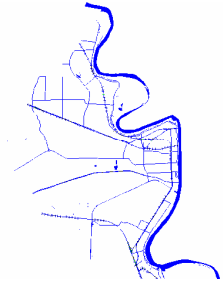


**WEST BATON ROUGE PARISH
OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY
AND EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**



**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 4
FIRE SERVICES**

FIRE SERVICES

I. PURPOSE

ESF 4 provides for the detection, control and suppression of rural and urban fires caused by natural or technological events. Services provided under this ESF shall include actions taken through the application of equipment, manpower and technical expertise to control and suppress fires that have or threaten to become disasters. Provision of such services will be in accordance with mutual aid compact agreements with local governments, private industry, and other parishes using established recognized standards of fire fighting methods under the Incident Command System. It is the purpose of this annex to establish fire services plans and procedures to save lives, prevent injury and protect property, as well as, to support West Baton Rouge Parish protective response actions during emergency situations and disasters.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. The West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Departments have the responsibility of fire prevention, control, suppression, hazardous materials response, basic

medical support and other public safety services. These responsibilities become more significant during an emergency situation.

2. West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Services is composed of one fire district, which consist of 6 independent sub districts, which are all combination Fire Departments. In addition to these government Fire Services, 3 industrial fire departments; Dow, Placid and Exxon Mobil are located in or have the ability to respond to emergencies within West Baton Rouge Parish.
3. It's the responsibility of each Fire Chief to advise municipal, Parish and State leaders on needed changes to fire and zoning codes.
4. West Baton Rouge Parish Office of Community Development, State Fire Marshal's Office, Brusly Volunteer Fire Department and the Port Allen Fire Department will be responsible for fire code enforcement.
5. The Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry has the Primary State Responsibility for Firefighting. That responsibility includes the coordination with support agencies to make sure that they develop and maintain plans and procedures.
6. The support State Agencies for Firefighting are responsible for developing and maintaining plans, procedures and asset inventories to support the ESF 4 Coordinator. State Support Agencies include, but are not limited to:
 - a. The Louisiana National Guard.
 - b. The Department of Environmental Quality.
 - c. State Fire Marshal.
 - d. The Department of Transportation and Development.

- e. The Department of Wildlife and Fisheries.
 - f. Volunteer Organizations.
7. A major disaster or catastrophic event may result in many urban and rural fires. Ignition sources that would normally be of a lesser concern grow in their potential under a disaster condition.
 8. In disaster conditions, these fires could spread rapidly, cause great damage, and seriously threaten lives and property. Fire departments in the immediate vicinity of the disaster would most likely be totally committed to such an immediate area, and would probably be stretched beyond their response capacity. Their own and other fire fighting resources would be difficult to obtain, manage, coordinate, and utilize due to the disruption of communication, transportation, utility, and water systems within disaster locales.
 9. West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Departments support each other with instantaneous mutual aid through fire alarm dispatch.
 10. In addition to detection, control and suppression of rural and urban fires caused by natural or technological events. West Baton Rouge Parish Fire Departments may be called upon to provide support for Public Alert Notification.

B. Assumptions

1. Existing fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations through the use of the existing mutual aid agreements.
2. Coordination and direction of the local efforts, including volunteers, will be required.
3. Fire resources and personnel will be tasked with a variety of missions, many of which will not directly

relate to fire suppression.

4. Damaged areas will be restricted and may not be readily accessible.
5. Secondary events or disasters will threaten lives and property, as well as, fire fighting personnel.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. The primary responsibility of the fire service in West Baton Rouge Parish is fire control, suppression and prevention under any disaster condition. Each Fire Chief will have the authority of this plan to examine all aspects of emergency response and recovery activities and stop any such activities if the Fire Chief in which jurisdiction the activity is occurring has concerns about fire prevention, control and/or suppression. Only the Parish President may override this decision after consultation with all parties.
2. Due to the many hazards that can affect West Baton Rouge Parish, the fire service in general may be called upon to perform duties outside of fire control, suppression and prevention.
3. All incident management activities will be in accordance with the National Incident Management System – Chapter II Command and Management.

B. Phases of Management

1. Mitigation
 - a. West Baton Rouge Parish Office of Community Development, State Fire Marshal's Office, Brusly Volunteer Fire Department and the Port Allen Fire Department will be responsible for fire code enforcement.

- b. Each Fire Department within West Baton Rouge Parish conducts fire prevention activities at least annually.
- c. Fire Departments or municipal / parish inspection agency will inspect shelters and key facilities for fire safety.
- d. Through the West Baton Rouge Parish Community Emergency Response Team, citizens are trained in fire suppression.

