

Town of Plaistow, NH

Emergency Operations Plan

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EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The publication of the Town of Plaistow Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) represents a concerted effort on the part of town government to provide a mechanism for effectively responding to and recovering from the impact of natural or human-caused disasters or emergencies.

The purpose of the Emergency Operations Plan is to facilitate the delivery of all types of emergency response and to help deal with the consequences of significant disasters. The Plan outlines the planning assumptions, policies, concept of operations, organizational structures and specific assignments of responsibility to the Town departments and agencies involved in coordinating the Local, State and Federal response activities.

For security purposes the complete EOP is distributed to a selected number of town officials and is not publicly available.

SCOPE

1. The *EOP* addresses the emergencies and disasters likely to occur as described in the *Appendix A, Hazard Specific Annex*
2. Includes those actions that support local and state government efforts to save lives, protect public health and safety, and protect property.
3. Comprises all local departments and agencies assigned one or more functions, activities, and/or tasks, to provide response and recovery activities in support of local operations during an emergency or disaster.
 - a. Department and agency assignments are based upon their day-to-day responsibilities, statutory/legislative requirements, and/or Federal regulations.
 - b. Additional assignments may be made through an Executive Order (EO), as the situation warrants.
4. Provides for the integration and coordination between government, the private sector, and volunteer organizations involved in emergency response and recovery efforts.
5. Describes how State and Federal resources will be coordinated to supplement local resources in response to a disaster.
6. Where possible, the *EOP* corresponds with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) of March 1, 2004 and subsequent revisions. The Plaistow EOP establishes the basic elements of the NIMS, including the Incident Command System (ICS).

STRUCTURE

The Plaistow **EOP** is structured in the following format:

1. The format of the **EOP** is consistent with the State of New Hampshire Emergency Operations Plan as well as the Federal Response Plan (FRP) using the ESF concept and approach to providing assistance.
2. The **Basic Plan**, which describes the purpose, scope, situations and assumptions, hazard analysis, concept of operations, plan management, and authorities of the State departments and/or agencies in response to an emergency or disaster.
3. **Administrative Appendices** that include: a list of acronyms/abbreviations, terms and definitions, a compendium of emergency authorities and directives, and hazard analysis and assessment, which serve as points of reference and information for the users.
4. **Emergency Support Functions (ESFs)** that delineate primary and/or co-primary and support agencies and describe policies, situations, concept of operations, and responsibilities; necessary standard operating procedures/guides (SOPs/SOGs) to implement functions.
5. **Hazard-specific Annexes**, which include Hazardous Materials, Radiological Protection and Terrorism.

ESF DESCRIPTIONS

ESF-1, Transportation – Provides for coordination, control and allocation of transportation assets in support of the movement of emergency resources including the evacuation of people, and the redistribution of food and fuel supplies.

ESF-2, Communications and Alerting – Provides emergency warning, information and guidance to the public; facilitates the requirements and resources needed to provide for backup capability for all means of communication.

ESF-3, Public Works & Engineering – Provides for debris clearance, roads, highways and bridge repairs, engineering, construction, repair and restoration of essential public works systems and services, and the safety inspection of damaged public buildings.

ESF-4, Fire Fighting – Provides for mobilization and deployment, and assists in coordinating structural fire fighting resources to combat urban incidents; provides incident management assistance for on-scene incident command and control operations.

ESF-5, Information and Planning – Provides for the overall management and coordination of the town's emergency operations in support of their government; collects, analyzes and disseminates critical information on emergency operations for decision making purposes; identifies the roles and responsibilities of local government in coordinating state and federal assistance to local government.

ESF-6, Mass Care & Shelter – Manages and coordinates sheltering, feeding and first aid for disaster victims; provides for temporary housing, food, clothing, and special populations needs in situations that do not warrant mass-care systems; manages the receipt and distribution of donated goods and services; provides assistance in coordinating and managing volunteer resources.

ESF-7, Resource Support – Secures resources through mutual aid agreements and procurement procedures for all ESFs, as needed; provides for coordination and documentation of personnel, equipment, supplies, facilities, and services used during disaster response and initial relief operations.

ESF-8, Health and Medical Services – Provides care and treatment for the ill and injured; mobilizes trained health and medical personnel and other emergency medical supplies, materials and facilities; provides public health and environmental sanitation services, disease and vector control, and the collection, identification, and protection of human remains.

