



## ***LAW ENFORCEMENT***

### **ESF # 13 Public Safety and Security Annex - as defined in the National Response Framework**

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**Note: This section of the plan contains no specific tactical information and simply outlines the procedures that could potentially be followed during a disaster or critical incident. All actions outlined in this plan may not necessarily be followed in every situation.**

### **VANCE COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN Updated: December 17, 2008**

#### **I. PURPOSE**

This section provides for security, maintenance of law and order, traffic control.

#### **II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS**

##### **A. Situation**

1. Law enforcement in Vance County is provided by the Vance County Sheriff's Office and the City of Henderson Police Department.
2. State law enforcement agencies that regularly operate within the Vance County's borders are the N. C. Highway Patrol, N. C. Wildlife Commission and State Bureau of Investigation.
3. A spirit of cooperation exists between the local, state and federal law enforcement agencies that operate within the County, and federal and State agencies routinely cooperate with local law enforcement officers during emergency events.
4. When N. C. Highway Patrol personnel are requested to support Vance County traffic control, a ranking officer from the Patrol may be present in the County **EOC** to coordinate N. C. Highway Patrol operations.
5. Predetermined traffic control points have been identified by the Highway Patrol, Vance County Sheriff's Office, and the Henderson Police Department to facilitate management of traffic flow when evacuation is required.

##### **B. Assumptions**

1. Activities of local law enforcement agencies will increase significantly during emergency operations. If local capabilities are overwhelmed, support may be obtained from State and Federal law enforcement agencies.

2. An evacuation from a large area of the County could significantly impact Vance County law enforcement/traffic control operations.
3. During **evacuations**, accidents or mechanical failure could significantly impede the evacuating traffic flow.
4. The number of law enforcement personnel available in the County area during an emergency event may not be adequate to provide for security until supplemented.
5. Following an emergency event, it may be necessary to supplement local law enforcement personnel with officers from other jurisdictions to provide security and traffic control.

### III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Emergency law enforcement operations will interrupt routine functions and responsibilities. Expanded emergency responsibilities will include maintenance of law and order, traffic control, crowd control and security.
- B. The Vance County Sheriff's Office will be the coordinating agency for law enforcement operations in Vance County during multi-jurisdictional emergency events.
- C. Law enforcement officers in Vance County will assist with the dissemination of emergency information to isolated populations and to motorists.
- D. Law enforcement activities will remain under the control of the Senior law enforcement officer for the jurisdiction in which the emergency operation is taking place.
- E. Law enforcement agencies will have primary responsibility for traffic control and security in and near an evacuated area and in other areas of emergency operations. They may be called upon to assist with warning the public.
- F. Law enforcement officers in the field will observe and report emergency activity to the Vance County EOC.
- G. Law enforcement officers will enforce the provision outlined in the **Proclamation of a State of Emergency**.