

Annex 1 to Florence County EOP
ESF 1
Transportation

PRIMARY: Florence County Emergency Management

SECONDARY: Pee Dee Regional Transportation Authority (PDRTA)
Florence County School Districts (1-5)

I. Introduction

During disaster events it may become necessary to protect citizens by moving or relocating them from areas of the county which are threatened to areas which are more secure. Conducting these types of movement is the responsibility of ESF-1 (Transportation). Additionally, ESF-1 (Transportation) is responsible for planning for and coordinating movement of supplies and equipment needed to respond to emergencies within the county.

II. Concept of Operations

ESF-1 (Transportation) will develop and manage a public transportation system that will be used to move citizens from vulnerable areas to places of public safety in the event of an emergency or disaster. Identification of areas of the county to be evacuated, routes to be used and public safety shelters is the responsibility of the Emergency Management Department in coordination with the IC and not ESF-1 (Transportation) secondary members. Identification of places of safety to support local school evacuations, which are not part of a larger county or community evacuation, however, is the responsibility of the respective school districts. The Emergency Management Department, through ESF-5 (Information and Planning) will work with ESF-1 (Transportation) to maintain an accurate status of passable roads and bridges within the county and will ensure this information is entered into WebEOC.

Evacuation of inmates from any correctional facility or any movement of inmates within Florence County will be considered a law enforcement issue and will be planned, coordinated and conducted by ESF-13 (Law Enforcement) and is not a responsibility of ESF-1 (Transportation).

Evacuation of residents of any nursing home, extended care facility or hospital within Florence County, or the movement of residents of such facilities through Florence County, is not the responsibility of ESF-1 (Transportation). Such movement plans are required by the DHEC licensing review board to be addressed, coordinated and outlined in the emergency plan of each respective facility. The movement of residents is the responsibility of the licensed facility.

Coordination of medical transport companies and private ambulance services operating within the county is not the responsibility of ESF-1 (Transportation) but rather is a role which falls under ESF 8 (Health and Medical).

Florence County has no organic equipment or bulk supplies transportation assets, therefore trucks to move disaster relief supplies must be contracted or rented. Once a need for this type of assets is identified by ESF-1 (Transportation), the request will be transmitted by WebEOC to ESF-7 (Resource Support) for contracting.

1) Specific Responsibilities

A. Emergency Management:

1. Maintain listing/point of contact of all government and commercial transportation companies or organizations within the county capable of transporting people and equipment/supplies within the county.
2. Maintain paper and electronic maps of roads within the county.
3. Provide guidance and assist secondary agencies in the development of plans and guidelines needed to accomplish assigned responsibilities.
4. Publish, through the PIO, information to the public concerning routes and pickup points to be used to transport local residents to public shelters during hurricanes or other emergencies.

B. PDRTA:

1. Provide liaison to the EOC during activations.
2. Maintain current and updated listing of available buses and drivers.
3. Provide buses and drivers to run evacuations as needed.
4. Only provide bus drivers who meet all SC Department of Motor Vehicle licensing requirements and are employees in good standing in accordance with the PDRTA human resource policy and procedure manual.
5. Only provide buses which meet all PDRTA and state safety requirements.
6. Provide buses which have radio communications between bus drivers, dispatchers and EOC.
7. Provide buses capable of transporting citizens confined to wheel chairs or who otherwise have limited mobility.

C. Florence County Public School Districts (1-5):

1. Develop plans to use organic buses to evacuate schools as needed.
2. Maintain current and updated listing of available buses and drivers.
3. Develop procedures to recall bus drivers to support movement of students as needed.

4. Ensure only properly licensed, district employee, bus drivers are used.
5. Ensure all buses meet state DOT and DOE safety requirements.

III. State Interface

The interface for this ESF at the state and federal level is ESF-1 (Transportation). At the state and federal level the primary agency for ESF-1 is the state and federal Departments of Transportation.

IV. Update and Maintenance

This annex will be updated in accordance with paragraph XI (Plan Development and Maintenance) of the Basic Plan.