2. Preparedness

- a. Maintain fire service resources, such as, apparatus and personal protective equipment.
- b. Training of personnel in fire service practices to include: **(NIMS III-B-2-b.)**
 - i. Basic Fire Fighting
 - ii. Hazardous materials identification
 - iii. National Incident Management System
- c. Development of communication procedures to be used prior to, during and after an emergency.
- d. Coordinate disaster response training with the Emergency Operation Center.
- e. Each Fire Department maintains fire pre-plans.
- f. Minimum standards for training are set by the Fire Chief of each respective department.
- g. All Fire Departments participate in the parish-wide mutual aid organization.
- h. The Fire Service is represented on the LEPC.

- i. Hazardous Materials Training is offered multiple times each year to members.
3. Response
 - a. Provide fire suppression for emergencies involving fire or potential fire to include public shelters.
 - b. Respond to hazardous materials incidents and provide a command post along with incident / unified command. **(NIMS II-A-2-i.)**
 - c. Provide and coordinate urban search and rescue operations.
 - d. Support Public Alert Notification through route alerting.
 - e. Provide for decontamination of emergency workers and equipment.
 - f. Provide extrication for vehicle accidents.
 - g. Advise the EOC of protective action recommendations for the public at risk.
 - h. Through the Fire Services Officer within the EOC, auxiliary and volunteer support will be activated.
 - i. Each Fire Department will implement “Accountability” for all responders in accordance with procedures implemented by the Incident Commander. **(NIMS II-A-2-I.)**
 4. Recovery
 - a. Relay damage information from the field to the EOC.

- b. Decontamination of emergency workers and equipment.
- c. Assist in damage assessment.
- d. Conduct and/or assist with arson investigation.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Task Assignments

1. Fire Departments

- a. Coordinate all fire services activities within their jurisdiction.
- b. Fire suppression.
- c. Fire prevention.
- d. Public alert / notification
- e. Support for radiological protection as needed.
- f. Provide fire suppression for shelters.
- g. Responding and establishing incident command for hazardous material incidents.
- i. Establish mutual aid agreements.
- j. Assist in search and rescue operations.
- k. Fire Code enforcement (Port Allen and Brusly)
- l. Alert all emergency support services to the dangers associated with technological hazards and fire during emergency operations.

2. Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry Commission

- a. Primary responsibility for forest fires
- b. Support for local fire control operations
3. Military Support
Support for local fire control operations
4. Louisiana State Fire Marshals Office
 - a. Fire code enforcement
 - b. Arson investigation
 - c. Advise public officials on needed changes to fire and zoning codes.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. The National Incident Management System will be the basis for all Command and Management organization.
- B. Each department's respective Fire Chief will be responsible for coordinating all emergency fire services operations. Each agency will be responsible for operations within its respective jurisdiction.
- C. If an incident spreads into more than one jurisdiction or is occurring in multiple jurisdictions, a unified command system shall be utilized to include all Fire Chiefs jurisdictions that are being affected.
- D. A fire service representative will assist in direction and control from the Emergency Operation Center, this representative may be from the responding department or from another department. In all cases the IC/UC must establish communications with the EOC if activated. **(NIMS II.B.2.a.)**
- E. Routine operations will be handled by standard operating procedures. State and federal support will be called upon as needed.

V. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

A. Communications

The fire communications network is shown in Appendix 2.

B. Resources

A listing of available fire department resources is kept on file in the Emergency Operation Center.

C. Vital Facilities

A listing of facilities designated for fire protection during an emergency is found in the Basic Plan. Facilities have fire alarm systems and fire extinguishers, which are inspected periodically.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT, MAINTENANCE AND EXECUTION

It is the responsibility of each fire department to insure its own operational capabilities. The respective Fire Chief will coordinate the planning of all fire services as related to emergency preparedness operations.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

A. Authorities

(See Basic Plan, Section IX)

B. References

Guide for All Hazard Emergency Operations Planning, (SLG) 101, 1996, Federal Emergency Management Agency

APPENDICES

- (1) Organization Chart
- (2) Responsibility Chart
- (3) Parish Fire Fighting Resources: on file in EOC (CAMEO)

