

APPENDIX IV: EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION 4 - FIREFIGHTING

PRIMARY AGENCY: Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal

SUPPORT AGENCIES: Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service; and the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association; State Emergency Response Plan (SERP) Coordinators.

I. INTRODUCTION

The purpose of Emergency Support Function 4 (ESF 4) is to provide State support to local governments and to describe the use of State resources to detect and suppress urban, rural and wildland fires resulting from, or occurring coincidentally with, a significant disaster condition or event whether planned or unplanned.

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. GENERAL

Firefighting involves managing and coordinating firefighting support and command and control as needed to local governments for detection and suppression of fires, including mobilizing and providing personnel, equipment, and supplies to support local government responses.

B. ORGANIZATION

The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal is the primary agency for ESF 4. Supporting the Fire Marshal's Office are a representative from the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association and the Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service. Representatives from primary and support agencies will be present in the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) on a 24-hour basis during SEOC activations. ESF 4 reports directly to the Emergency Services Branch Chief who reports to the Operations Section Chief.

C. OPERATIONAL OBJECTIVES

1. Preparedness Objectives
 - a. Utilizing the Florida Fire Chiefs' Association *Statewide Emergency Response Plan (SERP)*, planning, coordinating and mobilizing resources from fire service organizations statewide through the seven SERP regional coordinators is accomplished.
 - b. The Florida Fire Chiefs' Association and the State Fire Marshal coordinate training and exercises regularly utilizing the Disaster Response Plan statewide.

2. Response Objectives

- a. Activate the State Fire Resource Coordination Group.
- b. Coordinate State and local resources from outside the impacted area through County EOCs and coordinating with other responding agencies.
- c. Transportation MAY be provided, if available, but is usually the responsibility of the responding agency. This may require coordination with ESF 1. Additionally, resources may be pre-positioned as conditions permit (i.e. pre-landfall for hurricanes).
- d. Members of ESF 4 may serve the State Emergency Response Team in Field Operations on any appropriate field operations team assigned.

3. Recovery Objectives

- a. Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal personnel may serve as members of any deployed recovery team assigned.
- b. Will provide fire fighting personnel and resources for recovery efforts upon request as appropriate and available.

III. RESPONSIBILITIES

A. PRIMARY AGENCY- DEPARTMENT OF FINANCIAL SERVICES, DIVISION OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

The Department of Financial Services, Division of State Fire Marshal's Office is the primary agency in ESF 4. As the primary agency, it coordinates with the support agencies in directing fire fighting resources and response activities.

B. SUPPORT AGENCIES

Agency	Responsibilities
1. Florida Fire Chiefs' Association (FFCA)	Works with the Division of State Fire Marshal by forwarding requests for fire fighting assistance to the seven fire regional response zones designated in the State of Florida <i>Statewide Emergency Response Plan</i> (prepared by the FFCA).
2. Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services, Florida Forest Service	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Serve as primary agency during an activation of the SEOC for a wildfire. b. Request and coordinate the use of all State and/or Forestry Agency Compact assets that are ordered for control of wildfires.

IV. FINANCIAL MANAGEMENT

All disaster response agency assets, city/county or otherwise, who provide assets and staff to requests from ESF 4, must submit their preliminary reimbursement request to the Department of Financial Services / Division of State Fire Marshal (ESF49@em.myflorida.com within 15 business days of demobilization orders. The final request must include the following:

- A. Salaries** - Provide a schedule for all employees, the time they worked, their pay rate and matching rate, separating regular time from overtime; NOTE: Individuals will only be paid for 24-hours during the first 48-hours of the incident, after that reimbursement is only allowable for 16 hours a day.
- B. Travel** - Provide copies of the travel vouchers you have paid due to disaster response. The appropriate Finance Director must certify travel vouchers as true expenditures; and
- C. Equipment** - Provide a detailed description of the equipment used to assist, detailing the type and size, pump size and horsepower, where the equipment was used, number of hours per piece, per day, and type of work each piece performed.

V. REFERENCES AND AUTHORITIES

- A. Federal ESF 4 Annex.
- B. Fire Suppression Draft – Forestry.
- C. The Guidelines of the State Emergency Response Team for Wildfire Events,” 2006 version.
- D. The Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association, *Statewide Emergency Response Plan*.
- E. Agreement between the Department of Health, Emergency Support Function 8, the Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association; and the State Fire Marshal.”
- F. Division of State Fire Marshal Policy 1-31 (ESF 4 and 9).
- G. Memorandum of Understanding between the Department of Environmental Protection, ESF 10; The Florida Fire Chiefs’ Association; and the State Fire Marshal.