ESF- 9, Search & Rescue – Provides resources for ground, water, and airborne activities to locate, identify, and remove from a stricken area, persons lost or trapped in buildings and other structures; provides for specialized emergency response and rescue operations.

ESF- 10, Hazardous Materials – Provides response, inspection, containment and cleanup of hazardous materials accidents or releases.

ESF- 11, Food & Water – Identifies, secures, prepares, and/or arranges for transportation of safe food and water supplies for mass feeding to affected areas following a disaster.

ESF- 12, Energy – Coordinates with the private sector the emergency repair and restoration of critical public energy utilities, (i.e., gas, electricity, etc.); coordinates the rationing and distribution of emergency power and fuel.

ESF- 13, Law Enforcement & Security – Provides for the protection of life and property by enforcing laws, orders, and regulations, including the movement of persons from threatened or hazardous areas; provides for area security, traffic, and access control.

ESF- 14, Public Information – Provides for effective collection, control, and dissemination of public information to inform the general public adequately of emergency conditions and available assistance; coordinates a system to minimize rumors and misinformation during an emergency.

ESF- 15, Volunteers and Donations – Facilitates the delivery of donated goods and volunteer services to support response operations and relief efforts in a disaster.

ESF- 16, Animal Health – Provides for a coordinated response in the management and containment of any communicable disease resulting in an animal health emergency.

Appendix A
Hazard Specific Annex

MULTIPLE VEHICLE ACCIDENT

SITUATION

As there are main east-west and north-south thoroughfares, substantial volumes of traffic utilize roadways within the town that could significantly impede town traffic should they become impassable.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Interior and outer perimeter control
- Traffic rerouting
- Assist Fire Department
- Notifies and coordinates state law enforcement agencies
- Investigation of collision and/or fatalities
- Notifies Town Manager

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of scene
- Extrication and rescue
- Implement Mass Casualty Plan
- Fire Control
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Notifies and coordinates regional and state agencies regarding hazardous materials

Department of Public Works

- Assist with equipment and personnel
- Assist police with road closure
- Provide containment materials for spills if requested
- Provide sand/salt of roadway if requested
- Assist with post clean-up and opening of roadway if requested

Town Manager

- Notifies Board of Selectmen as needed

HAZARDOUS MATERIALS

SITUATION

Hazardous materials may be released in an uncontrolled fashion endangering either personnel or the environment. A hazard can be in the form of solid, liquid, or gaseous contaminants.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited too)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Implementation of department standard operating procedures
- Recommend protective actions to be taken
- Notify Town Manager
- Coordination of mutual aid response and Hazardous Materials Teams
- Coordination of state and federal agencies in mitigating the release
- Initiate investigation of the release, in coordination with local and state police.

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment with Fire Dept.
- Establish perimeter security
- Establish on scene security
- Coordination of mutual aid response of law enforcement agencies
- Coordination of state police response when applicable
- Conduct criminal investigation if appropriate

Department of Public Works

- Assist with personnel and equipment
- Provide containment materials for spills if requested
- Assist police with road closure if necessary
- Assist with opening of roadway if requested

Town Manager

- Assist with state and federal agencies as required
- Notifies Board of Selectmen
- Consider activating the EOC
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System
- Initiate long-term strategy planning for the affected area

Emergency Management Director

- Staff EOC as necessary
- Assists fire and police as requested
- Assists in long term planning strategies

EARTHQUAKE

SITUATION

The town is within an area prone to seismic activity. Most activity is of a minor nature yet the potential exists for a significant event. A Richter scale reading of 3.7 will cause public interest and concern while a Richter scale reading of 5.6 within a 50 mile radius would dictate the need for a comprehensive town response.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited too)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Search and rescue of affected property
- Implementation of Mass Casualty Plan
- Hazardous Materials Response
- Assist with evacuation

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Assist in providing emergency information to residents
- Establish perimeter control
- Establish security of affected areas
- Recommend public restrictions to the Town Manager (curfew)

Department of Public Works

- Inspect and assess the municipal infrastructure
- Assist the fire department with equipment and personnel
- Inspect and assess structural stability of buildings, bridges and dams in conjunction with the Building Department.

