

NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (NCEOP)

FOREWARD

December 2019

The NCEOP establishes a comprehensive framework of policy and guidance for state and local disaster preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation operations. The plan details capabilities, authorities and responsibilities. It establishes mutual understanding among federal, state, local and other public and private non-profit organizations. The NCEOP is designed for worst case scenarios – to include catastrophic events.

The NCEOP describes a system for effective use of Federal, State, and local government resources as well as private sector resources necessary to preserve the health, safety and welfare of those persons affected during various emergencies. It is intended in all instances to be consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Chapter 166A of the North Carolina General Statutes establishes the authority and responsibilities of the Governor. The Governor delegates authority to the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety who will serve as the State Coordinating Officer (SCO) and will be responsible for direction and control of state operations. The Secretary of the Department of Public Safety delegates authority to the NCEM Director who is granted the responsibility and authority to respond to emergencies and disasters.

The NCEOP establishes responsibilities for state departments, private volunteer organizations, and private non-profit organizations that make up the State Emergency Response Team (SERT). The NCEOP incorporates a functional approach that groups the types of assistance to be provided under NC Emergency Support Functions (NCESF) and responsibilities assigned to SERT sections for addressing needs at the state and county levels. Each function is assigned a lead state agency, which has been selected based on that agency's authorities, resources, and capabilities in a particular functional area. Additionally, each function is assigned a NCEM Office of Primary Responsibility (OPR), which coordinates interaction between primary and support agencies and the federal, state, and local emergency management structure. A corresponding federal Emergency Support Function (ESF) is also identified for each.

State assistance will be provided under the overall coordination of the SERT Leader, acting for NCEM, Department of Public Safety, on behalf of the Governor.

The Basic Plan describes the concepts of response and recovery operations using an all-hazards approach. Annex A and its appendices detail functional responsibilities for state departments and agencies, private sector groups and volunteer organizations. Annex B contains selected event-specific emergency response plans. The Terrorism Annex, Radiological Emergency Preparedness Plan (REP), and Electromagnetic Pulse Plan (EMP) contain sensitive information and are not included in the published NCEOP.

This EOP serves as the foundation for standard operating procedures to efficiently and effectively implement state response and recovery activities.

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RECORD OF CHANGES

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The NCEOP was revised in December 2015, June 2016, with revisions August 2017, May 2018, August 2018 and now the September 2019 updates, dated December 2019.

CHANGE TYPE	NUMBER	CHANGE DATE	DATE POSTED	AUTHORIZED BY
Rev	1	June 2016	July 2016	M. Sprayberry
Rev	2	August 2017	December 2017	M. Sprayberry
Up	3	May 2018	May 2018	W. Ray
Up	4	August 2018	December 2018	W. Ray
Up	5	September 2019	December 2019	W. Ray

Key: Change = Ch Update = Up Revision = Rev

Change – After annual plan review, a change constitutes the least invasive of the three plan management processes and is conducted annually. A change includes but is not limited to variations in phone numbers, office symbols, locations, etc. A change, despite the level of magnitude, requires a record of changes sheet within the plan to be completed. A change requires a formal signature by the NCEM Deputy Planning Chief.

Update – After annual plan review, if less than 25% of the content within the plan requires a change, an update is constituted. An update could be minor organizational, procedural, and/or situational changes. An update, despite the level of magnitude, requires a record of changes sheet within the plan to be completed. Also, an update requires a formal signature by the NCEM Planning Chief.

Revision – After annual plan review, if greater than 25% of the content within the plan requires a change, a revision occurs. A revision constitutes the most invasive level of change to organization, procedure, situation, overall format, and governing policy. A revision requires a formal signature by the NCEM Director.

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