

**OHIO EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION #1**

TRANSPORTATION

PRIMARY AGENCY: Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT)

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard (ONG)
Ohio Emergency Management Agency (OEMA)
Ohio State Highway Patrol (OSHP)
Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR)

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Purpose

ESF-1 addresses the following areas of concern for the transportation function for the State of Ohio during emergencies:

1. Assessing damage to, restoring, and maintaining land, air and water transportation routes during emergencies in coordination with governmental and private organizations as required.
2. Transportation of state personnel, materials, goods, and services to emergency sites.
3. Supporting evacuation and reentry operations for threatened areas.

II. SITUATION

- A. Hazards that affect Ohio can damage transportation infrastructure and can hamper the movement of emergency personnel and delay the delivery of vital resources. Disasters will reduce the availability of many local resources and require the transportation of resources to the affected area.
- B. Disasters can reduce the availability of many local resources and might require the transportation of resources to the affected area.
- C. Emergency evacuation activities are usually conducted by local response organizations. The state might assist in evacuation efforts during hazards over a long duration or during those with unpredictable fluctuations in peak effects.
- D. Most state transportation resources cannot be committed off of the state highway system without a declaration of emergency by the Governor.

E. Assumptions

1. Disaster responses addressing transportation systems can be difficult to coordinate immediately following an emergency since routes may be blocked by traffic, debris and/or damage.
2. Repairs to transportation systems will be prioritized based upon benefit to disaster victims and the disaster's effect on communities.
3. Repair of access routes will permit a sustained flow of emergency relief even though localized distribution patterns might be disrupted for a significant period.
4. The requirement for transportation capacity during the immediate lifesaving response phase at the site of the disaster might exceed the availability of state assets.
5. The State of Ohio will determine when to request federal transportation assistance that would be provided in accordance with the National Response Plan (NRP).

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Overview

1. ODOT is the lead agency for ESF-1. ODOT liaisons will staff the Ohio Emergency Operations Center (Ohio EOC) and coordinate with appropriate support organizations to answer the transportation-related needs of affected communities. These needs may include the following.
 - a. Damage assessment of transportation infrastructure.
 - b. Transportation route repair activities.
 - c. Technical assistance to local governments.
 - d. Hauling materials.
 - e. Repairing slips and slides.
 - f. Debris clearance from transportation routes.
 - g. Repairing damage to bridges and culverts.
 - h. Providing rental equipment and materials.
 - i. Interfacing with railroads, airports, port authorities and related transportation providers/facilitators.
 - j. Support of local evacuation activities.
2. ESF-1 Primary and Support organizations will be notified by the Ohio Emergency Management Agency (Ohio EMA) when emergency assessment, response, and recovery activities are required in the Assessment Room, the Ohio EOC, and the Disaster Field Office (DFO).

B. Relationships Between Levels of Government

1. Federal

- a. During federally-declared emergencies, federal ESF-1 agencies are:
 - U.S. Dept. of Transportation (Primary)
 - U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA
 - U.S. Department of Defense
 - U.S. Department of Homeland Security
 - U.S. Department of the Interior
 - U.S. Department of Justice
 - U.S. Department of State
 - General Services Administration
 - U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service
 - U.S. Postal Service.
- b. Coordination with Federal ESF-1 agencies can occur in the Ohio EOC, at the site of the emergency, and/or in the DFO.
- c. Federal ESF-1 agencies will support state assessment, response, and recovery activities and will accept emergency requests and missions from state ESF-1 agencies.

2. State

- a. ESF-1 agencies maintain a working relationship throughout emergency response and recovery operations to ensure that emergency transportation needs are identified, assessed, prioritized and addressed.
- b. ESF-1 agencies will coordinate with the ESF-1 agencies from the following adjacent states when required during emergencies: Michigan, Indiana, Kentucky, West Virginia, and Pennsylvania.

3. Local

- a. Emergency requests for state transportation resources and services at the local level that are communicated to the Ohio EOC will be directed to ESF-1 agencies for action.
- b. Responses to requests for ESF-1 assistance made by local officials to personnel from ESF-1 agencies at the site of the disaster will be coordinated with and approved by state-level ESF-1 personnel before action is taken.

4. The Agency Comparison Chart for ESF-1 Organizations, below, lists the organizations in the federal ESF-1 Team of the National Response Plan and coordinating agencies at the state and local level.

