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EF 13 – Law Enforcement

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EF 13 Tasked Agencies	
Primary Agencies	Shasta County Sheriff's Office
Supporting Agencies	Mutual Aid Partners Shasta County Fire Department California Highway Patrol
Primary State Agency	California Governor's Office of Emergency Services, Law Enforcement Division

1 Purpose and Scope

Emergency Function (EF) 13 coordinates law enforcement personnel and equipment to support emergency response operations. This support function is inclusive of general law enforcement duties, emergency police, and public safety services. Local law enforcement agencies will also provide support for evacuation traffic control, criminal investigations, access control to incident sites and/or governmental facilities (including County and local Emergency Operations Centers [EOCs]), and security at community care/sheltering facilities and hospitals, prisons, and other critical care facilities involved in emergency response activities.

2 Policies and Agreements

2.1 Policies

The following policies are currently in place:

- Shasta County Code, Chapter 2.72.
- Shasta County Resolution Number 95-175 establishing the Shasta Operational Area (September 26, 1995).
- Government Code, Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7 (California Emergency Services Act).
- Title 2, Division 1, Chapter 7.5 (California Natural Disaster Assistance Act).
- California Standardized Emergency Management System Code of Regulations, Title 19, Division 2 (Regulations).

2.2 Agreements

The following agreements are currently in place:

- None at this time.

3 Situation and Assumptions

3.1 Situation

Shasta County (County) is susceptible to a multitude of natural and human-caused disasters. Depending on their magnitude, these disasters have the ability to damage infrastructure, structures, and lifelines that may rapidly overwhelm the capacity of County agencies to assess the disaster and respond effectively to meet basic and emergency human needs.

During any type of disaster or large-scale emergency, law enforcement officers may be faced with tremendous challenges in meeting the increased needs for public assistance and aid. Law enforcement duties during emergencies include providing security for staging areas, mass care shelters, search and rescue, evacuation assistance, and traffic control. Emergency situations may lead to increased call volume, impaired roadways and other infrastructure, high numbers of citizens with injuries and needing rescue, and looting and other violence. Such circumstances can cause fatigue and mental stress among officers and result in angry and upset victims who have high expectations of law enforcement's ability to manage and control the situation.

3.2 Assumptions

- General law enforcement problems are compounded by disaster-related community disruption, restriction of movement, impacted communications and facilities, and a shortage of law enforcement resources.
- The capabilities of local law enforcement agencies may be quickly exceeded. Supplemental assistance should be requested through local and State of California (State) emergency management and the operational area mutual aid agreements, through the Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Coordinator.
- The availability of resources will have a profound effect on agencies' abilities to perform tasked activities.

4 Roles and Responsibilities

4.1 Emergency Function 13 Actions by Phase of Emergency Management

4.1.1 Preparedness

- Develop and maintain plans, procedures, and checklists to support emergency law enforcement operations.

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- Ensure that emergency personnel call-up and resource lists are current and available to emergency management.
- Strive to ensure that all law enforcement personnel within the jurisdiction, including regulars and auxiliaries, are trained to the appropriate Standardized Emergency Management System (SEMS) and National Incident Management System (NIMS)/Incident Command System (ICS) level in traffic control and evacuation procedures and in search and rescue operations.
- Coordinate and maintain liaison with support agencies and State and federal law enforcement agencies.
- Review plans and procedures and ensure that all law enforcement personnel are informed of existing or revised procedures.
- Ensure that mutual aid agreements with surrounding jurisdictions are current.
- Develop and maintain mutual aid agreements with local private-sector resources that could be used to augment local law enforcement capabilities.
- Ensure the availability of necessary equipment to support law enforcement activities.
- Participate in emergency management training and exercises.

4.1.2 Response

- Assist with the dissemination of warnings and notifications as time and resources allow.
- Establish communication between the EOC and Incident Management Team to determine the resources needed to support incident response and operations.
- Respond as required on a priority basis.
- Secure the prisoner population(s) in the detention center(s) during a disaster situation.
- Secure incident site(s).
- Activate mutual aid if needed.
- Support damage assessment activities.
- Coordinate activities with other responding agencies.

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- Coordinate law enforcement agencies responding from outside the jurisdiction.
- Alert or activate off-duty and auxiliary personnel as required by the emergency.
- Conduct other specific response actions as dictated by the situation.
- Document expenditures for disaster/emergency-related activities and report to the EOC.

4.1.3 Recovery

- Continue to render support when and where required as long as emergency conditions exist.
- Demobilize resources.
- Return equipment and vehicles to response-ready condition.
- Document costs and provide copies to the EOC.
- Review plans and procedures with key personnel and make revisions and changes as needed.
- Participate in after-action briefings and develop after-action reports.

4.1.4 Mitigation

- Participate in the hazard identification process and identify and correct vulnerabilities in the public safety and security function.
- Develop public safety programs that include disaster situations and present them to the public.

5 Concept of Operations**5.1 General**

- SEMS is the system required by Government Code § 8607(a) for managing response to multi-agency and multi-jurisdiction emergencies in California. SEMS incorporates the use of ICS, the Master Mutual Aid Agreement, existing mutual aid systems, the Operational Area concept, and multi-agency or inter-agency coordination. It creates a measure of performance by which responses to emergencies can be evaluated and improved.
- In accordance with the Basic Plan and this EF Annex, the County Sheriff's Office is the primary agency responsible for coordinating public safety and security activities. Plans and procedures developed

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by the primary and supporting agencies provide the framework for carrying out those activities.

- Requests for assistance with public safety and security resources will be generated one of two ways: they will be forwarded to the County EOC, or they will be issued in accordance with established mutual aid agreements.
- The County EOC will provide guidance for coordinating public safety and security resources.
- Public safety and security support requirements that cannot be met at the local level should be forwarded to the State for assistance. If needed, federal assistance may be requested by the Governor.

5.2 Notifications

- The Director of Emergency Services will notify the County Sheriff's Office and supporting agencies of EOC activations and request that representatives report to the EOC to coordinate public safety and security activities.
- As additional EOC staffing needs become apparent, other support and partnering agency personnel may be asked to report to the EOC to assist with public safety and security activities.

5.3 Access and Functional Needs Populations

Provision of public safety and security services in the County will take into account populations with access and functional needs.

6 Emergency Functional Annex Development and Maintenance

The County Sheriff's Office will be responsible for coordinating regular review and maintenance of this EF Annex. Each primary and supporting agency will be responsible for developing plans and procedures that address assigned tasks.

7 Supporting Documents

The following plans and procedures are currently in place:

Shasta County

- None at this time.

State of California

- California Law Enforcement Mutual Aid Plan (9th Edition, April 2014)

- California Emergency Plan: EF 13 – Public Safety and Security

Federal

- National Response Framework: ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security

8 Appendices

None at this time.