

PLEASANTS COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
ANNEX K: FIRE SERVICE

Related Federal ESFs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ESF #4: Firefighting
Related State Annexes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Annex I: Fire Services
Purpose	The purpose of this annex is to provide Pleasants County with firefighting capabilities that are ample to meet the demands of a disaster situation. In addition to firefighting responsibilities, rescue and warning are addressed.
Primary Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Belmont VFD • St. Marys VFD
Support Agencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pleasants County Office of Emergency Services (PCOES) • WV Division of Forestry • WV Emergency Management Division (WVEMD) • WV State Fire Marshal • US Department of Agriculture (Forest Service) • Mutual Aid Fire Departments
Authorities	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WV Code, Chapter 29, Article 3, as amended
References	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>WV Emergency Operations Plan</i>, WVEMD, as amended. • <i>National Mobilization Guide</i>, National Interagency Coordination Center, 2006 • <i>National Response Framework</i>, USDHS, as amended.

I. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Fire prevention, control, and rescue operations are daily problems faced by fire service personnel. These problems become more significant during emergency situations.
2. Several hazards present difficulties concerning fire protection, including conflagrations, forest fires, and hazardous material incidents.

B. Assumptions

1. Existing fire personnel and equipment will be able to handle most emergency situations with existing mutual aid agreements.
2. When additional support is required, assistance can be obtained from neighboring counties, industry, and state and federal agencies.

II. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. The responsibilities of fire service personnel in emergency situations are basically the same as in daily operations. Their primary responsibility is fire control. They are also involved on a regular basis with rescue operations and hazardous material incidents. Firefighting resources for Pleasants County include the following:
 - a. The Belmont Volunteer Fire Department.
 - b. The St. Marys Volunteer Fire Department.
 - c. Adjacent County Mutual Aid Departments.
 - d. The WV Regional Response Team (WVRRT)
 - e. Local Industry Fire and Hazmat Response
 - f. COVIEO
2. Their supplemental emergency service duties include medical first response, public warning, search, and rescue activities, and assisting other agencies when needed. They advise other agencies and the EOC staff on the dangers involved with technological hazards and fires during emergency operations.
3. West Virginia Code (Chapter 29, Article 3A, Section 1) states that the jurisdictional Fire Chief, or Senior Fire Officer, shall act as the Incident Commander (IC) for hazardous material incidents. The Fire Chief, as the IC,

may request specific assistance from such agencies as law enforcement and emergency medical services, depending on the type of emergency.

B. EOC Fire Service Coordinator (FSC)

1. The FSC is responsible for supporting fire operations from the EOC during a large scale emergency. This individual should maintain coordination with all responding departments on manpower, firefighting, and rescue vehicles in the county.
2. The FSC position coordinates external resource requests.
3. All field emergency operations should be handled by standard protocol.
4. State and federal support may be called upon as needed.

C. Miscellaneous

1. Mutual Aid departments and squads participating in these operations should receive mission assignments from the Incident Commander (IC) in overall charge at the Incident Command Post (ICP).
2. These departments should report to a designated staging area upon arrival at the incident.
 - a. The person in charge of the incoming department should give the Staging Area Officer a list of personnel for accountability.
 - b. The person in charge should give a description of what specific resource they bring
3. The release of information concerning detailed fire control operations at the scene is the responsibility of the IC in charge at the ICP. Appropriate EOC staff may issue public information releases on overall fire control operations.

D. Resource Support for Firefighting

1. State
 - a. Various state agencies may play a role within the “fire service area” during or following large-scale disasters.
 - b. Generally, the assistance provided by those roles could be the following.
 - i. Provision of liaisons to local areas
 - ii. Detection of wild land fires
 - iii. Investigation

- iv. Provision of links to specialized equipment
- c. More details are contained in Annex I of the *West Virginia Emergency Operations Plan*.
2. Federal support of local and state rural and urban firefighting operations is outlined by Emergency Support Function (ESF) #4 of the National Response Framework (NRF).
 - a. Federal firefighting response support is coordinated by the National Interagency Coordination Center (NICC) in the National Interagency Fire Center (NIFC).
 - b. ESF #4 personnel use established firefighting and support organizations, processes, procedures outlined in the *National Interagency Mobilization Guide*.
3. Coordination with federal fire suppression resources is through the State Forester, in cooperation with the State Fire Marshal and the West Virginia Emergency Management Division (WVEMD).
4. The responsibility for situation assessment and determining resources needs lies primarily with local, on-scene IC.

III. ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

A. County Fire Departments

1. Provide fire suppression throughout the county.
2. Provide hazardous material response services throughout the county.
3. Establish Command and report magnitude of incident to 911.
4. The Senior Fire Officer or designee shall serve as the Incident Commander and coordinate emergency operations.
5. Establish Zones
6. Assist with public warnings.
7. Support other public safety operations.
8. Conduct rescue operations.
9. Identify and request necessary resources.
10. Set up and operate decontamination stations.
11. Provide back-up medical services in support of County EMS

B. Pleasants County Office of Emergency Services.

1. Activates and operates the county EOC during emergency situations.
 2. Notifies volunteer staff members for the county EOC.
 3. Recruits a volunteer to serve as a Fire Service Coordinator (could be from another jurisdiction)
 4. Provide decontamination equipment.
- C. WV Division of Forestry
1. Coordinates the response efforts of on-scene federal responders with state activities.
 2. Coordinates state activities during woodland fire events.
- D. WV Emergency Management Division
1. Receives local requests for fire suppression resources.
 2. Coordinates requests for federal resources.
- E. WV State Fire Marshal
1. Enforces fire code violations.
 2. Supports local fire suppression operations as necessary and requested.
 3. Coordinates requests, with the WVEMD, for federal resources.
 4. Coordinates the deployment of Regional Response Teams (RRTs).
- F. US Department of Agriculture (Forest Service)
1. Assumes full responsibility for the suppression of fires on national forest system lands in a unified command with the jurisdictional fire department.
 2. Provides liaison with local fire chiefs or ICs to coordinate federal assistance in structural or industrial fire protection operations.

IV. **CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT**

- A. Lines of succession to the fire chief are in accordance with the department's Operating Guidelines (OGs).
- B. Essential records should be kept as safe as possible from fire, water, and other destructive forces.

V. ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

- A. Administration of fire department affairs should continue per internal OGs.

- B. Pre-disaster logistical channels should be utilized.

- C. Resources
 - 1. County – Complete information for Pleasants County fire departments can be found in the county fire department resource listing.
 - 2. Mutual Aid department and industry resource lists
 - 3. State – When the county’s firefighting resources and mutual aid agreements have been fully utilized and additional assistance is needed, the PCOES Director should request assistance through the WVEMD.

VI. PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

- A. It is the responsibility of each fire department to ensure its own operational capabilities.

- B. The PCOES Director should coordinate the planning of all fire services related to emergency management operations with the various fire chiefs.

PLEASANTS COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENTS
MAJOR RESOURCE LIST

BELMONT VFD

Engine, Pierce 1250 gpm, 1000-gal,	NIMS Type 1
Engine, Pierce, 1250 gpm, 1000-gal	NIMS Type 1
Quick Attack/ Light Rescue, 1000 gpm, 300-gal	
Brush, Hummer	NIMS TYPE VI
Tanker, 4-Guys 1250 gpm, 2000-gal	NIMS Type 1
Dodge Durango	
Rescue Boat, Boston Whaler	

ST. MARYS VFD

Engine, Pierce, 1500 gpm, 750-gal, Husky Foam System	NIMS Type 1
Engine, Pierce, 1500 gpm, 750-gal	NIMS Type 1
Quick Attack, 4-Guys, 750 gpm, 300-gal	
Brush, Dodge, 105gpm, 250-gal	NIMS TYPE VI
Rescue, Medium, Pierce	
Tanker, 4-Guys, 500 gpm, 2000-gal	NIMS Type 1
EMS Response, F250 Crew Cab	
Boat, 19 ft., Industrial, 90hp, rescue	
Boat, 12ft, Jon, 9hp	
1000 GPM Williams Hydrochem Nozzle w/ proportioner 3/%	
500 gpm Elkhart/ Williams Self Educating Foam Nozzle 3%	
350 gpm Elkhart/ Williams Self Educting Nozzle 3/6 %	
600 gal National 1/3% Universal Gold Foam in 5 gal buckets	

CYTEC

White/GMC Telesquirt, 50ft, 1500gpm, 750 gal foam, 250 gal water NIMS Type2

1000 GPM Williams Hydrochem Nozzle w/ proportioner 3%

2-500 gpm Elkhart/ Williams Self Educating Foam Nozzle 3%

1100 gal National 1/3% Universal Gold Foam in 55 gal drums

PPS

500-gal 3M 3/6% foam in 5-gal buckets

2-500 gpm Elkhart/ Williams Self Educating Foam Nozzle