Town Manager

- Consider activation of the EOC
- Notifies the Board of Selectmen
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System
- Request and assist with state and federal agencies as required
- Approves instructions to residents
- Authorizes public restrictions

Emergency Management Director

- Staffs EOC as necessary
- Determine the stability of temporary shelters with the Building Department and Fire Prevention.
- Coordinate American Red Cross Services
- Coordinates the set-up of temporary shelters
- Tracks the deployment of personnel and equipment
- Coordinates state and federal agencies and resources

HURRICANES

SITUATION

As an eastern seaboard community, the town is susceptible to high winds and torrential rains associated with hurricanes. The nature of many structures (wooden, mobile homes) as well as the nature of flood plains creates the potential for severe damage.

RESPONSIBILITIES *(may consist of but not limited too)*

A. At a Hurricane “Advisory”

Town Manager

- Assess the availability of department head personnel
- Discuss standby plans with department heads.

B. At a Hurricane “Watch”

Fire Department

- Review general operating guidelines and determine availability to recall additional personnel
- Monitor weather and advise Town Manager of Hurricane Watch
- Review vehicle/equipment resource status (fuel, pumps, tarps, saws)

Police Department

- Review general operating guidelines and determine availability to recall additional personnel
- Determine availability to recall additional personnel per department standard operating procedures
- Review vehicle/equipment resource status (fuel, protective clothing)

Department of Public Works

- Review general operating guidelines and determine availability to recall additional personnel
- Review vehicle/equipment resource status (fuel pumps, tarps, saws)

Town Manager

- Review all departments personnel availability status
- Notifies Board of Selectmen

- ❑ Initiates Emergency Public Information System and issues statement to the media on the towns plans as needed

Emergency Management Director

- ❑ Monitor Hurricane behavior
- ❑ Consider activation of the EOC

C. At a Hurricane “Warning”

Fire Department

- ❑ Implement storm coverage standard operating procedure and deploy personnel as necessary
- ❑ Staff the EOC
- ❑ Assemble available equipment
- ❑ Prepare department facilities for high winds and loss of power
- ❑ Assist the Public Works director as directed by the Town Manager
- ❑ Respond to emergencies
- ❑ Assist in the setup of shelters

Police Department

- ❑ Recall additional personnel, as necessary
- ❑ Staff the EOC
- ❑ Assemble available equipment
- ❑ Prepare department facilities for high winds and loss of power
- ❑ Assist the Public Works director as directed by the Town Manager
- ❑ Provide security to severely damaged areas
- ❑ Monitor traffic conditions and determine alternative routes where required

Department of Public Works

- ❑ Recall additional personnel, as necessary
- ❑ Staff the EOC
- ❑ Assemble available equipment
- ❑ Prepare department facilities for high winds and loss of power
- ❑ Assist in the setup of shelters
- ❑ Anticipate flood conditions and specific areas
- ❑ Maintain roadway passage
- ❑ Obtain additional equipment as directed by the Town Manager
- ❑ Assist in blockading roadways due to hazardous conditions
- ❑ Inspect and assess structural stability of buildings, bridges and dams in conjunction with the Building Department and Fire Prevention

Town Manager

- Assess town preparedness through department heads
- Activates the EOC
- Approves bulletins to advise town residents through the Emergency Public Information System
- Monitor hurricane behavior and town damage
- Request state and federal assistance
- Authorize procurement of additional equipment as necessary
- Monitor deployment of personnel

Emergency Management Director

- Command and control of the incident
- Authorizes opening of emergency shelters
- Assembles all available equipment lists and track deployment of equipment
- Assembles all available personnel lists and track deployment of personnel
- Monitors hurricane movement and storm status
- Coordinates American Red Cross Services and temporary shelters
- Review special needs facilities and personnel lists for distinct considerations (medical supplies, special transportation)
- Prepare informational bulletins for release through Emergency Public Information System
- Monitor utility services and coordinates activities
- Staffs EOC as necessary
- Coordinates emergency transportation with bus companies

TORNADO

SITUATION

Shifting weather patterns could result in severe weather affecting the town through a “watch” issued by the National Weather Service or a “warning” involving an actual sighting in the area. Destruction from a tornado could be severe as several higher populated areas are dominated by wooden structures.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- On scene command
- Search and rescue
- Control fires
- Implement Mass Casualty Plan
- Monitor weather and advise Town Manager of Tornado Watch

