

Lincoln County Emergency Operations Plan

Letter of Promulgation

To the Citizens of Lincoln County,

Forces of nature or manmade accidents may create emergency conditions where our friends and neighbors must band together to respond and mitigate an unforeseeable natural disaster, accidents, hazardous material release, or act of terrorism. Planning and preparedness are necessary elements to protect the health and safety of our citizens, public and private property, and surrounding environment. Regardless of the size and complexity of the incident, Lincoln County will initiate quick response and decisive action to mitigate the event.

Depending upon magnitude of the natural disaster, the complexity of the response will require extensive planning to ensure unity of effort with the various response activities. Processes and procedures must be established for a more decisive and coordinated response.

Hazardous materials, when properly controlled, are important in everyday life. Uncontrolled, they may cause injury, death, destruction, and lingering effects that may last for many years. To meet the risk, a concerted effort must be made to identify, locate, quantify, and possess knowledge of the hazardous materials within Lincoln County. The routes and modes of transportation of these chemicals must also be known in order to assess the overall possible danger posed by these materials and prepare for a focused response.

Lastly, our world has significantly changed over the past 35 years. Terrorism has become the weapon of choice by domestic and international enemies of freedom and liberty. Attacks may be in form of chemical, biological, or high explosive detonations. Even though Lincoln County is not a likely target, we must be prepared nonetheless.

The results of this local planning effort are set forth in the Lincoln County Emergency Operations Plan. The plan includes the study of potential problems, the resources available to handle the problem and the emergency procedures that would be used in the case of an incident. The plan contains Records of Reviews/Changes, Table of Contents, and four sections to include the Basic Plan and Organizational Overview, twelve annexes specifying incident types, resource management and communications.

Co-Chair, Lincoln County
Local Emergency Planning Committee

Effective date _____