

ANNEX I

Fire Services

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Fire Service in East Baton Rouge Parish is to protect life and property and to minimize fire damage caused by, or incidental to, natural or man caused emergencies. The purpose of this annex is to establish fire service policies and procedures for East Baton Rouge Parish.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Reference Paragraph II. A., Basic Plan.
2. Fire Prevention and control are daily problems faced by fire service personnel. These problems become more significant during emergency situations. Several hazards present difficulties with regard to fire protection including conflagrations, urban fires, nuclear attack, hazardous material incidents, and fixed nuclear facility incidents.

B. Assumptions

1. Reference Paragraph II. B., Basic Plan.
2. Existing fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations within their given jurisdictions. When additional support is required, assistance can be obtained from other departments in the parish via a mutual aid request. Assistance can also be obtained from state and federal agencies.
3. Additional resources can be gained to combat fire related emergencies from Baton Rouge Area Mutual Aid System (BRAMAS). (A list of these resources is maintained by Fire Communications)

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. Reference Paragraph III. A., Basic Plan.
2. The responsibilities of the fire service in disaster situations are basically the same as in daily operations. Their primary responsibility is fire control. They are also

involved on a regular basis with rescue operations and hazardous materials incidents. They also serve a supplemental duty of providing back-up support for radiological defense activities.

B. Phases of Emergency Management

1. Prevention

- a. Propose and support fire suppressant laws and regulations.

2. Mitigation

- a. Fire code enforcement.
- b. Public fire safety education programs.

3. Preparedness

- a. Maintenance of equipment.
- b. Training of personnel.
- c. Development of communication procedures.

4. Response

- a. Fire suppression.
- b. Rescue operations.
- c. Support in operation of public warning systems (Refer to Annex C, Warning).
- d. Radiological protection (Refer to Annex F., Radiological Operations).
- e. Hazardous Materials Incidents (Refer to Annex H, Hazardous Materials).
- f. First responders in basic life support.

5. Recovery

- a. Fire inspection.
- b. Decontamination.
- c. Continued response operations.

- d. Assist in damage assessment.

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. Reference Paragraph IV., Basic Plan

B. Task Assignments within their jurisdiction:

- ___1. The coordination of all fire service activities within their jurisdiction.
- ___2. Fire suppression and protection, including shelters.
- ___3. Fire prevention.
- ___4. Support in operation of public warning systems.
- ___5. Fire code enforcement.
- ___6. Support for radiological defense.
- ___7. Support for Hazardous Materials Incidents.
- ___8. Establishment of mutual aid agreements.
- ___9. Rescuing injured people during emergency operations.
- ___10. Alerting all emergency support services of technological hazards and fire during emergency operations.

C. Operations

- ___1. The fire chief of each designated district shall have complete authority for fire operations within his/her respective district.
- ___2. Command Post and staging area procedures will be followed to effectively coordinate all field operations.
- ___3. In declared disasters such as national security threats, man made, or natural disaster, the Mayor-President, through the East Baton Rouge Parish **Mayor's** Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness (**MOHSEP**), will coordinate emergency operations within East Baton Rouge Parish from the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- ___4. Each Fire Department in times of disaster shall designate a chief officer within their respective district with the responsibility of providing situation reporting to the EOC.

- ___5. Each fire station shall become a staging area for equipment and supplies dispatched during emergency rescue operations.
- ___6. Priority of firefighting and rescue operations shall always be given to designated shelters, and areas immediately adjacent to said shelters. (For list of shelters see Annex E, Shelters.)

D. Evacuation

- ___1. Area evacuation in the event of a fire or explosion shall be recommended by the fire chief in charge. Such recommendation shall be coordinated with the law enforcement agency with jurisdiction and **MOHSEP** ~~the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness~~.
- ___2. Execution and coordination of an evacuation order will be the responsibility of the Mayor-President and the Director of **MOHSEP** ~~the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness~~ with the cooperation and assistance of the Fire Department and law enforcement agencies with jurisdiction.
- ___3. An evacuation order may be issued in a situation where in the opinion of the ~~East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness~~ Director of **MOHSEP** or Mayor-President it is essential to the saving of lives or prevention of serious injury.
- ___4. Prior to the issuing of an evacuation order to the news media for public dissemination, all affected agencies shall be notified and the issuance of such orders shall be announced from the EOC.

E. Support Agencies in Fire Related Emergencies

- 1. Emergency Medical Services (EMS)
 - ___a. Provide medical attention to injured parties including response personnel as needed.
- 2. Department of Public Works (DPW)
 - ___a. Provide heavy equipment such as earth moving equipment as needed.
- 3. Law Enforcement
 - ___a. Provide protection for response personnel as needed.

- _____b. Protect emergency scenes from looting and intruders as needed.
- _____c. Re-route traffic from scenes as needed.

V. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. Reference Paragraph V., Basic Plan.
- B. The Fire Chief with jurisdiction will be responsible for coordinating the response within his/her department.
 - 1. Each Department will develop a Standard Operating Guidelines (S.O.G.) to be followed by its personnel in everyday response. A copy of these S.O.G.s is kept on file **at MOHSEP**. ~~in the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness.~~
- C. In the event of a Declared Emergency by the Mayor-President or the Director of **MOHSEP** ~~the East Baton Rouge Parish Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness~~, the Fire Chief or his designee will respond to the EOC to coordinate fire department actions with other city agencies.
- D. If for any reason, the EOC located in the Advanced Traffic Management/Emergency Operations Center (ATM/EOC), 3773 Harding Boulevard, Baton Rouge, LA 70807 is inoperable, the Louisiana State Police Emergency Operations Center located at 7667 Independence Boulevard will be the alternate EOC.

VI. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

- A. Reference Paragraph VI., Basic Plan.

VII. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. Reference Paragraph VII., Basic Plan.
- B. Resources

See Mutual Aid list.

VIII. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. Reference Paragraph VIII., Basic Plan.

- B. The Fire Chief of each Fire Department within East Baton Rouge Parish has the responsibility to insure its own operational capabilities and Standard Operating Guidelines. The Fire Chiefs of each district will coordinate the planning of all fire services related to emergency preparedness operations.
- C. This plan should be reviewed and updated annually by the Fire Chief of East Baton Rouge Parish.

IX. AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

A. Authority

See Basic Plan.

B. References

Chapter 7 Sections 7.01, 7.02, 7.03, 7.04, of “The Plan of Government of the Parish of East Baton Rouge and the City of Baton Rouge”.

X. GLOSSARY/DEFINITIONS

A. Reference X., Basic Plan.

APPENDICES TO ANNEX I:

- 1) Organizational Chart
- 2) District Map
- 3) Fire Services Resources