

Executive Summary

The All-Hazard Emergency Operations Plan, referred to in this document as the “Emergency Operations Plan” or EOP, describes how Hobbs will handle emergency situations and disasters. The EOP assigns responsibilities to City departments for coordinating emergency response activities before, during, and after any type of emergency or disaster. The EOP does not contain specific instructions as to how each department will respond to an emergency.

The goal of the EOP is to coordinate emergency response efforts to save lives, reduce injuries, and preserve property. Although the EOP addresses emergency issues before and after an emergency, its primary goal is to assemble, mobilize and coordinate a team of responders and coordinators that can deal with any emergency.

The EOP will use a graduated response strategy in proportion to the scope and severity of an emergency. The event or incident will determine the scope of an emergency and the activating resources necessary to manage it.

Specific emergency strategies include establishing the Emergency Management Steering Committee. This Committee consists of key departments such as Law Enforcement, Fire Department, Public Works, etc. which are to be responsible for establishing and monitoring programs to reduce the potential for hazard events in the community through planning, review, training, and developing and maintaining the EOP.

During an emergency, all involved personnel will use the Incident Command System (ICS)* to manage the incident or event.

The Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will coordinate additional resources when needed according to the EOP and will continue to use the EOP to restore the community after an emergency.

In February 2003, Presidential Directive (HSPD) – 5 was signed to facilitate a standard management approach to major incidents by establishing a comprehensive national incident management system (NIMS). The Secretary of Homeland Security will administrate NIMS as part of the National Response Plan (NRP). The National Response Plan is intended to integrate federal government into a single, all discipline, all hazards plan. NIMS will provide a nationwide approach that enables federal, state, tribal and local government agencies to “work effectively and efficiently together to prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size or complexity.” This EOP has been prepared to conform to NIMS.

In November 2005, the City of Hobbs passed Resolution 4400 which "Authorized and Approved the Adoption of the National Incident Management System by the City of Hobbs" This was passed, adopted and approved November 7th, 2005 by the Hobbs City Commission.