WILSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
AUTHORIZATION AND AUTHORITIES

I. PURPOSE

This section provides legal references and authorizations to support actions in the event of an emergency/disaster situation.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Actions taken during emergency/disaster events require that legal guidelines are followed to assure protection of the general public and to maintain law and order in the county/municipality.

2. Decisions implemented during times of disaster or impending disaster will sometimes have a negative economic impact on the county/municipality or portions thereof.

3. Verbal and written mutual aid agreements exist between some agencies within Wilson County and its municipalities.

B. Assumptions

1. Some actions taken during emergency events will be unpopular with the general public.

2. Actions implemented will be based on the safety and welfare of the overall population, but may be unpopular with specific groups.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. Selected references are on file in the Wilson County Emergency Management Office. These include:

- G.S. 166-A (Emergency Management Act)
- Wilson County Emergency Management Ordinance
- Wilson County National Incident Management Ordinance
- Proclamation of a State of Emergency (including description of Imposition of Prohibitions and Restrictions.)
- Termination of a State of Emergency

B. Complete information pertaining to Authorizations and Authorities will be maintained in a reference book, accessible for reference during times of emergency. This reference will include:

- NC Emergency Management Act, G.S. 166-A
- Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act, Public Law 93-288, as amended by Public Law 100-707 (the Stafford Act)

- Wilson County Emergency Management Act
- Mutual Aid Agreements for Fire and EMS/Rescue
- Mutual Aid Agreements with Municipalities
- Agreements with American Red Cross
- Agreements with County School Systems
- North Carolina Oil Spill Act
- Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (SARA Title III)
- OSHA 1910.120
- FAA Authority (FAR) to close airspace over disaster areas
- Model Ordinance concerning Price Gouging
- Civil Defense Act of 1950, Public Law 81-920
- NC Governor's Executive Order 73
- Local Emergency Planning Committee Bylaws and Roster

C. Agencies tasked with responsibilities under the Emergency Operations Plan will be responsible for providing copies of any Mutual Aid Agreements to the Emergency Management Office.