

# Standard Operating Guidelines (SOG)

### LOCAL EMERGENCY RESPONSE PLAN

#### **SCOPE**

This guideline shall apply to all members of the Stoney Point Fire Department and shall be adhered to by all members.

#### **PURPOSE**

To establish the directive to comply with the Cumberland Emergency Operations Plan to be utilized for disaster response operations.

#### **DEFINITIONS**

**Emergency Operations Plan** – (EOP) provides the structure and processes that the organization utilizes to respond to and initially recover from an incident

**Guideline -** a general rule, principle, outline of a policy

**Member** – any career, volunteer, staff, and auxiliary personnel affiliated with the department

**Shall** - indicates a mandatory requirement

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#### **GUIDELINES**

Stoney Point Fire Department is an all hazards emergency response organization. During activation for state declared emergencies, the department and all assigned personnel shall comply with the guidance of the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan as part of the State Emergency Response Plan. Additionally, the Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan shall be utilized in developing response criteria and operations protocols. Included in this guideline is the executive summary of the Cumberland County North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan. The full Emergency Operations Plan, with appendices, may be accessed from the Cumberland County Emergency Services website, the link is included in the references.



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#### **FOREWORD**

The Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to address multiple hazards, which threaten a jurisdiction. Through use of a functional format, the document encourages an Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS) approach to disasters; and fosters prompt, efficient and coordinated response operations by elements of the emergency organization. IEMS requires a system wide integration of skills, people and resources as well as the utilization of a County Emergency Operation Center. This plan also recognizes Incident Command as an appropriate management system to be applied to all Cumberland County emergency / disaster situations, when required. This document presents a Basic Plan, which serves as a summary document to the support sections. These sections define who will do what and when in an emergency situation. Defining the roles of each response agency reduces the confusion, chaos and conflict during emergencies and significantly decreases vulnerability of the public and their property to hazardous threats.

Cumberland County has adopted the National Incident Management System (NIMS) approach as well, to incorporate the elements of NIMS essential to efficient management of emergencies and disasters that will involve local, state and federal response agencies. The federal government places criteria for all emergency plans. Homeland Security Presidential Directive #5 (HSPD-5). "To prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks, major disasters, and other emergencies, the United States Government shall establish a single, comprehensive approach to domestic incident management. The objective of the United States Government is to ensure that all levels of government across the Nation have the capability to work efficiently and effectively together, using a national approach to domestic incident management. In these efforts, with regard to domestic incidents, the United States Government treats crisis management and consequence management as a single, integrated function, rather than as two separate functions"...

Under NIMS criteria Cumberland County has:

- Adopted the <u>Incident Command System</u> (ICS 200)
- Provided training for the <u>NIMS Awareness Course</u>
- Determined which NIMS requirements already have been met.

Developed a strategy and timeframe for full NIMS implementation by FY 2007.

This plan does not attempt to define for each agency how to perform the tasks. The manner in which the tasks are to be performed is contained in the agency's Standard Operating Guidelines, which are contained in the Implementation Document that supports this plan.

An additional companion document entitled "IMPLEMENTATION DOCUMENT MUST BE CONSULTED WHEN IMPLEMENTING PORTIONS OF THIS PLAN. This document contains agency agreements, Standard Operation Guidelines, agreements between government and private organizations, memorandums of understandings, organizations charts, agency checklist, etc.

This plan meets the requirements of FEMA planning guidance, CPG 1-8, CPG 1-8A, NRT-1 and the legal responsibilities identified in North Carolina General Statutes, Chapter 166-A. It provides all the necessary elements to insure that local government can fulfill its legal responsibilities for emergency preparedness. The plan is a realistic reflection of the way emergency response will be carried out when an event occurs, and all agencies tasked under this plan contributed to its development.

This plan upon approval and adoption by the Cumberland County Board of Commissioners, supersedes Cumberland County Emergency Operations Plan for Multi-Hazards dated October 1989,

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all changes there to, and any other plan prior to this date. All previous plans are rescinded by this document.

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