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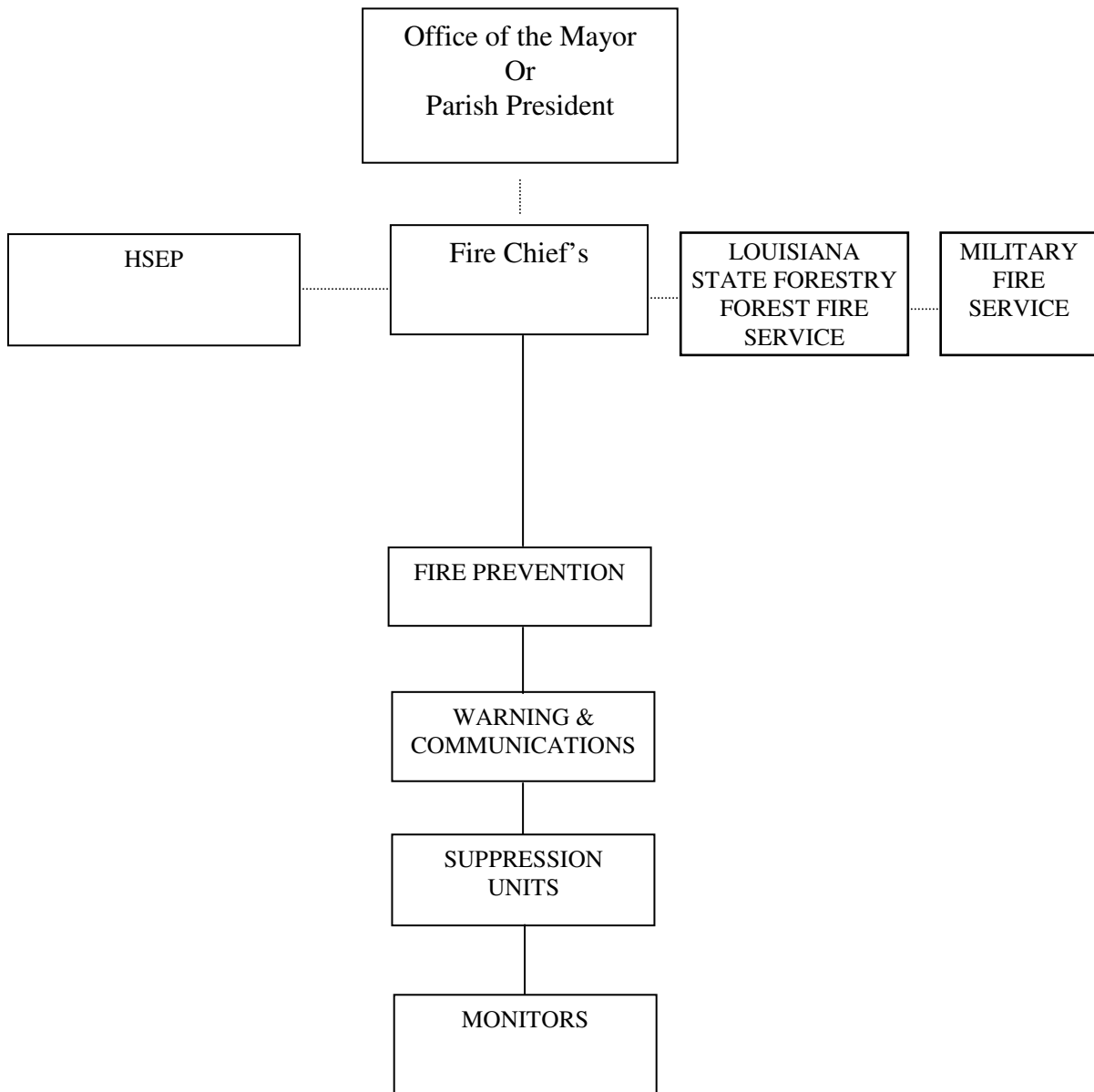
TAB B Personnel
TAB C Call out lists
TAB D Equipment

- (4) Mutual Aid Agreements, updated annually: on file in 911
- (5) Private Fire Fighting Resources: on file in EOC

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- (6) Mutual Aid Agreements, updated annually: on file in EOC

Organizational Chart



Responsibility Chart

Agency support to the Louisiana Department of Agriculture and Forestry	Fire Fighting Equipment and Personnel	Petroleum & Fuels Service	Training and Technical Assistance	Transportation – Air	Transportation – Water	Transportation – Land
West Baton Rouge Fire Departments	X		X			
Louisiana National Guard	X	X	X	X		X
Department of Environmental Quality			X			
State Fire Marshal			X			
Department of Transportation and Development	X	X	X			X
Department of Wildlife and Fisheries	X			X	X	X
Volunteer Organizations *	X		X	X		X
* To include private relief organizations (i.e. American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Mennonite Disaster Service, etc.); private industry; professional associations and participants in mutual aid agreements, etc.						

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