

Purpose and Activation

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This plan shall mesh in all aspects with the Statewide Fire-Rescue Disaster Plan, and all other ESF plans within the Region.

The purposes of this plan include:

- A framework to provide disciplined, organized support for Incident Commanders
- Laying out beforehand the relationships twixt Federal, State, and local agencies
- Defining a consistent method to channel needed fire service resources to an incident
- Assuring adequate coordination of potentially scarce resources during emergencies
- Coordination of ESF-4 activities with other ESF functions
- Meshing fire service resources into regional and statewide all-encompassing response plans

This plan should be used for:

- Incidents larger than a “normal” working fire
(even though several mutual aid towns might be assisting)
- Numerous incidents in numerous towns deplete the area’s resources
- Predicted events (i.e. weather) that are likely to exceed local resources
- Unique incidents (i.e. haz-mat or technical rescues) that exceed a local area’s abilities
- Long-term incidents require relief crews

Who can activate this plan:

- Incident Commander
- Dispatcher
- County/State Fire Coordinator
- Regional or sub-regional ESF-4 Chair
- Region V Emergency Management Director
- State Emergency Manager

Activation of the Plan means:

- Notifying key players of regional resource requests
- Activating off-scene coordination systems for regional fire service resources
- Coordinating regional fire service resources as appropriate for the scope of the incident
- Actual implementation of plan components

Activation may occur from the “bottom up” (by Command or Dispatch) when an incident escalates
Activation may occur from the “top down” (by Coordinators/ESF-4 chairs/Regional or State Emergency Managers) when there is a major event forecast, or multiple smaller events are in danger of overlapping standard mutual aid requests

How to activate the Plan:

- Request activation (directly or through another Dispatch Center) by Litchfield County Dispatch
- Request a County/State Fire Coordinator to the scene