

## Appendix B – Emergency Support Functions (ESF)

### Purpose

This appendix provides an overview of the Emergency Support Function (ESF) structure, common elements of each of the ESFs and the basic content contained in each of the ESFs. The ESFs describe the roles and responsibilities of state departments, agencies, institutes of higher education, boards, commissions and councils as ESF primary and support agencies.

### Background

The ESFs provide the structure for coordinating interagency support for a state response to an emergency or disaster. They are mechanisms for grouping functions most frequently used to provide state and federal support to local jurisdictions and tribes for proclaimed states of emergencies in accordance with Chapter 38.52 RCW.

The Incident Command System is flexible in assignment of ESF and other stakeholder resources according to their capabilities, taskings and requirements to augment and support the state and federal response to incidents in a collaborative manner.

While ESFs are typically assigned to specific agencies within the SEOC, resources may be assigned anywhere within the incident command structure. The primary and support agencies for an ESF work in conjunction with the SEOC Operations and Logistics Sections to ensure appropriate planning and execution of missions occur.

ESF	Scope of Responsibilities
ESF 1 – Transportation	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Aviation/airspace management and control</li> <li>• Transportation safety</li> <li>• Restoration/recovery of transportation infrastructure</li> <li>• Movement restrictions</li> <li>• Damage and impact assessment</li> </ul>
ESF 2 – Communication, Information and Warning Systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination with telecommunications and information technology industries</li> <li>• Restoration and repair of telecommunications infrastructure</li> <li>• Protection, restoration, and sustainment of national cyber and information technology resources</li> <li>• Oversight of communications within the Federal incident management and response structures</li> </ul>
ESF 3 – Public Works and Engineering	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Infrastructure protection and emergency repair</li> <li>• Infrastructure restoration</li> <li>• Engineering services and construction management</li> <li>• Emergency contracting support for life-saving/sustaining services</li> </ul>
ESF 4 – Firefighting	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of Federal firefighting activities</li> <li>• Support to wildland, rural, and urban firefighting operations</li> </ul>
ESF 5 – Emergency Management	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination of incident management and response efforts</li> <li>• Issuance of mission assignments</li> <li>• Resource and human capital</li> <li>• Incident action planning</li> <li>• Financial management</li> </ul>

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ESF 6 – Mass Care, Emergency Assistance, Housing and Human Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Mass care</li> <li>• Emergency assistance</li> <li>• Disaster housing</li> <li>• Human services</li> </ul>
ESF 7 – Logistics Management and Resource Support	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Comprehensive, national incident logistics planning, management, and sustainment capability</li> <li>• Resource support (facility space, office equipment and supplies, contracting services, etc.)</li> </ul>
ESF 8 – Public Health and Medical Services	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Public health</li> <li>• Medical</li> <li>• Mental health services</li> <li>• Mass fatality management</li> </ul>
ESF 9 – Search and Rescue	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Life-saving assistance</li> <li>• Search and rescue operations</li> </ul>
ESF 10 – Oil and Hazardous Materials Response	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Oil and hazardous materials (chemical, biological, radiological, etc.) response</li> <li>• Environmental short- and long-term cleanup</li> </ul>
ESF 11 – Agriculture and Natural Resources	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Nutrition assistance</li> <li>• Animal and plant disease and pest responses</li> <li>• Food safety and security</li> <li>• Natural and cultural resources and historic properties protection and restoration</li> <li>• Safety and well-being of household pets and service animals</li> </ul>
ESF 12 – Energy	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Energy infrastructure assessment, repair, and restoration</li> <li>• Energy industry utilities coordination</li> <li>• Energy forecast</li> </ul>
ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Facility and resource security</li> <li>• Security planning and technical resource assistance</li> <li>• Public safety and security support</li> <li>• Support to access, traffic, and crowd control</li> </ul>
ESF 14 – Long-Term Community Recovery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Social and economic community impact assessment</li> <li>• Long-term community recovery assistance to States, local governments, and the private sector</li> <li>• analysis and review of mitigation program implementation</li> </ul>
ESF 15 – External Affairs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Emergency public information and protective action guidance</li> <li>• Media and community relations</li> <li>• Congressional and international affairs</li> <li>• Tribal and insular affairs</li> </ul>
ESF 20 – Defense Support to Civil Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Coordination with Dept. of Defense for military resources</li> <li>• Coordination with FEMA Region X Defense Coordinating Office</li> <li>• Resource tasking to Washington National Guard and State Guard</li> </ul>

### **ESF Activation**

The SEOC activates individual ESFs based on the scope and magnitude of the emergency or disaster. SEOCs notify ESF primary agencies of the SEOC and ESF activation and time to report to the SEOC.

ESF primary agencies notify and activate support agencies as required for the emergency or disaster, to include activation of agency EOCs and support to specialized