Police Department

- Provide security to severely damaged areas
- Assist fire & public works departments

Department of Public Works

- Prepare personnel and equipment upon notification of a tornado “warning”
- Maintain roadway passage
- Inspect and assess structural stability of buildings, bridges and dams in conjunction with the Building Department/Fire Prevention
- Assist police department in traffic control

Town Manager

- Activates the EOC upon notification of a tornado warning in Rockingham County
- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System and issues statement to the media on the town’s plan
- Solicits state and/or federal resources as required

Emergency Management Director

- Command and control of the incident
- Authorizes opening of emergency shelters
- Assembles all available equipment lists and track deployment of equipment
- Assembles all available personnel lists and track deployment of personnel
- Monitors tornado movement and storm status
- Coordinates American Red Cross Services and temporary shelters
- Review special needs facilities and personnel lists for distinct considerations (medical supplies, special transportation)
- Prepare informational bulletins for release through Emergency Public Information System
- Monitor utility services and coordinates activities
- Staffs EOC as necessary
- Coordinates emergency transportation with bus companies

DOWNED AIRCRAFT

SITUATION

The town has experienced few aircraft accidents over the years. With the close proximity surrounding airports, the potential exists for general aviation aircraft to affect the town in an accident as a result of an in-flight emergency.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Fire control
- Rescue operations
- Hazardous materials response
- Mass Casualty Plan
- Coordinate outside agencies

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Perimeter control
- Assist fire department
- Provide scene security
- Assist in any evacuations
- Coordinate investigation with state and federal agencies

Department of Public Works

- Assist with equipment and personnel
- Provide temporary facilities for debris storage

Town Manager

- Consider activation of the EOC
- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System if required, and issues statements to the media with additional personnel as needed
- Solicit state and/or federal assistance if required

Emergency Management Director

- ❑ Staff EOC if required
- ❑ Prepares information for release by Town Manager/PIO.
- ❑ Coordinates American Red Cross activities if required
 - a. Coordinates the needs for the un-injured
 - b. Coordinates the needs of the families
 - c. Coordinates the needs of the emergency responders
 - d. Establishes temporary morgues in cooperation with Health Officer

RAILROAD ACCIDENT

SITUATION

Heavily used railway that currently exists with future potential of accidents use gives need to this directive. The possibility of transportation of cargo, hazardous materials and passengers are a possibility. Either a derailment or an accident involving a motor vehicle or humans could occur at any time.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Fire control
- Rescue
- Hazardous materials response
- Emergency medical services/Mass Casualty Plan
- Coordinate outside agency response

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Interior and outer perimeter control
- Traffic rerouting
- Assist with evacuation
- Assist Fire Department
- Provide scene security
- Coordinate investigation of the incident with Railroad companies

Department of Public Works

- Assist with equipment and personnel
- Provide temporary facilities for debris storage, as available
- Provide containment materials and heavy equipment for spill control

Town Manager

- Consider activation of the EOC
- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System and issues statement to the media
- Solicit state and/or federal assistance if required

Emergency Management Director

- Staff EOC if required
- Releases information through the Public Information Officer (Town Manager)
- Coordinates American Red Cross activities if required.
 - a. Coordinates the needs for the un-injured
 - b. Coordinated the needs of the families
 - c. Coordinates the needs of the emergency responders

FLOODING

SITUATION

With pre-identified flood plain areas, the town is vulnerable to flooding resulting in restricted travel ways and possible evacuation.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Water rescue
- Evacuation of flooded areas
- Assist with damaged buildings
- Evaluate hazardous materials storage for impact
- Assist with notification of residents

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Assist with notification of residents
- Establish perimeter security of evacuated or flooded areas
- Evacuation of flooded areas
- Establish traffic rerouting
- Provide scene security
- Blockade roadways

Department of Public Works

- Assess road and bridge conditions
- Monitor river elevations and dams
- Monitor erosion and roadway stability
- Operate floodgates
- Maintain storm drain system
- Assist with heavy equipment
- Monitor sewer/water treatment facilities
- Fill/disperse sandbags
- Assist Police Department in blocking of roads.

