

# **Wilson County Emergency Operations Plan Foreword**

The Wilson County Emergency Operations Plan has been developed to address multiple hazards, which threaten Wilson County. Through the use of a functional format, the plan encourages the use of an Integrated Emergency Management System (IEMS) approach to emergency/disaster situations and fosters prompt efficient and coordinated response operations by elements of the emergency organizations. IEMS requires a system in which plans developed for one type of emergency are useful in other emergency situations. This plan also mandates the use of the Incident Command System (ICS) for managing resources responding to various incidents in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) requirements.

This emergency operations plan consists of a basic plan, which serves as a summary document to the twenty-eight supporting sections of the plan. These supporting sections define the roles and responsibilities of each responsible agency thereby reducing confusion, chaos and conflict during an emergency situation.

This plan meets the legal requirements of North Carolina General Statute 166-A, titled The North Carolina Emergency Management Act, and the National Incident Management System. It provides the necessary elements to insure that local government can fulfill its legal responsibilities for emergency preparedness, response, recovery and mitigation.

This Emergency Operations Plan, upon approval and adoption of the Wilson County Board of Commissioners, replaces and supersedes all previously adopted plans. This plan will be updated as needed to accommodate changes in operations and requirements.