

Section 7

Emergency Preparedness

Through the efforts of Melissa Rhodes (GOHSEP Coordinator) who is housed at North Delta, and Emergency Plan has been developed. Although, additional updates are required, a copy of the Plan is attached for review.

An Emergency Staff Tree has been designed which has been acknowledged. The purpose of the Staff Tree is to be assured that the Councils within the service area follows the correct procedures to demonstrate their ability of assisting seniors during a crisis. The following branches explain the members involved. Also, each Council has designed a Plan which is on file for review.

- Emergency Preparedness Staff
- Council on Aging Director/Board Members
- North Delta Area Agency on Aging
- Civil Defense/National Guards
- American Red Cross
- Sheriff's Office/City Police/City Hall Personnel for water supply and food handling storage – sewage disposal/garbage
- All Transportation Providers including Ambulance Services
- Health Units
- Medical Centers
- Bountiful Foods
- Mental Health
- Community Action Providers
- Ministerial Support
- Coroner

Each Council, Site Manager and Coordinator will be the lead staff to be assured the office is covered, although the Health Medical Offices will accompany all coordination approved by the Emergency Preparedness Disaster.

We fully understand the phrase, "prepare for War in time of Peace." It is vital that a well planned support is in place after a disaster occurs. If additional support resources are needed, the Councils have been instructed to report such assistance from neighboring parishes. The Councils are also aware to contact State and Federal Agencies if support is unavailable locally.

All of the above information will be updated annually and given to each involved individual and agency to maintain/implement if deemed necessary.

The North Delta Area Agency on Aging also encourages each Council to participate in mock drills sponsored by the town with a returned report of activities.

Each Council Office alternate Office is the City Hall or local Civil Center.