

# **FOR COMMENT AND REVIEW ONLY**

## **EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION - 4 - FIREFIGHTING**

### **PRIMARY AGENCY**

The Kentucky Fire Commission

### **SUPPORT AGENCIES**

Justice and Public Safety Cabinet  
Kentucky National Guard  
Department of the Army  
US Department of the Interior  
US Department of Agriculture  
Tennessee Valley Authority

### **MISSION**

The Mission of ESF - 4 is to provide for the protection of life and property and to minimize actual or potential fire damage across the Commonwealth.

### **ASSUMPTIONS**

The Kentucky Fire Commission, when activated as ESF - 4 will manage the delivery of fire and fire prevention services using all fire resources within the Commonwealth.

The Kentucky Fire Commission will assist in the planning for, tracking of and delivery to areas of need all fire resources requested from out of state agencies as well as those fire resources conducting mutual aid within the Commonwealth.

### **DIRECTION AND CONTROL**

The Kentucky Fire Commission is responsible for coordination of all ESF - 4 – Firefighting activities and will provide a supporting role to the Division of Forestry when managing the response and recovery from forest fires within the Commonwealth.

Upon activation of ESF - 4 The Kentucky Fire Commission will assign coordinators to the ESF - 4 desk at the CEOC and if required at the Unified Area Command.

All fire resources operating in an impacted area, above and beyond local agencies, will be monitored and managed by ESF - 4.

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## CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

### **Preparedness**

Prepare and maintain current list of personnel, equipment and their locations needed to carry out responsibilities as assigned under ESF - 4.

Develop Continuity of Operations Plans for ESF - 4 to ensure uninterrupted operations during disasters.

Prepare and maintain ESF administrative and financial procedures as required to properly document activities of the ESF during activations.

Maintain statewide mutual aid agreements to provide equipment and personnel as requested by an Incident Commander.

### **Response**

Activate ESF - 4 when requested by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, and assign coordinators to the CEOC.

Provide regional support through Fire Commission regional coordinators acting as liaisons to Fire Commission staff at the CEOC.

Track the delivery of fire services during an incident and prepare additional resources as needed.

### **Recovery**

Provide coordination and support as required for Recovery Operations involving fire departments in impacted areas.

Coordinate assistance to State, Local and County governments in the removal of fire hazards from the impacted area.

Coordinate the withdrawal of deployed fire resources and track until return to their jurisdiction of origin.

Conduct internal After Action Reviews and document lessons learned and recommendations for improvement of Emergency Operations Plans, Procedures and Guidelines.

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## Assignment of Responsibilities

### Primary Agency

The Kentucky Fire Commission will

Coordinate ESF - 4 – Firefighting in Kentucky.

Be responsible for the activation and operation of ESF - 4 for the Commonwealth as requested by the CEOC.

Be responsible for assignment of an ESF - 4 Coordinator to work in the CEOC to fulfill duties at the ESF - 4 desk.

When required, assign an ESF - 4 Coordinator to the Federal Joint Field Office ESF - 4 as described in the National Response Plan.

Be responsible for developing and maintaining Standard Operating Procedures for ESF - 4.

Be responsible for the establishment of emergency communications links with the CEOC and any subordinate District Offices involved in the response to the disaster.

Be responsible for activating ESF - 4 in Regional and State level Homeland Security Exercises as requested by the Kentucky Office of Homeland Security and the CEOC.

### Support Agencies

#### Justice and Public Safety Cabinet

The Justice and Public Safety Cabinet is responsible for fire service in state correctional facilities unless local fire services are asked to assume the responsibility.

The Department of Corrections will provide fire support crews as requested.

#### Kentucky National Guard

The Kentucky National Guard may supply firefighting personnel and equipment during fire emergencies.

#### Department of the Army

The Department of the Army is responsible for fire and rescue operations at Ft. Campbell, Ft. Knox, Lexington-Bluegrass Army Depot and Wolf Creek Dam unless the Commonwealth is asked to assume the responsibility.

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## **U.S. Department of the Interior**

The U.S. Department of the Interior through the Park Service is responsible for fire service at Mammoth Cave and Cumberland Gap National Parks unless the Commonwealth is asked to assume the responsibility.

## **U.S. Department of Agriculture**

The U.S. Department of Agriculture through the Forest Service is responsible for fire service in national forests unless the Commonwealth is asked to assume the responsibility.

## **Tennessee Valley Authority**

The Tennessee Valley Authority is responsible for fire service in the Land Between the Lakes and the land under their control unless the Commonwealth is asked to assume the responsibility

## **ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT**

This ESF will be reviewed annually by the Kentucky Division of Emergency Management Planning Branch and the ESF - 4 CEOC Coordinator.

KSF will develop and review ESF - 4 Standard Operating Procedures and provide an updated copy to the KyEM Planning Branch no later than December 1<sup>st</sup> of each year.

## **REFERENCES**

KRS 39A-F

The National Response Framework

The National Incident Management System

Kentucky Division of Emergency Management, Commonwealth Emergency Operations Center, Standard Operating Procedures

ESF - 4 Standard Operating Procedures