Town Manager

- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Monitor weather and flood conditions
- Initiates Emergency Public Information System and issues statement to the media
- Solicit state and/or federal assistance if required

Emergency Management Director

- Command and control of the emergency
- Consider activating EOC
- Assemble all available equipment lists and track deployment of equipment
- Track the deployment of personnel working the emergency
- Coordinate the need for emergency transportation
- Coordinates Red Cross services and opens shelters
- Coordinates emergency transportation with First Student
- Oversees the evacuation of residents

EXPLOSIONS

SITUATION

A detonation of any origin resulting in personal injuries, structural damage or the interruption of services.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the scene
- Fire control
- Rescue
- Stabilize structures
- Emergency medical services/Mass Casualty Plan
- Coordinate outside agency response
- Initiate origin and cause investigation of incident to determine if intentional

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Interior and outer perimeter control
- Traffic rerouting
- Assist with evacuation
- Assist Fire Department
- Provide scene security
- Contact State Police Explosives Division
- Coordinate investigation of the incident with cooperation of the Fire Department and State Fire Marshall's office if intentional

Town Manager

- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Issues public statement to the media as needed
- Solicit state and/or federal assistance if required

Emergency Management Director

- ❑ Staff EOC if required
- ❑ Coordinates American Red Cross activities if required
 - a. Coordinates the needs for the un-injured
 - b. Coordinates the needs of the families
 - c. Coordinates the needs of the emergency responders
 - d. Establishes temporary morgues if needed

SNOW/ICE STORM

SITUATION

The town may experience an unusually severe storm for which the residents are prohibited from travel for essentials such as food or medical care or experience prolonged services outages resulting in the need for coordinated assistance.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Monitor weather conditions
- Notify the Town Manager
- Implement storm coverage standard operating procedure and deploy personnel as necessary/needed
- Assemble available equipment and check operation.
- Prepare generators for use
- Ensure all vehicles are fueled prior to the storm
- Prepare and test communications systems in EOC

Police Department

- Evaluate parking ban requirements
- Evaluate personnel status. Call back off duty personnel as needed
- Patrol and search for abandoned vehicles/hazards
- Place 4WD units into service, if available
- Ensure all vehicles are fueled prior to the storm

Department of Public Works

- Initial response and assessment of the storm
- Keep Town Manager informed of conditions
- Work to maintain clear/sanded roadways for emergency vehicle access
- Assist with barricading roadways in coordination with Police

Town Manager

- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Consider initiating the Emergency Public Information System as needed
- Initiate strategy for Continuity of Government/Operations

Emergency Management Director

- Staff EOC as necessary
- Assist Fire, Police and DPW as necessary
- Approves and issues informational bulletins to the public
- Coordinates American Red Cross services
- Opens temporary shelters
- Tracks deployment of personnel and equipment
- Determines special needs for the community
- Request/coordinate state and federal assistance
- Assess the requirements for fuel, food, and water

PROLONGED SERVICE OUTAGE

SITUATION

The potential exists for essential services to be interrupted for long periods of time. Essential services are defined as: electric, potable water, natural gas, vehicle fuel shortages.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Assist the Emergency Management Director with personnel and equipment
- Call back off duty personnel if required
- Assist as available

Police Department

- Increase patrol services and visibility
- Call back off duty personnel if required
- Assist the Emergency Management Director with personnel and equipment

Department of Public Works

- Assist the Emergency Management Director with personnel and equipment

Town Manager

- Consider activating the EOC
- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Initiate the Emergency Public Information System
- Initiate long-term strategic planning for the affected area
- Request state/federal assistance

Emergency Management Director

- Determine the extent of the emergency
- Release public information bulletins
- Establish a “report of problem” plan for the public
- Coordinate American Red Cross services if required
- Open temporary shelters if required
- Review special needs facilities and personnel lists for distinct consideration
- Develop a restoration priorities plan
- Track progress of restoration
- Coordinates state/federal resources
- Develop and implement an emergency services plan to include the coordinated procurement of and distribution means of vital supplies

