

| Concept of Operations | Emergency Support Function (ESF) # 4<br>Firefighting |
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| Lead Agency      | Franklin County United Firefighters Association (FCUFA) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Alligator Point Volunteer Fire Department (APVFD)</li> <li>• Apalachicola Volunteer Fire Department (AVFD)</li> <li>• Carrabelle Volunteer Fire Department (CVFD)</li> <li>• Dog Island Volunteer Fire Department (DIVFD)</li> <li>• Eastpoint Volunteer Fire Department (EVFD)</li> <li>• St George Island Volunteer Fire Department (SGIVFD)</li> <li>• St James / Lanark Volunteer Fire Department (SJLVFD)</li> </ul> |
| Support Agencies | Apalachicola Police Department (APD)<br>Carrabelle Police Department (CPD)<br>Franklin County Emergency Management Department (FCEMD)<br>Franklin County Road Department (FCRD)<br>Franklin County Sheriff's Office (FCSO)   |

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## 1.0 - Introduction



## 1.1 – Purpose

The purpose of this ESF is to provide guidance to agencies involved in firefighting activities in the county.

## 1.2 – Scope

Fires, as referred to in this document, are fires of any classification, which result from natural or manmade events and threaten lives, property and / or the environment.

## 1.3 – Assumptions

There are no career service fire departments in the county. The county relies completely on VFDs<sup>1</sup> for structural firefighting. Therefore, it is assumed that local personnel and equipment capabilities will quickly be exhausted responding to a major fire and outside assistance will be requested by the FCEMD through the SWO<sup>2</sup>.

## 2.0 – Concept of Operations

### 2.1 – General

There are no career service fire departments in the county. Structural firefighting protection is provided by seven VFDs located throughout the county. The VFDs also respond to brush fires, wildfires and fires in the urban / wildland interface.

The president of the FCUFA is responsible for local coordination with all VFDs.

### 2.2 – Organization

This ESF is part of the Operations Section of the county's EOC<sup>3</sup>. The county's EOC utilizes the ICS<sup>4</sup> structure during all activations.

### 2.3 – Primary Activities

#### 2.3.1 – Coordination

The President of the FCUFA is responsible for day-to-day coordination with the county's seven VFDs.

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<sup>1</sup> Volunteer Fire Department

<sup>2</sup> State Watch Office

<sup>3</sup> Emergency Operations Center

<sup>4</sup> Incident Command System



The FCEMD will work with the President of the FCUFA to maintain a current inventory of personnel, equipment and vehicles available for use from the VFDs.

Each county's VFD chiefs will be notified when the county EOC is activated via the PSAP<sup>5</sup> located at the FCSO.

When the county's EOC is activated the FCUFA will be represented by one of the VFD chiefs or designee on a 24-hour basis as needed to coordinate the responsibilities of this ESF.

The FCEMD retains the responsibility to authorize a request for firefighting mutual aid assistance from outside the county.

### **2.3.2 – Damage Assessment**

The FCPAO is the lead agency for Damage Assessment. The county's VFDs will support the FCPAO by providing personnel for Damage Assessment in each of their respective geographic areas.

### **2.3.3– Debris Removal**

The FCRD is the lead agency for Debris Removal. The county's VFDs will support the FCRD in road clearing duties within each of their respective geographic areas.

### **2.3.4 – Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC)**

The FCEMD is responsible for coordinating Disaster Recovery Centers. The VFDs will assist in a variety of ways including:

1. Providing staff support to the DRCs
2. Providing local knowledge of affected areas.
3. Delivering recovery information.

### **2.3.5– Search and Rescue**

## **3.0 – Responsibilities – Lead and Support Agencies**

Listed below is a brief description of the responsibilities of each lead and support agency for this ESF.

### **3.1 – Lead Agency**

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<sup>5</sup> Public Safety Access Point



**Franklin County United Firefighters Association** – Responsible for the following activities.

- Develop and maintaining firefighting resources.
- Coordinate fire suppression activities.
- Assist law enforcement agencies in traffic control.
- Assist in emergency notification and public information dissemination.
- Assist law enforcement agencies in search and rescue operations.

### **3.2 – Support Agencies**

**Apalachicola Police Department** – To assist in implementing protective actions regarding the general public and to assist with traffic control.

**Carrabelle Police Department** – To assist in implementing protective actions regarding the general public and to assist with traffic control.

**Franklin County Emergency Management Department** - Coordinate request for additional assistance as needed.

**Franklin County Road Department** – To assist with clearing road right of way.

**Franklin County Sheriff's Office** – To assist in implementing protective actions regarding the general public and to assist with traffic control.

