

**CONNECTICUT STATEWIDE FIRE-RESCUE DISASTER
RESPONSE PLAN**

WINDHAM COUNTY

**MUTUAL AID DEPLOYMENT PLAN
IN SUPPORT OF EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTIONS**

ESF 4 FIREFIGHTING

ESF 9 URBAN SEARCH AND RESCUE

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I. Introduction

A. Purpose

This plan serves as a guide to local incident commanders, fire chiefs, and emergency planners on the activation of the statewide fire-rescue disaster response plan in Windham County.

B. Scope

This plan assists in the management, and coordination, of firefighting/rescue resources when incident mitigation requirements exceed local capability. This plan also provides activation information for resources requested at the county or state level.

II. Policies

All responding resources will operate under the incident command system and will work at the direction of the local incident commander. Strike teams and task forces will operate under the command of a pre-designated commander who will report to the local incident commander for assignment instructions. If sending resources to a statewide disaster will place the respective community at risk the local fire chief may **decline** to render assistance.

A. Deployment time frame

The standard for deployment of Fire-Rescue resources shall be within three (3) hours of the mission assignment. A more rapid deployment may be necessary and authorized as a “Rapid Activation”. Time frame of deployment for these activations shall be within one (1) hour of assignment.

III. Incident Levels

A. Level I

Handled completely by the local fire department with the assistance of normal mutual aid agreements in place for that department (no activation of statewide plan).

B. Level II

Escalates in scope and in the need for resources beyond the normal mutual aid agreements. The additional resources required may have an impact on the county and the statewide plan is activated.

C. Level III

Escalates in scope and in the need for resources beyond normal mutual aid agreements. The additional resources required are such that the county coordinator must request assistance from outside Windham County using the statewide plan.

D. Level IV

An incident of level III magnitude occurring in another region or state. Through activation of the statewide plan, Windham County resources have been requested to provide assistance outside Windham County.

IV. Concept of Operation

A. Organization

Fire rescue resources of Windham County have been divided into five (5) divisions. These divisions reflect the geographical positions within the county.

DIVISION 1 (West)

Willimantic Fire
North Windham Fire
Windham Center Fire
South Windham Fire
Chaplin Fire
Hampton Fire and Ambulance
Scotland Fire

DIVISION 2 (South)

Sterling Fire
Oneco Fire
Canterbury Fire
Moosup Fire
Plainfield Fire
Atwood Hose
Central Village Fire

DIVISION 3 (East)

Williamsville Fire
Danielson Fire
Attawaugan Fire
Dayville Fire
East Killingly Fire
South Killingly Fire
Mortlake Fire
East Brooklyn Fire

DIVISION 4 (Central)

Pomfret Fire
Eastford Fire
Muddy Brook Fire
Woodstock Fire
Bungay Fire

DIVISION 5 (North)

Putnam Fire and Ambulance
East Putnam Fire
Community Fire
West Thompson Fire
Quinebaug Fire
Thompson Fire
East Thompson Fire

The five divisions are organized into three Task Force areas – North, Center and South. Please refer to the appendix documents for the listing of resources in these Task Forces.

B. Definitions

Strike Team: Five like-resources with a commander in a separate vehicle.

Task Force Heavy: Four engines, two aerials, one rescue and a commander in a separate vehicle.

Task Force Light: Three engines, one aerial, one rescue and a commander in a separate vehicle.

Incident Support Staff (IMT): Supports the local incident commander by providing staff or line personnel. The ISS mission is to assist in the use of the national inter-agency incident command system as needed. Positions may include: Incident Commander, Information Officer, Liaison Officer, Safety Officer, Communications Officer, EMS Liaison, Operations Officer, Planning Officer, Logistics Officer and Finance Officer.

Pre-Designated Staging Areas:

North: Putnam, Kmart Plaza

East: Killingly, Lake Road Generating Facility

South: Plainfield I-395, Plainfield Greyhound Dog Track

West: Windham RT 14, Eastern Connecticut Fire Training School

B. Notification

1. Quinebaug Valley Emergency Communication Center (QV) will be the central notification point for activation of the Statewide Fire Rescue Disaster Plan in Windham County.
2. Local Incident Commanders can request single resource, task force, and strike team level or support staff resources to provide mutual aid by notifying QV.
3. Adjacent County Coordinators, regional Coordinators, or the State of Connecticut Emergency Operations Center can request single resource, task force, strike team level, or support staff resources to provide mutual aid by notifying QV.
4. QV will immediately begin the notification process.
5. The County Coordinator and alternates will be paged and respond to assist in resource management.
6. Basic mission orders will be provided when QV requests a department to respond. This information will allow the Chief of that department the ability to determine if that department can meet the mission requirements.
7. Fire Chiefs have 15 minutes to commit resources to the mission. The calling list will be used until minimum resources have been committed.

C. Response Actions

1. Personnel responding to missions outside Windham County should be prepared to be independent from home for 72 hours before relief is provided. That means, each member should bring enough clothing and personal belongings for three days. Red Cross support is anticipated for food and shelter.
2. Units assigned to join a response should make every effort to respond with ITAC/ICALL capability.
3. Units will respond to pre-designated staging areas and await assignment.
4. Each unit in the response must report personnel accountability to the Strike Team or Task Force Leader upon arriving at the staging area.

V. Appendixes

A. Windham County List of Assets

B. Contact Lists

C. Task Forces

i. North

1. Light

2. Heavy

ii. Central

1. Light

2. Heavy

iii. South

1. Light

2. Heavy

D. Strike Teams

- i. Type I
- ii. Type II

E. Strike Team and Task Force Designations