

WILSON COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN VITAL FACILITIES

I. PURPOSE

This section provides for the identification and management of critical/vital facilities.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Many of these identified facilities would be vital to emergency response during a major emergency or disaster situation. Other facilities would be critical for immediate and long-term recovery operations.

2. Several categories of vital facilities and resources have been identified in Wilson County, including:

Vital Facilities:

- a. Public Shelter Facilities
- b. Health/Medical Facilities
- c. Government Facilities
- d. Communications Facilities
- e. Public Buildings
- f. Emergency Service Facilities

Vital Utilities:

- a. Communications Network Components
- b. Electric Distribution System Components
- c. Transportation Networks
- d. Water Distribution/Waste Water Facilities

Special Needs Facilities

- a. Correctional Facilities
- b. Congregate Care Facilities
- c. Day Care Facilities

Vital Resource and Services Sites

- a. Private Shelter/Reception Centers
 - b. Landfill and Debris Collection Sites
 - c. Public/Private Supply Centers
 - d. Helicopter Landing Sites
- 3. Wilson County Emergency Management maintains a list of public and private sector resources that could be utilized during an emergency/disaster situation.
 - 4. Wilson County vital facility information is updated on a regular basis.

B. Assumptions

- 1. Identification of vital facilities will make it possible to predict the consequences of disaster, and to expedite the response of necessary resources from outside the area of impact.
- 2. Knowledge of vital facilities will reduce the dependence on "unwritten" and "assumed" information.
- 3. Knowledge of vital facilities will expedite damage assessment and loss estimation.
- 4. The identification of vital facilities allows for the prioritization of post-disaster areas and restoration.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Information pertaining to vital facilities and resources will be maintained in the Wilson County Emergency Management Agency and will be accessible to the Wilson County Emergency Operations Center.
- B. Continuous update of the vital facilities inventory will be maintained.
- C. Vital facilities may serve as the basis for establishing mutual aid and statements of understanding with other governmental and non-governmental agencies.
- D. Knowledge of vital facilities allows for the implementation of planned mitigation approaches/projects in an attempt to reduce vulnerabilities.

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