

**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