

Village of Oak Park
Emergency Operating Plan

ANNEX J - HEALTH AND MEDICAL

STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

A serious emergency or disaster greatly alters the environment of the Village of Oak Park. Depending on the impact of the disaster, extra measures to ensure public health may be required. These measures may include disease control, sanitation, rodent control and special needs for mental health.

The purpose of this annex is to define the roles of various agencies to ensure the coordinated provision of environmental, mental and physical health, particularly of local resources are overwhelmed.

SITUATION

All emergencies and disasters place extraordinary strains on all levels of government. The demand for governmental services expands, while the ability to provide those services, in most cases, diminishes.

The skill, equipment and facilities of the Oak Park Public Health Department can become a much-needed resource to provide for the health and welfare of the Village's population.

ASSUMPTIONS

In the event of a disaster or emergency, the Oak Park Public Health Department will coordinate efforts with other public support agencies to ensure utilization of services available.

The local government has the primary responsibility to provide emergency medical and health services within their jurisdiction in response to a disaster.

In a mass casualty incident, the designated Public Information Officer (PIO) and the on-site medical officers will coordinate with Oak Park EMS, hospitals and other assisting agencies to ensure the coordination of public information releases and the implementation of a Joint Information Center operation.

CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

The Oak Park Public Health Department (HD) is responsible for ensuring quality environmental health for Village residents.

Following the impact of a major disaster or emergency, the priority of the health system is the prevention/control of disease and nuisance conditions (which would be the responsibility of the HD) and the coordination of assistance for health and medical services, equipment and supplies.

During emergency situations, all public health resources and response personnel will be managed from the Oak Park Public Health Department, located at 123 Madison Street, Oak Park, IL 60302. Personnel at this facility will maintain contact with the public health department representative at the EOC to advise the status of disaster operations or request advice on actions which should be taken.

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Throughout the emergency or disaster, the coordination of various local agencies may be required to protect health records essential for public safety, and assistance from other health agencies in the area may be considered. This would be accomplished through mutual aid via the Illinois Public Health Mutual Aid System (IPHMAS).

ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

It is recognized that the responsibility for protection of lives and property of the residents of the Village of Oak Park rests with the elected government officials. In accordance with Illinois revised statutes, the Village Manager or his/her successor shall be the only authority to declare a local disaster emergency. Also, the Village Manager, in consultation with officials from responding agencies, shall have direct responsibility for organization, administration, training and operation of this plan. During disasters, the ESDA Coordinator shall support the response efforts undertaken within the Village.

At the onset of a local emergency impacting health and medical services, the Public Health Department will make the appropriate notifications to other primary and support departments and agencies. Notifications will be based on the severity of the situation. If implementation of the Village EOP, at the direction of the Village Manager or his/her representative, is ordered, appropriate department/agencies will be notified.

While the ESDA Coordinator is responsible for the management and coordination of Village resources in times of disaster, it is also recognized that the response to disaster relies on many other governmental levels as well, including municipal, supporting counties, regional, state and federal.

The Oak Park Public Health Department will be responsible for ensuring the environmental and public health for the Village. Emergency health and medical functions and/or services that will be coordinated through HD may include, but not be limited to (within this annex):

- Assessment of health and medical services needs.
- Inspection/investigation of factors that could lead to food borne / water borne illnesses.
- Coordination of assistance for health and medical services, equipment and supply.
- Assess and assist in decontamination of the chemically or radiological contaminated.
- Assist with the operations of shelters for special needs citizens who require more medical care than can be provided in a standard congregate care facility.
- Coordination of Critical Incident Stress Debriefing activities to protect the emotional health of emergency workers.

PRIMARY AGENCIES

OAK PARK PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT

- Maintain a current list of HD personnel and resources.
- Coordinate with the Animal Control Office to ensure loose animals or dogs are contained and controlled.

Provide technical assistance and coordination with:

- Emergency Medical Services (EMS)

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- Providing safe and healthy living conditions at evacuation sites
- Assisting with the inspections and investigations of structural and vertebrate pest and vector control
- Providing technical assistance in assuring the safety of food and dairy products, non-community
- In conjunction with the Public Works Department, the public water supply
- Providing additional consultation and technical assistance as required within OPHD authorities
- Support the EOC.

SUPPORT AGENCIES

AMERICAN RED CROSS

- Provides emergency first aid for minor illnesses and injuries to disaster victims in Mass Care shelters, selected disaster cleanup areas, and other sites.
- Provides shelter management services where possible.
- Provides supportive counseling for the disaster victims, family members of victims, and disaster workers.
- Acquaints families with available health resources and services and make appropriate referrals as needed and requested.
- Provides blood and blood products through Red Cross regional Blood Centers as needed and requested.
- Provides coordination of appropriate casualty and/or patient information into the Patient Connect program associated with the Mass Care function

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- Provide Crisis Team for mental health and counseling as requested and available.
- Provide mental health services for Oak Park residents with available resources.

