
HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 10

(ESF 10)

PRIMARY AGENCY: Lake County Public Safety Department, Fire Rescue Division

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Florida Department of Environmental Protection
Lake County Public Works Department
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Municipal Fire Departments

I. PURPOSE

A natural or other catastrophic disaster could result in a situation where hazardous materials are released into the environment. The purpose of this function is to outline procedures for responding to a hazardous materials event.

II. COORDINATION ROLES

Lake County Public Safety Department, Fire Rescue Division – Special Operations Response Team is the response team for Lake County. The Assistant Chief of Operations is responsible for coordinating Special Operations Response Team when requested to respond.

Events that occur within city limits of municipalities will be initially responded to by those municipalities' first response units. If Lake County Fire Rescue – Special Operations Response Team assistance is needed, request is made through Lake EMS Dispatch, or the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).

III. HAZARDOUS MATERIALS TEAMS

Local Team: Lake County Fire Rescue – Special Operations Response Team

Regional Teams: Orange County Seminole County
Marion County Brevard County

IV. ACTIONS

A. Preparedness

The Lake County Fire Rescue Division regularly participates in training exercises for hazardous material incidents with the Lake County Sheriff's Office, Lake EMS, state agencies, local governments, and industry.

B. Response

Local resources are committed through coordination of ESF 10 contingent upon the magnitude of the incident. The Lake County Fire Rescue Special Operations Response Team manual identifies procedures and resources for handling hazardous substances incidents.

C. Recovery

1. The initial responsibility for assessing the impacts or the potential impacts of a release rest with the owner/operator of the facility.
2. Upon arrival of response personnel, the responsibility for assessing the impacts or the potential impacts of a release will be assumed by the lead agency.
3. If it is determined by the lead agency that the incident is beyond their capabilities, the Emergency Management Division Manager or designee will be contacted and the EOC activated as appropriate.
4. Assessment capabilities may be provided by the following support agencies: the Lake County Fire Rescue Special Operations-Hazardous Materials Team, Lake County Sheriff's Office and Lake EMS. They may be assisted by the Lake County Departments of Community Safety and Compliance, Public Works, and/or the Florida Department of Health, Lake County.
5. Additional assistance and support in assessing the environmental and public health consequences can be obtained from the State of Florida Departments of Environmental Regulation and Health and Rehabilitative Services.
6. If necessary, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency may be called upon.

D. Mitigation

The Lake County Fire Rescue Division will provide persons with appropriate expertise to participate in activities designed to reduce or minimize the impact of future disasters. Typical areas of expertise would be hazardous materials and hazardous waste.

V. PROCEDURES

See Lake County Fire Rescue Special Operations Response Team (SORT) Manual.