

Section 7: Evacuation, Traffic, & Security

General Information

I PURPOSE

Outline how evacuation, traffic control, and security will be carried out.

II PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. The Swift County Emergency Manager will prepare in advance for the potential of an evacuation of county residents.
- B. Pre-identify primary and secondary evacuation routes for the population at risk.
- C. In Swift County the senior Law Enforcement or Fire official of the affected jurisdiction would make the determination for evacuation. (*39)
- D. The Swift County Sheriff's Department will be responsible for determining conducting and coordinating any large scale evacuation or sheltering in place of county residents, pets and livestock (*38, *44)
- E. Police and/or Fire Department personnel would be responsible for coordinating the evacuation within their municipalities, including traffic control, public transportation resources and security. (*39, *41, *42, *44, *45)
- F. The Swift County Sheriff will be responsible for establishing any traffic control points that may be necessary.
- G. The Swift County Emergency Manager will be responsible for determining when evacuees can safely return to their residences.
- H. The Swift County Sheriff is responsible for evacuation of special-needs people.

III DETERMING THE NEED

- A. The Swift County Sheriff's Dept. will be responsible for determining when, evacuation, traffic control and security will be implemented.
- B. The police and fire departments will provide backup.

Standard Operating Guide to Section 7 Evacuation, Traffic, & Security

I PURPOSE

This SOG is intended to provide specific guidance for both a recommended evacuation and a mandatory evacuation of residents of Swift County and of evacuees of another county being brought in.

II GENERAL

- A. The Swift County Sheriff, the local Police Chief, or the local Fire Chief may order an evacuation.
- B. Evacuation will be based upon the incident and assessment of public safety risk to residents.
- C. Utilization of agencies to provide congregate care can be found in Section 10.

III PET/LIVESTOCK EVACUATION (*44)

Pet evacuation and sheltering assistance can be obtained from:

- 1. Swift County Fairgrounds Association.
- 2. Benson Veterinary Clinic
- 3. State of Minnesota Board of Animal Health: 651-296-2942
- 4. USDA District Veterinarian: 320-235-8284
- 5. Swift County Humane Society
- 6. Appleton Vet Clinic
- 7. American Humane Association (AHA)
- 8. Humane Society of the United States (HSUS)
- 9. Minnesota Animal Disaster Coalition (MNADC)
- 10. Minnesota Animal Control Association (MACA)
- 11. Minnesota Horse Council (Horse issues only)

These agencies can be reached through MN VOAD, which can be paged via the Minnesota Duty Officer.

IV ADDITIONAL INFORMATION IS OUTLINED IN THE FOLLOWING

I. Purpose

To outline how evacuation, traffic control, and security will be carried out if required due to an emergency or disaster.

II. Rationale and Responsibilities

The rationale for evacuation, whether for a large or small scale emergency, is that hazardous conditions or potentially hazardous conditions can best be mitigated by moving the affected population to an area of lesser risk. Prior to recommending evacuation due to an actual/potential hazardous materials related threat, county officials will evaluate the benefit of sheltering in place. If sheltering is determined to be the most appropriate protective action, information and instructions will be provided to the affected citizens. (This may include but is not limited to: closing doors, both internal and to the outside, windows, and fireplace dampers, sealing/closing all vents, fans and other openings to the outside, turning off furnaces, air conditioners, covering

and staying away from windows, and in buildings, minimizing the use of elevators.)

- a. The Swift County emergency management director and the county sheriff will jointly prepare in advance for a potential evacuation of county residents. Their preparation will include a hazard analysis and vulnerability assessment of the various hazards in the county, and a determination of appropriate evacuation routes and traffic control points.
- b. In Swift County, the following official(s) will be responsible for recommending evacuation:

| <u>Officials(s)</u> | <u>Types of Incident(s)</u> |
|---------------------|-----------------------------|
| County Sheriff | All |
| Mayor | City |

- c. The Swift County Sheriff will be responsible for conducting and coordinating any large scale evacuation of rural county residents. This coordination will include the evacuation activities of other participating agencies and jurisdictions. In the event of a large scale and long term evacuation, essential resources (critical supplies, equipment, personnel, etc.) will be relocated as necessary, using county motor pool vehicles.
- d. The County Sheriff will be responsible for preparing instructions for people who must evacuate from a high risk area. This is to include identification of centrally located staging areas and pick up points for evacuees without private automobiles or other means of evacuation.
- e. The County Sheriff will have primary responsibility for ensuring that the affected county residents and facilities are notified of the need to evacuate.
- f. The County Sheriff will have primary responsibility for assisting handicapped, elderly, mobility impaired and other individuals unable to evacuate themselves with the assistance of law enforcement, fire and rescue personnel.
- g. The Swift County Sheriff’s Office and or a deputy will be responsible for establishing and staffing any traffic control points that may be necessary.
- h. The Swift County Sheriff’s Office and or a deputy will be responsible for maintaining access control and security for the evacuated areas.

- i. The Swift County engineer will be responsible for overseeing the removal of stalled vehicles, obstructions, or any other roadway impediments so that the evacuation route(s) can remain open.
- j. Within the affected municipalities in Swift County, police and or fire departments will be responsible for coordinating an evacuation effort, including traffic control and surety.
- k. In consultation with local and or state hazardous materials specialists, the County Sheriff will be responsible for determining when evacuees can safely return to their residences.

III. SUPPORTING AGENCIES/ORGANIZATIONS

- a. In some cases, ambulance service vehicles may be available, if needed, to evacuate non ambulatory individuals.
- b. School districts could provide busses, if needed, to assist in the evacuation process. These vehicles may also serve as a means of transport for essential workers from risk areas.

IV. SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS

- a. The County Resource Manual contains listings of the congregate care facilities available in the county.

V. AUTHENTICATION

Swift County Sheriff

Date

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Evacuation Routes Out of Swift County

See Maps Section

Also See Sections

Section 10 - Congregate Care

Section 12 - Utility Restoration

Section 13 - Hazardous Materials

Section 13 - Facility Information Attachment (includes populations at risk)