

## **ANNEX G (PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING)**

### **I. PURPOSE**

This annex describes how Portage County will coordinate with the municipalities and private utility companies with providing public works services; assessing the damage to infrastructure and buildings; restoring and maintaining essential services and providing technical assistance through specialized personnel, equipment and supplies.

### **II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

The county will support the municipalities by ensuring that the infrastructure and buildings in the community are safe for use after a disaster or creating, through demolitions or repairs, a safe condition.

Public works and engineering personnel should identify mitigation opportunities to reduce future disaster damages and make recommendations as appropriate.

During the recovery phase, all agencies are expected to support continuing operations with equipment and staff.

### **III. RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS**

#### **A. County Public Works Department**

##### **Response**

1. Survey damages to infrastructure, buildings and equipment in disaster areas. Develop and make recommendations to alleviate problems.
2. Clear or barricade County and State roads and bridges. Assist towns and villages with road clearing if needed and as resources are available.
3. Assist with search and rescue operations if needed and as resources are available.
4. Coordinate with the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for debris removal and disposal.
5. Assist utility companies with emergency service shut-off if needed.
6. Coordinate with essential services and utility companies during the restoration and maintenance of essential services (i.e., electricity, fuel, water, gas, sewage disposal, telephone, cable television, and garbage collection) to the affected area.

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7. Coordinate mutual aid and private contractors with the county public works department, the Incident Commander and the EOC.
8. Coordinate with law enforcement to maintain evacuation routes, identify potential problems and ensure safety along those routes.
9. Assess damages and coordinate with the health department on decontamination of water and water testing.
10. Oversee flood control activities in coordination with the EOC.
11. Maintain contact and coordinate operations with public and private utility representatives.

### **Recovery**

1. Continue to maintain, clear and repair the infrastructure system until normal operations are restored.
2. Reassess the situation and reassign or dismiss resources as necessary.
3. Compile and document disaster damages and report them to County Emergency Management.
4. Assist with the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) and disaster declaration process as requested.

### **Resources**

1. For resource lists of County Highway Department and Stevens Point Streets Department equipment see Attachment 4. For resource lists of the equipment owned by the nine villages, see Attachment 5. For resource lists of equipment owned by the seventeen towns, see Attachment 6.

## **B. County Emergency Management**

### **Response**

1. Maintain contact and coordinate operations with public and private utility representatives.
2. Establish priorities for the restoration of essential services.

### **Recovery**

1. Compile and document disaster damages and report them to WEM.

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2. Assist with the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) and disaster declaration process as requested.

### **C. Essential Services and Utility Companies**

#### **Response**

1. Coordinate with Incident Commander the EOC and other public and private agencies for emergency service shut-off.
2. Coordinate the restoration and maintenance of essential services (i.e., electricity, fuel, gas, telephone, cable television, garbage collection, and water and sewer services) to the affected areas.

#### **Recovery**

1. Continue to restore essential services
2. Maintain essential services operations.
3. Compile and document damages and report them to County Emergency Management.
4. Assist with the Preliminary Damage Assessment (PDA) and disaster declaration process as needed.

#### **Resources**

1. For an organizational contact list of public and private agencies see Attachment 7 of this annex.

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