

<b>Concept of Operations</b>	<b>Emergency Support Function (ESF) # 13 Military Support</b>
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Lead Agency	Franklin County Emergency Management Department (FCEMD)
Support Agency	Florida National Guard (FNG)

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**1.0 – Introduction**

**1.1 – Purpose**

The purpose of this ESF is to provide guidance to agencies requesting assistance from the FNG in response to personnel and resource needs created by a major or catastrophic disaster.

**1.2 – Scope**

A major or catastrophic disaster may require the use of military resources. Military assistance could include that from the FNG as well as from active and reserve forces. Typical missions for military forces include:

- Traffic control and road blocks.
- Building security.
- Escort for emergency equipment / personnel.
- Area security / patrols.
- Security at custody facilities.
- Security for emergency work crews.
- Protection of critical infrastructure.



- Transport of law enforcement personnel.
- VIP protection / escort.
- Joint patrols / ride along.
- Force protection.
- Show of force.
- Dispersion of crowds.
- Protection of persons and property.
- Provision of equipment such as high wheeled vehicles and aircraft.

### 1.3 – Assumptions

The county will require State and Federal support to respond to a major or catastrophic disaster.

The Governor will issue an Executive Order prior to the occurrence of a major or catastrophic disaster when possible, authorizing the SEOC<sup>1</sup> to coordinate response and recovery efforts.

FNG personnel and assets may be deployed to the disaster area as appropriate and will be fully self-contained units.

Restoration and / or preservation of law and order in support of the FCSO<sup>2</sup>, APD<sup>3</sup> and CPD<sup>4</sup> will be the priority mission of military assets immediately following a major or catastrophic disaster.

## 2.0 – Concept of Operations

### 2.1 – General

Major and catastrophic disasters have the potential to exhaust the county's limited local disaster response and recovery capabilities. In these instances, the FCEMD may consider requesting the assistance of the FNG through the SEOC. The authority to mobilize the FNG rests solely with the Governor.

### 2.2 – Organization

This ESF is part of the Operation Section of the county's EOC. The county's EOC utilizes the ICS<sup>5</sup> structure during all activations.

<sup>1</sup> State Emergency Operations Center

<sup>2</sup> Franklin County Sheriff's Office

<sup>3</sup> Apalachicola Police Department

<sup>4</sup> Carrabelle Police Department

<sup>5</sup> Incident Command System



## 2.3 – Primary Activities

### 2.3.1 – Capabilities of the FNG

The FNG performs many functions in disaster operations. Florida's CEMP<sup>6</sup> identifies the FNG as playing a supporting role in the following disaster functions:

- Transportation (ESF # 1)
- Communications (ESF # 2)
- Public Works (ESF # 3)
- Firefighting (ESF # 4)
- Information and Planning (ESF # 5)
- Mass Care (ESF # 6)
- Resource Support (ESF # 7)
- Health and Medical Services (ESF # 8)
- Search and Rescue (ESF # 9)
- Food and Water (ESF # 11)
- Energy (ESF # 12)
- Law Enforcement (ESF # 16)

## 3.0 – Responsibilities – Lead and Support Agencies

### 3.1 – Lead Agency

**Franklin County Emergency Management Department** – Is responsible for coordinating all aspects of military support operations in the county to include:

- Determining if a disaster will require assistance that can be provided by the FNG.
- Coordinating all local logistical aspects associated with mobilizing the FNG to the county.
- Serving as the local point of contact for the FNG.

### 3.2 – Support Agency

**Florida National Guard** – No responsibilities are assigned to the FNG in this document.

<sup>6</sup> Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan

