
TRANSPORTATION

EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 1 (ESF 1)

PRIMARY AGENCY: Lake County Community Services Department,
Public Transportation Division

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Lake County Schools
Lake Emergency Medical Services
Lake County Fire Rescue Division
Lake County Sheriff's Office
Lake County Public Works Department
Lake County Fleet Management Division

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this function is to provide overall coordination of transportation assistance to municipal/county departments, other governmental and private agencies, and voluntary organizations requiring transportation capacity to perform disaster missions. A primary priority of this ESF will be the coordination of evacuation transportation.

II. GENERAL INFORMATION

Supplemental transportation resources may be needed following a disaster as a result of both increased transportation needs and disruption of normal transportation systems. Transportation may be required for transporting of emergency equipment and supplies into the disaster area. Further emergency transportation may be required to provide access to assistance centers for disaster victims and access to places essential to the resumption of normal community life: such as stores, schools, government offices, and major employment centers. The provision of emergency transportation may involve establishment of trip priorities, as well as the provision of additional resources while normal systems are being restored.

Each of the providers listed below have agreed, either verbally, by contract, or by law, to provide the services as listed.

III. TYPES OF TRANSPORTATION AVAILABLE AND PROVIDERS

A. The following types of transportation area available for:

1. Emergency Equipment and Supplies

Provider: Lake EMS
Lake County Fire Rescue Division

2. Transportation to shelters, disaster assistance centers, food stamp distribution sites, etc.

Provider: Lake County Community Services Department, Public
Transportation Division
Lake County Schools

B. An impending or actual incident that requires the transportation function be activated will in turn require the activation of the EOC. Evacuation procedures, will be followed where movement of persons from their homes is required.

Requests for transportation will be coordinated through the transportation support agencies and the Logistics Chief in the EOC.

Special needs persons are usually the first to be evacuated, due to the nature of their need and the time involved in relocating them to special needs facilities. Pre-determined routes have been designated based on the geographic area of persons that need to be moved to special needs facilities. Lake County Connection and Lake EMS are the primary providers of special needs transportation and transportation of the disabled and elderly. They provide the following:

Persons with Special Needs/Handicapped Persons/Elderly

Provider: Lake County Connection
Lake County Special Transport (This is part of
Waterman's service and normally are focused on the
hospital's needs.

60 Wheelchair Lift equipped buses
9 Wheelchair Lift vans
9 Sedans

Provider: Lake EMS

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Alerting of all drivers is the responsibility of the respective agencies and is in the form of a pyramid call-out system.
- B. Over 50 % of all school buses, which include all with lifts, plus all ambulances and Lake County vehicles, are equipped with radios.
- C. Special needs routes are pre-determined by geographic area (see Appendix 1).
- D. Assignment of routes needing other types of transportation will be coordinated by agencies involved and the Logistics Chief based on information relayed via telephone in the EOC. Drivers will be instructed to pick up only at designated areas. Any deviations will need to be cleared by the specified method of communication.
- E. In discussion with the School Board representative, it was agreed that already established school bus stops would be used as designated pickup points for transportation to public shelters and routes taken would be those used on a day-to-day basis for school pickups.
- F. Respective agencies are responsible for placing signs on vehicles designating them as Disaster Transportation Vehicles.
- G. All emergency transportation will be fueled prior to the onset of the emergency, if practical. If a power outage during an emergency prevents the pumping of fuel into emergency transportation vehicles, the Executive Policy Group can approve the use of the Lake County gas pumps at the Astatula landfill for non-county owned vehicles. The Lake County Fleet Management Division will be responsible for ensuring proper tracking of fuel dispensing to non-county owned vehicles for reimbursement.
- H. Public fuel suppliers as listed in the ESF 12, Fuel Annex, have agreed to provide emergency vehicle fuel, as necessary and until supplies become limited. At the time that local supplies are expended, contact will be made with the State EOC to request assistance.

V. STAGING OF TRANSPORTATION UNITS

All providers will coordinate transportation activities with ESF 1. All units that will be used in the emergency response and recovery effort are located in the following areas when Lake County is threatened or has experienced a disaster event.

- A. Lake EMS units are located in geographically strategic areas. Those units that are housed at mobile homes relocate to the nearest fire station for safety purposes.
- B. The School Board has buses located at lots located throughout the County.

Due to the locations of these units on a day-to-day basis, they are already strategically staged. There are no plans to establish a staging area other than their normal operating areas.

VI. STAFFING

Each transportation support agency is responsible for staffing of their units. The logistics involved in a 24-hour transportation operation would be coordinated through the Logistics Section of the EOC.

VII. TRAFFIC PATTERNS

The Lake County Traffic Control Plan outlines emergency traffic regulations.

VIII. ACTIONS

A. Response Initial Actions

1. Staff ESF 1 as needed in EOC. Inventories of available vehicular resources will be verified and provided to ESF 5.
2. Each ESF 1 agency will establish communications with appropriate field personnel and ensure that they are ready to respond.
3. Coordinate with support agencies to prioritize and develop strategies for the initial response. Resources will be repositioned when it becomes apparent that county transportation resources will be required.
4. Any transportation resources that may be needed in recovery should be removed from the potential disaster area to the nearest staging area. Equipment accessible to ESF 1 agencies will be committed when evacuation or re-entry of a designated area is authorized.

5. Coordinate with ESF 6 and ESF 8 for ground transportation of citizens to evacuation shelters and return home after the event. Coordinate with ESF 16 for all road closures or traffic problems with all ESFs.
6. Coordinate with ESF 10 for identification of any hazardous materials transports that could be affected by the disaster.

B. Response Continuing Actions

1. ESF 1 will coordinate transportation resources with requests for transport of personnel, goods and services.
2. Priorities will continually be reassessed to address the most critical transportation needs and develop strategies.
3. Resources that are committed to specific missions will be tracked for redeployment if necessary. Updated information will be provided to ESF 5.

C. Recovery Initial Actions

1. When requested, transportation resources will be provided to assist recovery activities for personnel and equipment.
2. Develop recovery actions and strategies.

D. Recovery Continuing Actions

1. Transportation will continue to be provided for related activities.