

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 14 – Recovery

Coordinating Department

Department of Public Safety (Emergency Management)

Supporting Departments

Offices of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors, all UCCS academic and business units

Supporting Outside Agencies

Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs Fire Department, Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management, Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation, El Paso County Public Health, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Emergency Services Division), University of Colorado System offices, University of Colorado System (University Risk Management), BOLD Planning Solutions.

Section I: Function Activation

Scope

The scope of this annex is to describe the needs involved in short- and long-term recovery, as well as resources available to assist in returning to normal operations. This recovery is unique in a higher education setting in that it not only must encompass business, governance, and (limited) residential recovery, but it must also include a return to academic research and teaching.

Concept of Operations

Once initial response and recovery operations have been completed, long-term recovery may be necessary depending on the size and nature of the initial incident. Generally, this annex will address those steps necessary to return to normal operations following a disaster, catastrophic incident, or other such event that has significantly disrupted the campus' ability to return to normalcy. It is assumed that initial operations related to the causative event have already gone through the four phases of emergency management: mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery.

A. General

1. For the purposes of this annex, it is assumed that first response activities have been completed, such as evacuation, fire suppression, law enforcement response, etc. At this point, the focus of the Incident Command Post (ICP) and the campus Emergency Operations Center (EOC) has shifted their focus from incident response to resumption of normal campus operations.
2. It is assumed that all supporting departments and agencies have emergency operations and business continuity plans; it is further assumed that these plans have been put into effect.

B. Specific

1. Response

- a) Emergency management entities (the ICP and EOC) will establish coordination with peer and overarching authorities, including but not limited to:
 - i. University of Colorado System President, Regents, and offices;
 - ii. Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management;
 - iii. El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Emergency Services Division); and
 - iv. Any responding State and/or Federal agencies, as appropriate.
- b) Maintain public information regarding recovery progress and instructions per ESF 15 – External Affairs.
- c) Coordinate with law enforcement authorities to secure facilities and equipment (ESF 13 – Public Safety and Security).
- d) Temporary housing arrangements for residential students (ESF 6 – Mass care and sheltering).
- e) Activation of appropriate Business Continuity and Succession of Authority plans if necessary.

2. Recovery

- a) Deployment of damage assessment teams, in conjunction with the Colorado Springs Fire Department and the El Paso County Department of Public Health, will give an immediate sense of infrastructure repair requirements.
- b) Prioritize infrastructure repair based on perceived necessity to continue campus missions. Repair considerations should include what is necessary to resume campus business, academic, and research programs; secondary repair should be based on replacement of temporary facilities, mitigating future damage, and final reconstruction wrap-up projects.
- c) Coordinate identification of State and Federal programs to support implementation of long-term recovery plans.
- d) Consider immediate and long-term impact to the stature of the campus in research grants, student recruiting and admissions, and other sources of long-term campus welfare.

Section II: Pre-Event Coordination and Planning Responsibilities

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A. Mitigation

1. Coordinate pre-event efforts among campus departments and outside agencies to ensure follow-through of recovery and mitigation efforts.
2. Identify departments and business units on campus that are critical to the campus missions; ensure proper planning is conducted to continue or restart operations after a disruption.

B. Preparedness

1. Identify and maintain a network of resources to aid in protection and recovery from an incident.
2. Plan and participate in training exercises.
3. Evaluate campus department emergency and business continuity plans.
4. Ensure that administrative and accounting procedures are in place to document actions taken and all costs incurred during recovery operations.

Supporting Departments

Offices of the Chancellor and Vice Chancellors

- A. Provide guidance and leadership to all academic and business units during recovery and restoration efforts.
- B. Enforce campus policies and procedures related to emergency preparedness and business continuity.
- C. Provide for long-term EOC staffing in preparation for recovery phase operations.

All UCCS academic and business units

- A. Identify and train personnel to maintain contact with, and conduct operations in support of, the UCCS EOC during periods of activation.
- B. Provide a representative to the EOC if requested.
- C. Provide program assistance and expertise as appropriate.
- D. Activate department or business unit business continuity and emergency plans, as needed.
- E. Provide all information requested before, during, and after an incident to the EOC.

Supporting Outside Agencies and Facilities

Colorado Springs Fire Department, El Paso County Department of Public Health

- A. Make initial damage assessments, air quality tests, and building condemnation, evacuation, and public health orders.
- B. Monitor initial repair and restoration efforts for life safety issues.
- C. Approve long-term reconstruction projects where applicable.

Colorado Springs Office of Emergency Management, El Paso County Sheriff's Office (Emergency Services Division)

- A. Activate respective EOCs and liaison with UCCS EOC if necessary.
- B. Assist UCCS with mutual aid requests at the ESF level.
- C. Include UCCS in community recovery planning efforts.

University of Colorado System offices, University of Colorado System (University Risk Management)

- A. Assist the UCCS campus with recovery and restoration of vital university services, including documentation, data backup and recovery, cost reimbursement, claims, etc.
- B. Work with insurers and other sources of cost recovery to maximize cost return to the campus.
- C. Provide oversight to campus operations to ensure University policies and procedures are followed.
- D. Represent campus interests at the state and federal level.

Colorado Springs Chamber of Commerce, Colorado Springs Economic Development Corporation

- A. Support growth for the campus after an incident by promoting recovery efforts, bringing industry and research opportunities to the area, and seeking government grants and funding for development.