

# Wilson County Emergency Operations Plan (section 29)

## Transportation (ESF 1)

- I. **Purpose:** This section provides basic information regarding transportation services that exist in Wilson County. This includes road, street, and highway maintenance as well as public transportation.
- II. **Situation and Assumptions**
  - A. Situation
    - NC Department of Transportation is the lead agency county wide for maintenance of major roads, streets, and thoroughfares.
    - NC Department of Transportation is responsible for ensuring safe detours due to major incidents that occur that impeded traffic and responsible for clearing of DOT maintained roads and streets.
    - Municipalities within the County are responsible for their municipally owned streets and roads.
    - The City of Wilson owns and operates a public transportation system to assist citizens in traveling around the City of Wilson.
    - Wilson County operates a public transportation system as well. The vehicles are owned by the County, however, operations and employees are contracted to a third party. That contract and subsequent contractor answer to the Wilson County Transportation Coordinator.
    - The smaller municipalities do not own or operate transportation services.
    - Wilson County Schools owns and operates the school busses that transport students within the school system.
    - Wilson County Emergency Medical Services has lead responsibility for provision of patient care, treatment, and transport within Wilson County. In mass casualty facilities, the EMS supervisor may request assistance from County, City, or School system transportation services to transport walking wounded.
  - B. Assumptions
    - During a major incident, or disaster, transportation systems could be hampered in such a way that major detours will need to be established to move traffic, and emergency vehicles effectively.
    - NC DOT will quickly become inundated and begin prioritizing which roads/streets need attention first.
    - Volunteer fire departments and the NC Forestry Service may be asked to assist in cut and shove operations to clear roadways.
    - County, City, and School System owned transportation vehicles, may be deployed for use in transporting citizens to shelters and out of harm's way.
- III. **Concept of Operations**

- In the event of a major incident, Wilson County 911 or Emergency Management will notify NC DOT immediately upon receiving information that roadways are blocked and the incident is impeding traffic.
- NC DOT will respond to the incident and coordinate their resources with the Incident Commander.
- NC DOT will determine the best possible route for a detour if necessary or will coordinate lane closures if necessary.
- The City of Wilson will coordinate transportation needs within the City, or outside if mutual aid is requested in the County, to assist in evacuation of citizens if necessary. The City Transportation Coordinator will coordinate response with the Incident Commander or the Emergency Operations Center.
- The County of Wilson will coordinate transportation needs within the County as well as respond into the municipalities if requested. The Wilson County Transportation Coordinator will coordinate these activities with the Incident Commander or the Emergency Operations Center.
- If EMS needs assistance to transport walking wounded from a mass casualty incident, the EMS supervisor will contact Wilson County Emergency Management and their personnel will make contact with the appropriate service to assist.
- Wilson County will not deploy private transportation services such as taxi cabs, Uber or other similar services. If citizens choose to utilize those services, they will be responsible for the cost.