



ARAPAHOE COUNTY
COLORADO'S FIRST

Board Summary Report

Date: April 8, 2019
To: Board of County Commissioners
Through: Tyler S. Brown, Sheriff
From: Nathan Fogg, Emergency Manager
Subject: Approval and Adoption of 2019 Emergency Operations Plan

Request and Recommendation

The Office of Emergency Management (OEM) is requesting Board of County Commissioners (BoCC) approval and adoption of the 2019 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). The 2019 version updated the previously adopted version with some minor edits and the inclusion of the resource mobilization annex. This plan serves to guide the OEM through its missions before, during, and after a disaster or emergency. It describes the processes OEM uses and serves as a basis for reimbursement of disaster dollars should they become available.

Background

The EOP is required of county governments by Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, Amended in 2018. This updated plan meets those requirements. The plan underwent minor edits. The noteworthy addition is the inclusion of the resource mobilization annex. This annex, maintained by OEM is supported by living documents that detail a variety of contracts, sources, suppliers, agreements, and other means of accessing resources needed to mitigate, respond to, and recover from disasters and emergencies. The annex, included in the EOP, describes the concept of operations for both sending and receiving resources based on OEM requests.

Links to Align Arapahoe

- Service First
 - The EOP defines the process County agencies use to integrate horizontally and vertically during disasters and states of emergency, outlining coordinating agencies, concepts of operations, and work required during each phase of disaster response.
- Fiscal Responsibility
 - The plan describes efficient use and deployment of government and contract resources during each phase of a disaster
- Quality of Life
 - The EOP address environmental health, public health, mental health, and each performance indicator under quality of life.

Discussion

The EOP is a three-year document and is required by Statute. The plan is largely similar to years past with the noted addition of the resource mobilization annex. It is organized around core planning document and additional annexes called Emergency Support Functions or ESFs. These ESs are the foundational to the plan and define how partner entities will interact, coordinate, and respond during a disaster. The most recent use of the full-blown EOP was the March 2019 Blizzard.

Alternatives

The BoCC could not approve and sign the updated EOP which would cause the county to fall out of compliance with statute

Fiscal Impact

Not approving an updated EOP may result in Arapahoe County being ineligible for disaster assistance from the State and Federal governments.

Concurrence

Each affected county department and office was involved in the authoring and/or review of the plan. The lead agencies are listed in the plan and include nearly every county office and department.

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