CIVIL DISTURBANCE

SITUATION

A public gathering of people at one location could result in civil disorder or riot over a multitude of issues and could become well organized in a matter of a few hours or spontaneously.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the incident
- Notify the Town Manager
- Determine crowd control equipment needs and their locations
- Determine protective measures for facilities and personnel
- Establish inner and outer perimeter control
- Anticipate traffic reroute patterns and coordinate with the Department of Public Works
- Initiate criminal investigation
- Review potential actions and response with the Town Manager as required
- Determine suitable facility for mass confinement if necessary
- Coordinate mutual aid law enforcement agencies
- Recommend public restrictions to the Town Manager (curfew)
- Establish scene security

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment in coordination with the Police Department
- Call back off duty personnel as needed
- Extinguish fires under the protection of the Police Department
- Provide medical assistance to the injured with Police Dept.
- Assist the Police Department as requested

Department of Public Works

- Provide crowd control equipment at locations determined by the Police Department
- Assist in traffic reroute
- Assist with equipment and personnel as required
- Conduct post incident clean-up for return to public use

Town Manager

- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Activate the Emergency Public Information System if required
- Contact the Town Attorney if necessary
- Advise the affected businesses of anticipated events and response actions
- Request state/federal resources
- Authorize public restrictions in coordination with CEO

Emergency Management Director

- Staff the EOC as required
- Prepare and release informational bulletins for the public
- Assist the Police Department
- Assist in notifying the public of authorized restrictions
- Coordinate state/federal agencies
- Track deployment of personnel and equipment

CONFLAGRATION

SITUATION

An unplanned ignition of structures, vehicles, land or property of significant magnitude. The community has numerous large structures, tracts of woodlands and property which could affect normal operations of the community and tax its resources should they become involved in fire.

RESPONSIBILITIES *(may consist of but not limited to)*

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the incident
- Rescue trapped occupants
- Coordinate utility service requirements
- Protect exposures
- Control the fire
- Determine severity of fire threat
- Establish perimeters for forest fires
- Treat and transport injured
- Conduct fire investigations
- Assess evacuation needs if necessary

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Establish and maintain a security perimeter control
- Assist the Fire Department in evacuations
- Conduct criminal investigations in coordination with the State Fire Marshall's Office.

Department of Public Works

- Support Fire Department with equipment and supplies
- Conduct post incident clean-up for return to public use

Town Manager

- Consider activating the EOC
- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Consider activating the Emergency Public Information System
- Provide support to the Fire Department

Emergency Management Director

- Staff the EOC as required
- Coordinate American Red Cross services
- Release information through the Emergency Public Information System
- Coordinate set-up of temporary shelters
- Track the deployment of personnel and equipment. Provide for shelter/food for emergency responders

NUCLEAR INCIDENT

SITUATION

The potential exists for a nuclear incident/accident in the region, either by a hostile attack utilizing nuclear weapons or the close proximity of the Portsmouth Naval Shipyard and nuclear powered vessels or the Seabrook Nuclear Power Plant.

RESPONSIBILITIES *(may consist of but not limited to)*

Follow the Plaistow RERP (Radiological Emergency Response Plan)

TERRORIST ACTIVITY

SITUATION

The deliberate destruction or damage to services, facilities, roadways, railways, or functions could occur at anytime with or without notice and may take place in phases with the potential for additional targets.

RESPONSIBILITIES (may consist of but not limited to)

Fire Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the incident/unified with Police Department
- Control fires
- Search and rescue operations
- Hazardous materials response
- Initiate Mass Casualty Plan
- Initiate investigation of incident with Police Department and Hazmat team
- Evacuate area if required

Police Department

- Initial response and assessment
- Command and control of the incident/unified with the Fire Department
- Notify the Town Manager
- Investigate for further threat
- Evaluate other potential targets
- Assist in evacuation if required
- Coordinate mutual aid law enforcement agencies
- Conduct criminal investigations
- Provide facilities for long term investigation

Department of Public Works

- Work to monitor and maintain roadway passage
- Assist departments with personnel and equipment

Town Manager

- Notify the Board of Selectmen
- Consider activating the Emergency Public Information System
- Consider opening temporary shelters

Emergency Management Director

- Staff the EOC as required
- Coordinate American Red Cross activities
- Open temporary shelters
- Release informational bulletins through the Emergency Public Information System
- Request/coordinate state and federal agencies
- Tracks the deployment of personnel and equipment
- Develop strategic plan for the incident
- Assists Fire and Police Departments as required
- Coordinates evacuation process as required