

**EMERGENCY SUPPORT FUNCTION - THIRTEEN**  
**PUBLIC SAFETY, LAW ENFORCEMENT AND SECURITY**

**PRIMARY AGENCY:** Chelan County Sheriff's Office  
Wenatchee Police Department

**SUPPORT AGENCIES:** Washington State Patrol, District 6  
Area state and federal Law Enforcement agencies

**INTRODUCTION**

**A. Purpose**

To provide for effective coordination of Chelan County law enforcement operations during emergency or disaster situations.

**B. Scope**

The intent of this ESF is to outline the law enforcement procedures required to effectively respond to a county-wide emergency or disaster.

**POLICIES**

The Chelan County Sheriff's Office, Wenatchee Police Department and support agencies will, within the limits of their resources and authority, coordinate with other local, state and federal law enforcement organizations to support essential law enforcement operations.

**SITUATION**

**A. Emergency/Disaster Conditions and Hazards**

Any and all conditions identified in the Hazard Analysis can affect this ESF.

**B. Planning Assumptions**

Local resources will be exhausted prior to seeking assistance from the state (Washington State Patrol or National Guard).

## **CONCEPTS OF OPERATIONS**

### **A. General**

1. In an emergency, the local law enforcement organization's regular law enforcement activities, such as traffic control or other emergency police functions, will remain their responsibility in their jurisdiction.
2. In an emergency beyond the capabilities of the local law enforcement agency, additional personnel will be provided locally through mutual assistance agreements.
3. The Washington State Patrol will advise or assist within the county, but may not supersede the authority of the Sheriff/Chief of Police.
4. All emergency traffic regulations, particularly those involving roadblocks, re-routing, etc., will be closely coordinated with the head of the appropriate public works department i.e. Department of Transportation, County and City Road Supervisors or Engineers.

### **B. Organization**

Law enforcement operations will be conducted by the agency responsible for the jurisdiction the event is in. In the event the situation is county-wide, then the Chelan County Sheriff's Office will coordinate law enforcement activities.

### **C. Procedures**

Law enforcement response will be in accordance with their operational procedures and the County's Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan.

### **D. Mitigation Activities**

1. Primary Agency  
None
2. Support Agencies  
None

**E. Preparedness Activities**

1. Primary Agency
  - a. Develop and maintain operational guidance for the effective use of its resources.
  - b. Ensuring that all personnel within their jurisdiction including regulars, reserves or auxiliaries, are trained in emergency management procedures, particularly involving traffic control, evacuations, and search and rescue operations.
  - c. Participates in local emergency response exercises and training.
  - d. Coordinates and maintains liaison with support agencies and state and federal law enforcement agencies.
2. Support Agencies
  - a. Develop and maintain operational guidance for the effective use of its resources.
  - b. Ensuring that all personnel within their jurisdiction including regulars, reserves or auxiliaries, are trained in emergency management procedures, particularly involving traffic control, evacuations, and search and rescue operations.
  - c. Participates in local emergency response exercises and training.

**F. Response Activities**

1. Primary Agencies and Support Agencies
  - a. Ensure that warnings are disseminated, utilizing all available emergency communication capabilities.
  - b. Conduct search and rescue operations within their respective political subdivisions.
  - c. When needed, law enforcement personnel providing emergency personnel assistance will maintain their own autonomy, with their subsequent actions coordinated by the head of the requesting jurisdiction.
  - d. Documentation of expenditures for disaster /emergency related obligations. This is for reimbursement and auditing purposes.
  - e. Designation of a staff member to specifically plan for and assist families of on-duty officers.
  - f. Alerting staff by use of RiverCom or other paging capabilities and briefing them of the situation.
  - g. Reviewing plans and standard operating procedures and assuring that all law enforcement personnel are informed of existing or revised procedures.

- h. Providing senior level representation at the Emergency Operations Center or mobile Command Post in multi-agency operations.
- i. Coordinating needs for augmentation of forces with Chelan County Emergency Management.

**G. Recovery Activities**

Primary and Support Agencies

Follow the concepts in the Recovery and Restoration ESF.

**RESPONSIBILITIES**

**Primary and Support Agencies**

Provides for law enforcement service as outlined in their departmental guidance documents.

**RESOURCE REQUIREMENTS**

Resource requirements for this ESF are those that are needed to accomplish the task of Law Enforcement.