation will directly impact the effectiveness of all prevention, preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation efforts.

During evacuations, consistent with the Evacuation Plan included in ESF #9 Search & Rescue, ESF #1 – Transportation provides transportation support for persons, including individuals with access and functional needs, provided they meet the following criteria:

- Can be accommodated at both embarkation points and at destination shelters
- Can travel on commercial buses, aircraft or passenger trains, or lift-equipped buses
- Do not have medical needs indicating that they should be transported by ESF #8 Public Health & Medical Services

ESF #1 – Transportation is responsible for the evacuation of service animals. Evacuation of companion animals is outlined in ESF #11 Agriculture, Natural Resources & Pets.

The transportation of response assets, relief supplies and emergency workers may be supported by ESF #1 – Transportation as necessary to accomplish incident objectives.

2.2 Activities of Polk County Emergency Management Agency and Participating Agencies

A. Transportation Group Supervisor

Activities:

- Promote fast, safe, efficient, and convenient transportation in support of incident response, recovery, general welfare, economic growth and stability, and the safety and security of Polk County.

B. Surface Transportation Task Force

Activities:

- Provide fast, safe, efficient, and convenient surface transportation in support of incident response, recovery, general welfare, economic growth and stability, and the safety and security of Polk County.

C. Air Transportation Task Force

Activities:

- Provide fast, safe, efficient, and convenient air transportation in support of incident response, recovery, general welfare, economic growth and stability, and the safety and security of Polk County.

D. Rail Transportation Task Force

Activities:

- While Polk County does not have passenger rail service, a large quantity of consumer goods and other products transit the county via rail.
- Close coordination and communications with the rail companies is essential to ensure rail freight keeps moving to support incident response, recovery, general welfare, economic growth and stability, and the safety and security of Polk County.

E. Navigable Waterway Task Force

Activities:

- While the waterways in Polk County are for recreational use and not commercial transportation, it remains important to evaluate and monitor the accessibility of these waterways to support incident response, recovery, general welfare, economic growth and stability, and the safety and security of Polk County.

3. Maintenance

Mandatory Review Requirements

As required in Iowa Administrative Code, Section 605, Chapter 7, this annex will be reviewed and revised if necessary, at a minimum of every 5 years. A draft will be presented to the Polk County Emergency Management Commission for their approval and adoption.

Voluntary Review

The Polk County Emergency Management Commission will attempt to evaluate this annex continuously and revise annually based on input and feedback from support agencies and corrective action plans as recommended by after-action reporting. A draft will be presented to the Polk County Emergency Management Commission for their approval and adoption.

Plan Distribution

This annex and any subsequent revisions of this annex will be distributed to the primary and alternate Commission Members representing Polk County and all city governments within the county. The annex will also be shared with the specific primary and support agencies named at the beginning of this annex

4. Things you need to know and what you can do

4.1 During and After

- Local news media, television or radio
- Code Red Notification if you are signed up via email, test message or phone call
- United Way 211-Call Center (includes multi-lingual)

Provides free information 24/7 to callers on community related resources, including disaster related resources.

- Polk County Emergency Management Agencies official website:

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/EmergencyManagement/>

- Or other social media applications:

Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/ya4osdq>

Twitter: <http://twitter.com/PCEmrgManAgency>

Youtube: <http://www.youtube.com/user/PolkCoIaEmergMgt>

Listen for announcements on alerts, notices, instructions, and information:

- What to do and why
- What not to do and why
- Hazardous areas and structures to stay away from.
- Street and freeway overpass conditions, congested areas to avoid and alternate routes to take

5. Important contacts and numbers

Polk County

Polk County Emergency Management Agency:

<http://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/EmergencyManagement/>. (515) 286-2107

DART:

www.ridedart.com. (515) 283-8100

United Way 2-1-1 provider:

Dial 2-1-1 or toll-free at 1-866-469-2211.

From a cell phone or pay phone, dial (319) 739-4211.

Provides free information 24/7 to callers on community related resources, including disaster related resources.

Summary

It is hoped that this public version plan will provide the reader with an understanding of Polk County Emergency Management Agency and participating agencies' roles in the event of an incident.

The processes and agency roles and responsibilities specified may change without notice contingent upon the magnitude of the emergency or catastrophic event, as well as the actual availability of emergency response and emergency support personnel.

The ESF #1: Transportation Public Version was developed for public distribution and excludes specific information that is protected from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) and similar State and local disclosure laws, and from use in civil litigation and regulatory actions.

Access to the full plan is restricted to ESF #1: Transportation emergency first responders and contains Security Sensitive Information that is For Official Use Only.

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