DIRECTION AND CONTROL

The EOC will be the central point for direction and control and will be staffed at all times by the Public Health Director or his or her representative. HD representatives will coordinate all public health related activities with the command post.

MAINTENANCE, REVIEW AND UPDATING THIS ANNEX

It is the responsibility of the HD Director for the maintenance, review and updating of this annex.

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CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

The following is the line of succession of individuals with responsibility for coordination, control, and continuity of the Village's Mass Care System.

1. Public Health Director
2. Deputy Fire Chief
3. EMS Coordinator
4. Emergency Preparedness and Response Manager

APPENDICES

- Appendix J1 Health and Medical Pre-emergency Operations Checklist
Appendix J2 Health and Medical Response Operations Checklist
Appendix J3 Health and Medical Recovery Operations Checklist

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FIRST PRIORITIES - INITIATE IMMEDIATELY

Included in this initial portion of the response effort are actions that community officials will take within the first 2 hours of the disaster impact. The Public Health Director, in consultation with the disaster Incident Commander, Deputy Chief for EMS, Village Medical Consultant and local and regional may make notifications to county and state agencies to report estimates of casualties or fatalities, determine the community's needs, assess local resources, consider triage and/or decontamination needs, determine field medical capabilities, etc.

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APPENDIX J1 - PRE-EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

Complete: Yes/No	Community assessment of hazard/vulnerability analysis to identify likely disaster scenarios.
Complete: Yes/No	Specialized training in disaster operations for health personnel, first responders, and local hospital staffs.
Complete: Yes/No	First aid training for members of the public.
Complete: Yes/No	Storage of medical supplies and equipment.
Complete: Yes/No	Maintenance of medications and other supplies.
Complete: Yes/No	Review emergency plans for temporary morgues for the deceased.
Complete: Yes/No	Contact of local ministerial and/or mental health association(s) for support.

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SECONDARY PRIORITIES

This portion of the response may necessitate actions that will take the Community through the end of the first 8 hours following the disaster impact. Officials may consider best means for conducting continuing assessment of local health needs, requesting support from the Health Department for survey of mass feeding or shelter facilities, or other health issues; investigating mortuary needs and availability, identifying physical, environmental, and mental health issues, matching known resources to meet need areas.

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APPENDIX J2 - RESPONSE OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

Complete: Yes/No	Public information programs dealing with individual and community first aid.
Complete: Yes/No	Notification of appropriate state and federal agencies.
Complete: Yes/No	Provision of resources to support EMS operations.
Complete: Yes/No	Establish area(s) for handling the deceased and transporting un-injured or slightly injured people as directed by the CCME.
Complete: Yes/No	Activation of temporary morgues as directed by the CCME
Complete: Yes/No	Processing of data (i.e., incident report sheets).
Complete: Yes/No	Activation of ministerial/mental, Medical Reserve Corps or health support.
Complete: Yes/No	Report Public Health Department activities pertaining to emergency operations to the EOC.
Complete: Yes/No	Provide health and medical care to shelterees in both shelter and congregate care facilities and elsewhere if required.
Complete: Yes/No	Coordinate with the designated Oak Park Public Information Officer to provide information to the public regarding chemical and radiological contamination and any treatment(s) or injury prevention guidance necessary.
Complete: Yes/No	Provide information to emergency response personnel of other departments and/or organizations regarding chemical and radiological contamination and any treatment(s) necessary.
Complete: Yes/No	Distribute antidotes, drugs, vaccines, etc. to shelters if necessary.
Complete: Yes/No	Ensure potable water supply during an emergency.
Complete: Yes/No	Provide sanitation services during an emergency.

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CONTINUING PRORITIES

Continuing efforts after a disaster may require the Public Health Director and his/her medical advisors to consider appropriate measures to continue assessment of community health needs; assist the Police Department and Medical Examiner's Office in body removal and/or storage activities, establish Critical Incident Stress Management (CISM) efforts, continue to match available medical resources with health needs.

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APPENDIX J3 - RECOVERY OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

Complete: Yes/No	Continued response and treatment activities, as necessary.
Complete: Yes/No	Compilation of reports for state and federal agencies; compilation of reports for critique and review.
Complete: Yes/No	Re-supply of health and medical services response agencies.
Complete: Yes/No	Relief or dismissal of volunteers