
4. Coordinating with the County Emergency Plan

_____ (*facility name*) has established and will maintain an ongoing relationship with the _____ (*county name*) County Emergency Management Office in order to keep abreast of the resources the county can and will provide in a crisis or disaster situation. It is equally important for the County to understand the emergency preparedness needs of the facility.

_____ (*facility name*) will consider the following points regarding its coordination with the _____ (*county name*) County Emergency Plan:

- Obtaining copies of the _____ (*county name*) County Emergency Plan and becoming thoroughly familiar with the document in order to understand what services are available and what actions are expected of the facility during a crisis or disaster situation.
- Keeping abreast of changes in the County plan.
- Inviting appropriate _____ (*county name*) County Emergency Management personnel to visit and assess the facility to help identify ways to prepare for crisis or disaster situations.
- Arranging to have the facility represented in communication lists, which will inform the community of emergency plans and directives.
- Participating in _____ (*county name*) County discussions/local planning committees to determine what plans are made for emergency provisions of food, water, medicines, and necessary supplies during a crisis or disaster situation that may last for several days.
- Participating in _____ (*county name*) County training, exercises, drills, and simulations of a crisis or disaster situation to become familiar with its policies and procedures.

5. Emergency Communications

_____ (*facility name*) shall establish methods of communicating both internally and externally during a crisis or disaster situation. Traditional communication systems may not be available (failure) or may be overwhelmed (overload) during such a critical event.

Examples of alternate communication methods are cellular phones (possibly cellular phones with outside area codes), satellite phones (both of which may not always be reliable), internet (if computer systems are operable), two-way radios, CB, or HAM radios. Mass notification systems are another option (visit <http://www.3online.com/solutions/industry/healthcare/?act=showall> for more information regarding 3n Mass Notification System.)

_____ (*facility name*) has identified and secured _____ as the primary communication method for internal usage in the event of a disaster event.

_____ has been designated as the alternate and supplemental method of communication in the event the primary system is inoperable.

_____ has been identified as the primary means of external communications in the event of a disaster.

_____ has been designated as the alternate and supplemental method of communication in the event of a disaster.