

WOOD COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN PROMULGATION STATEMENT

WHEREAS preparedness to cope with disasters requires many diverse but interrelated elements which must be woven into an integrated system involving local government, private support agencies as well as the individual citizen, and planning is necessary to coordinate all of these elements;

WHEREAS disasters necessitate an escalation in the material needs of a community and a reorganization of resources and personnel to address those needs.

WHEREAS a lack of planning results in disorganized, "salvage-type" activities instead of a coordinated response.

WHEREAS planning for population protection must be a cooperative effort to avert or minimize the effects of an emergency and be based on a standard set of incident management guidelines to allow for seamless interoperability and cooperation to restore the stricken area to its pre-disaster condition with as little social or economic disruption possible.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT this plan is a statement of policy regarding emergency management and assigns tasks and responsibilities to county officials and department heads, specifying their roles during an emergency or disaster situation. It is developed pursuant to Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD)-5, the National Incident Management System, Presidential Policy Directive (PPD)-8, and Chapter 15, Article 5 of the West Virginia Code.

Signed this 14 day of Jan, 2013



Commissioner



Commission President



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