<u>State Organizations</u>	<u>Federal Organizations</u>	<u>Local Organizations</u>
Ohio Department of Transportation	U.S. Department of Transportation	Local/County Engineers and Street Departments
Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard	U.S. Department of Defense	*
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	U.S. Department of Commerce, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration	*
*	Department of Homeland Security	*
Ohio Department of Natural Resources	Department of the Interior	*
Ohio State Highway Patrol	Department of Justice	*
*	Department of State	*
*	General Services Administration	*
*	U.S. Department of Agriculture, Forest Service	*
Ohio Emergency Management Agency	U.S. Postal Service	Local Post Offices and County EMA Directors

IV. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITY

A. Organization

1. ESF-1 organizations will be activated by Ohio EMA for assessment, response, and recovery operations based on the needs of the emergency. Primary and Support Agencies for the state transportation function will coordinate with each other in the Ohio EOC and the DFO to ensure the most effective use of personnel and equipment, to avoid redundant activities and to cooperate on emergency transportation missions.

B. Assignment of Responsibility

1. Ohio Department of Transportation

- a. Serve on damage assessment teams to determine types of damage to and repairs needed for transportation infrastructure.

- b. Coordinate with ESF-1 Support Agencies to develop and prioritize state and federal ESF-1 missions.
 - c. Alert affected Districts and Divisions and provide on-going internal communications and coordination.
 - d. Maintain an overview of ESF-1 missions and activities for briefing purposes.
 - e. Support the transportation of state emergency personnel, goods and services to the site of the disaster including the establishment of State Transportation Staging Areas.
 - f. Coordinate with Port Authorities, the Ohio Rail Commission, airports, bus companies and other public and private transportation providers for emergency information and assistance as requested or needed during emergencies.
 - g. Give emergency response and recovery operations the highest priority for permit processing and the waiving of permit fees.
 - h. Procure equipment and services from private contractors as needed during emergencies.
 - i. Coordinate with transportation organizations in the affected area in order to obtain information on the transportation infrastructure and assist local organizations in emergency repairs to transportation infrastructure.
 - j. Assist Support Agencies for emergency transportation response and recovery activities by providing fuel and maintenance for state vehicles
 - k. Provide reports to state agencies on the status of transportation routes at the site of the emergency.
 - l. Provide aviation support and coordination through the Division of Aviation. (Refer to Tab #1 Aviation Support Plan)
2. Adjutant General's Department, Ohio National Guard
- a. When a Governor's declaration has been issued, ONG can provide general and unique engineering services such as debris hauling, emergency road repairs, and emergency erosion control and demolitions.
 - b. Provide air and ground transportation assets as required and as available.
 - c. Assist in the temporary repair of critical transportation infrastructure.
 - d. Assist in the evacuation of residents and resources from disaster areas.
 - e. Support assessment of damage to transportation infrastructure.

3. Ohio Emergency Management Agency
 - a. Coordinate with local EMAs and the U.S. Postal Service to hold and protect the mail of the evacuated population when needed.
 - b. Coordinate with local EMA Directors to ensure State ESF-1 agencies and their personnel are able to work with appropriate local officials and technicians on local mission assignments.
4. Ohio Department of Natural Resources
 - a. Coordinate with the U.S. Coast Guard and the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers for transportation assistance on the Ohio River, Lake Erie, and inland waterways as needed.
 - b. Assist ESF-1 with removal of debris from transportation routes and from other areas that require emergency access. (Refer to ESF-3 for additional information about the Engineering and Public Works function.)
5. Ohio State Highway Patrol
 - a. Provide traffic control, enforcement and related services on state highways and other traffic routes during emergencies as directed.
 - b. Coordinate with ODOT in developing and implementing emergency traffic control measures.
 - c. Provide state coordination and support for local law enforcement traffic control efforts during emergencies.
 - d. Assist local authorities in emergency evacuation relocation and reentry operations.
 - e. Support assessment of damage to transportation infrastructure.

V. RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS

- A. ESF-1 organizations maintain organizational Standard Operating Procedures and Resource Listings that document the equipment, supplies, and services available to and from them during emergencies.

VI. TABS

- A. Tab A – Aviation Support Plan
- B. Tab B – Ohio Strategic National Stockpile and State Pharmaceutical Cache Transportation Plan