

# PORTAGE COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

## ANNEX D (LAW ENFORCEMENT)

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## **PURPOSE**

This annex describes how the county will ensure the protection of life and property during emergency situations. Attachment 10 of this plan describes operations during a Terrorism or Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) event.

## **CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

### **I. Authority**

The general welfare and protection of citizens during emergencies, both natural and man-made is the responsibility of the town, municipal and county law enforcement agencies as set forth in the local laws.

The Sheriff is the senior law enforcement officer in the county and has authority over resources in the law enforcement service during a major emergency. The Sheriff provides the law enforcement resources needed. If the incident is within the jurisdiction of a police chief, constable or marshal, the Sheriff and the municipal law enforcement official shall coordinate the law enforcement response.

### **II. Coordination**

Prepare town, municipal and county law enforcement agencies and coordinate procedures, equipment and facilities. If county law enforcement resources are exhausted, the Sheriff coordinates mutual aid with the Emergency Police Services Area Director.

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

## **RESPONSIBILITIES AND TASKS**

### **I. County Sheriff's Office**

#### **Response**

1. Coordinate with the Incident Commander and local law enforcement agencies to provide requested services.

2. Coordinate with local law enforcement to maintain perimeters, limit access (e.g., pass system, checkpoints), control traffic and crowds, prevent looting, maintain law and order, provide investigative services and preserve security.
3. Coordinate with local law enforcement to conduct warning, evacuation and sheltering operations as needed.
4. Support special operations (e.g., search and rescue, bomb squad, WMD, radiological) as requested.
5. Coordinate the implementation of the Terrorism/Weapons of Mass Destruction Plan as needed. (Attachment 10)
6. Refer to Annex D of the State EOP for additional law enforcement support.

### **Recovery**

1. Coordinate re-entry activities with local law enforcement.
2. Demobilize and return resources to a state of readiness.
3. Coordinate with local law enforcement to conduct post-incident reviews of response actions.

## **II. County Emergency Management**

### **Response**

1. Support the Sheriff with coordinating resources and mutual aid.
2. Coordinate with the Sheriff to assess the incident and resource needs.

### **Recovery**

1. Coordinate with the Sheriff to conduct post-incident reviews of response actions.