

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 13 – Public Safety and Security

Coordinating Department

Department of Public Safety (Police Operations)

Supporting Departments

Department of Public Safety (Communications), Department of Public Safety (Emergency Management)

Supporting Outside Agencies

Colorado Springs Police Department, El Paso County Sheriff's Office, Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office, other local law enforcement agencies, State law enforcement agencies, Federal law enforcement agencies and military installations.

Section I: Function Activation

Scope

The scope of this annex is to outline the responsibilities and activities relating to law enforcement in the event of an incident of significance. The University of Colorado Colorado Springs Department of Public Safety and supporting departments and agencies will perform law enforcement, peacekeeping and other related public safety functions. These functions are to prevent an incident or stop an undesirable situation before it occurs, respond to a major incident or incident in progress, and restore the peace and safety of the community.

Concept of Operations

A. General

1. Respond to incidents threatening the campus community, property, or infrastructure with available resources.
2. Enforce all laws, regulations, and ordinances as authorized and/or mandated by legislation.
3. Determine additional resource requirements to effectively manage the incident.
4. Establish an Incident Command System.
5. Develop an Incident Action Plan and establish safety parameters.
6. Assist and support recovery by ensuring the safety of responding agencies, community, property, and resources during recovery phase of the incident.

B. Specific

1. Response

- a) The Department of Public Safety (Police Operations) (UCCS PD) is a full service police department with its own communications section. All police officers are sworn police officers, pursuant to Title 23, Article 2.5, Part 120 of the Colorado Revised Statutes, with commissions within the State of Colorado and the City of Colorado Springs.
- b) The department currently has an intergovernmental agreement (IGA) with the Colorado Springs Police Department (CSPD) allowing for additional resources if needed. Under the IGA, UCCS PD can enforce State law and specific Municipal Code traffic and criminal offenses in a designated area. The department also works closely with CSPD auxiliary divisions such as Metro Vice Narcotics and Intelligence, Special Weapons and Tactics, Traffic, Investigations, and K-9. Officers of the department train with CSPD officers allowing for better communication and operation tactics.
- c) The department responds to any incident that threatens life, property, public peace, or circumstances that violate the law as set forth by the State of Colorado, City of Colorado Springs and the Federal Government. The department also enforces the rules and regulations of the University of Colorado. Patrol Supervisors are available to respond to campus emergencies twenty-four hours a day due to on-call status.
- d) Police officers of the department are trained in National Incident Management System (NIMS) and Incident Command System (ICS) allowing them to better coordinate and operate within a multi-agency response. Officers also attend field related training with Local and State agencies.
- e) Officers are trained and equipped for dynamic entry, active shooters, large scale evacuation, and barricaded subject incidents that require special weapons and tactics to resolve.
- f) All officers are required to be CPR certified and additionally must certify on AED use.
- g) The Department of Public Safety employs security guards scheduled to work during the evening hours assigned to various parking lots and Summit and Alpine Housing Villages. Security Guards are CPR/AED certified and are trained to accurately report and advise police officers of in-progress crimes. Security Guards operate on a separate radio system from the police.
- h) The Department of Public Safety employs Parking Enforcement Officers (PEOs). The PEOs are student employees who enforce the parking rules and regulations of the University and some minor support functions. PEO's are not

CPR certified, operate on a separate radio system to the communications center and carry no weapons of any kind.

2. Recovery

- a) Following an incident or emergency, UCCS PD will be required to coordinate and organize long term plans for the continued operation of emergency service resources during recovery phase.
- b) UCCS PD may also need to plan for general security for relief personnel as well as site security, security for evacuation centers, and to maintain public order.
- c) If required, follow-up criminal investigation and prosecution may be required based on the type of incident.

Section II: Pre-Event Coordination and Planning Responsibilities

Coordinating Department

Department of Public Safety (Police Operations)

A. Mitigation

- 1. Identify threats to the campus community, university property, or public peace.
- 2. Develop plans, procedures, and organizational structures needed to ensure the continuation of police services during an incident.
- 3. Identify, coordinate, and train with outside law enforcement agencies that may provide assistance in an incident.
- 4. Provide, coordinate, and present awareness and prevention programs to the campus community.

B. Preparedness

- 1. Create and plan for potential response options to identified threats.
- 2. Identify and secure equipment required to address an incident.
- 3. Provide relevant equipment and scenario based training to officers of the department.
- 4. Identify, coordinate, and train with additional law enforcement agencies that may provide assistance in an incident.
- 5. Provide, coordinate, and present awareness and prevention programs to the campus community.
- 6. Ensure that administrative and accounting procedures are in place to document actions taken and all costs incurred during emergency operations.

Supporting Departments

Department of Public Safety (Emergency Management)

- A. Provide intelligence on known threats and trends locally and regionally.
- B. Assist in planning and preparedness efforts involving law enforcement.

Department of Public Safety (Communications)

- A. Provide incident information and coordination to responders.
- B. Coordinate information with CSPD communications.
- C. Track and maintain information relevant to the situation and dispatch resources or inform Incident Command as necessary.

Supporting Outside Agencies and Facilities

Colorado Springs Police Department

- A. Provide coordinated personnel and equipment support during response and recovery operations in conjunction with the UCCS PD.
- B. Plan and conduct cross-agency training with UCCS personnel and/or on the UCCS campus to enhance familiarity with the campus.

El Paso County Sheriff's Office

- A. Provide law enforcement personnel and equipment support if available.

Fourth Judicial District Attorney's Office

- A. Provide legal information and support relative to the Universities liabilities and responsibilities during a law enforcement related incident of significance.

Other Local, State and Federal Law Enforcement Agencies and Military Installations.

- A. Provide support to the UCCS Department of Public Safety (Police Operations) and other assistance under the Stafford Act and Military Support to Civil Authority.
- B. Act as Lead Federal Agency for crimes as specified in United States Code defining jurisdiction for agencies such as the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, & Firearms, and the Department of Homeland Security – Federal Emergency Management Agency.