

The Office of Emergency Management

City of Ellisville Ordinance 225.010 establishes the Emergency Management Organization and in accordance of RSMo Chapter 44, the Missouri Emergency Operations Plan. Ellisville Ordinance Chapter 225 identifies specific areas such as the functions, scope of operation, mutual aid agreement and the appointment of the coordinator. (Refer to Ellisville website City Code.) The present coordinator is Ellisville Police Chief Steven Lewis. Chief Lewis is a current member of the FBI Joint Terrorism Task Force Executive Board. He is a past Emergency Management Director for the City of Chesterfield and has received training in the following areas such as, but not limited to:

- The FEMA 7 course Executive Management Series for Emergency Management
- IS – 0100; 200; 700; 800 – Incident Command, Incident Action Response, National Incident Management
- MGT 404 - Advanced Sports and Special Events Incident Management
- ICS – 300 – Intermediate ICS for Expanding Incidents
- ICS – 400 – Advanced ICS for Command and General Staff – Complex
- ICS – 360 – Preparing for Mass Casualty Incidents
- FEMA Courses in Exercise Design; Response to Mass Casualties,
- Hazardous Materials Awareness and Operations Level Certified
- Pipeline Emergency Response
- Advanced Response to Terrorism and Active Shooter
- Many other Emergency Management related coursework totaling hundreds of hours of training

In addition the training listed, Chief Lewis is involved with the area Code 1000 organization, a framework for mutual aid response between police agencies for emergency situations, on the Missouri Region C Incident Support Team.

The coordinator works in conjunction with the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center, SEMA, FEMA and the Metro West Fire District, as well as any other entity that may be needed and utilized in the event of an emergency, manmade or natural.

Emergency Management is initiated when a specific incident dictates which may or may not require a unified command. Depending on the circumstances, the emergency may escalate that requires the immediate attention of various resources such as fire services, medical services, law enforcement, utility companies, transportation companies, public works, Hazmat teams, SEMA, FEMA, EPA or any other entity that may be necessary, but one must consider first, emergency management begins at home in any small or large event. Every resident must be ready for any eventuality. **Residents may access the FEMA website at www.fema.gov/library or by telephoning 1-800-480-2520 for publications offered free to the public. One such publication is, "Are You Ready?", a basic guide for the citizen to prepare for various emergencies. It may be downloaded or a copy requested by calling the listed FEMA telephone number. This provides residents with a preparation guide apart from the city's emergency management response. There are also many other publications available from FEMA. (It should be noted there are 91 Red Cross shelters in close proximity to the Ellisville area, of which, are contained within the Emergency Operations Plan, EOP.)**

THE SHELTER LOCATIONS ARE NOT RELEASED TO THE PUBLIC UNTIL THE EMERGENCY OCCURS IF IN FACT, RELOCATION IS NECESSARY. THE EMERGENCY WILL DICTATE WHICH SHELTER WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL DEPENDING ON GEOGRAPHICAL LOCATION AND GRAVITY OF THE EMERGENCY. IN THE EVENT OF AN EMERGENCY REQUIRING RELOCATION TO A SHELTER, THE PUBLIC WILL BE NOTIFIED EXPEDITOUSLY. SOME EMERGENCIES WILL REQUIRE SHELTERING IN PLACE.

Emergencies in any given situation may be classified as static or dynamic. Static situations allow for preplanning and preparing for the event with the ability to create an **Incident Action Plan, IAP** in advance, i.e., the Ellisville Independence Day Celebration, while the dynamic emergency requires quick action with the **IAP** being created on the fly, but subject to revision depending on the action to be taken and resources required. **IAP's** can quickly be created for dynamic situations, i.e., earthquake or tornado, but the type of emergency, the gravity and

scope of the emergency will dictate how the emergency is addressed and how it will affect the **IAP**.

Ellisville residents are encouraged to sign up for Nixle, a free communication service which will allow each resident access to important information sent out by the police department or Office of Emergency Management that may impact the resident in any given circumstance. (A cell phone and/or computer are required for this service, however, another communication tool is currently being considered that will allow for direct telephone contact with the resident via cell or land line. Incorporated into this will be automatic weather alerts. There will be no cost to the resident and signing up will be strictly voluntary.) Additionally, our emergency management plan relies on the media to alert residents of urgent action to be taken in the event of an emergency and all media contact information is identified in the Emergency Operations Plan (**EOP**) and maintained by the police supervisors and the Emergency Management Coordinator. Officers' are also a direct line of communication with Ellisville residents, and in the West County area, we have the luxury of numerous police officers on duty in addition to our own at any given time, and can call upon them according to our Mutual Aid Agreement specified in the Ellisville City Code. Mutual Aid is not limited to law enforcement, but to fire services and public works as well. This also includes any other entity that may be necessary to assist in the mitigation of the emergency.

Following the 911 bond initiative, new siren warning speakers were installed County wide, and all police agencies received interoperable vehicle and portable radios to replace less effective radios. This new radio system will allow direct communications with police agencies and fire districts County wide, and with an additional frequency added in the future, provide direct communications statewide.

Additionally, backup communication is achieved by police Ham radio operators and the St. Louis County Emergency Operations Center. The police department currently utilizes two dual band Ham radios', one in the command trailer, and one in the Chief's vehicle. Three command officers', the Chief, and one part time officer are Ham licensed. In the event communications with the police

dispatch/EOC fails, communication can be maintained through Ham radio. (At present, Ellisville and Eureka are the only municipalities in the West County area with this capability.)

The Ellisville Police Department and Emergency Management Coordinator participates in ongoing training, such as Crisis Management with the Rockwood School District, Senior Living Facility emergencies with the Metro West Fire District, Tornado and Earthquake response with the local schools and SEMA, intruder prevention and security measures at local churches, Active Shooter training, Incident Response To Terrorist Bombing, FEMA – Rapid Visual Screening of Buildings for Potential Seismic Hazards, and Rapid Observation of Vulnerability and Estimation of Risk, FEMA – Emergency Management for Senior Officers, Evacuation and Re-Entry Training, MOSCOP Mutual Aid System, New Madrid Fault Earthquake Training, Rapid Response Training, New Mexico Tech Bomb Training, Community Emergency Response System (CERT) and more. **(For those residents interested in attending CERT classes, Metro West Fire Protection District may be contacted by email at www.metrowest-fire.org for additional information.)**

The public may access the **City of Ellisville Basic Emergency Operations Plan** on this website, but the **EOP** in its entirety, is classified **Confidential** under the umbrella of Homeland Security. The Ellisville **EOP** is maintained and updated periodically by the Coordinator and is also made available to the police department supervisors and City Manager only.