



KING COUNTY FIRE RESOURCE PLAN

Section 4 – King County EOC Activation

The opening of the King County Emergency Coordination Center (ECC) may be the result of a variety of circumstances including major fires, mass casualty incidents, flooding, earthquakes or civil disturbance. Because fire personnel play a major role in almost any type of emergency requiring the opening of the ECC, it is important that the local fire jurisdictions be represented even when they are not the lead agency for the disaster, such as flooding or civil disturbance. King County Emergency Management personnel will request a zone coordinator to staff the ECC. Generally, the zone coordinator requested would be from a zone least likely impacted by the event or in a case such as flooding may be from the affected zone to capitalize on local expertise. In the event of a wide spread disaster that affects all zones, a fire representative will be requested from Zone 5.

Notification

The King County ECC will be notified any time the King County Resource Plan is utilized. The coordinator of a zone sending or receiving a Strike Team or Task Force shall be notified of that response by their zone's (main) dispatch center. When an incident involves resource movements under this plan, the coordinators of the zones sending resources shall notify all zone coordinators.

When incidents occur within the South Puget Sound Region (Mason, Kitsap, Pierce, King Counties) that may require mutual aid response from King County, the OEM Duty Officer will notify and brief the King County representative to the South Puget Sound Region. Additional notifications will be made to all fire zone coordinators. The King County representative to the South Puget Sound Region will coordinate mutual aid response from King County according to the South Puget Sound Regional Fire Defense Plan.

Activation

Fire zone coordinators may contact the OEM duty officer to request a conference call with all zone coordinators regarding ongoing or anticipated incidents. The OEM duty officer will contact coordinators in each fire zone and request their assistance in notifying additional zone coordinators of the conference call time, call-in number, and discussion issues. Conference calls should be considered following zone movements of two or more strike teams or task forces.

Fire zone coordinators may request activation of the King County ECC to assist with coordination of countywide fire zone resources and incident information. The Director for OEM will determine the level of ECC activation and the county departments that will report to the ECC in support of fire service agencies. The OEM duty officer will notify a fire zone coordinator in the least impacted zone to provide staffing for the fire fighting function in the county ECC.

Coordination of activities associated with all regional and state fire mobilization responses will be coordinated between fire zone representatives and the King County representative to the South Puget Sound Region of the Fire Defense Board.

The fire representative assigned to the ECC should bring necessary reference information and staff personnel to assist with the coordination and documentation of fire resources. Storage of computers, radios and reference materials is available at the ECC.

As the events unfold, it may be appropriate to bring all fire representatives into the ECC to strategize and plan for future events among themselves and with other agencies who are involved in or impacted by the incident. Staffing needs in the ECC will be adjusted depending on the nature of events.

- King County Emergency Management – **(206)296-3830**, follow directions for duty officer.
- Alt. **(206)296-3311**, King County Sheriff's Communications Center, ask for supervisor.
- 800 Talk Group – **KC ECC COM** when ECC is open.