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§ 2409. Operational Area Level.

(a) "Operational Area Level" means an intermediate level of the state emergency services organization, consisting of a county and all political subdivisions within the county area. Each county geographic area is designated as an operational area. An operational area is used by the county and the political subdivisions comprising the operational area for the coordination of emergency activities and to serve as a link in the system of communications and coordination between the state's emergency operation centers and the operation centers of the political subdivisions comprising the operational area, as defined in Government Code s8559(b) & s8605. This definition does not change the definition of operational area as used in the existing fire and rescue mutual aid system.

(b) All local governments within the county geographic area shall be organized into a single operational area by December 1, 1995, and the county board of supervisors shall be responsible for its establishment.

(c) The operational area authority and responsibility under SEMS shall not be affected by non-participation of any local government(s) within the operational area.

(d) The county government shall serve as the lead agency of the operational area unless another member agency of the operational area assumes that responsibility by written agreement with county government.

(e) The lead agency of the operational area shall:

(1) Coordinate information, resources and priorities among the local governments within the operational area.

(2) Coordinate information, resources and priorities between the regional level and the local government level. Coordination of fire and law enforcement resources shall be accomplished through their respective mutual aid systems.

(3) Use multi-agency or inter-agency coordination to facilitate decisions for overall operational area level emergency response activities.

(f) The operational area EOC shall be activated and SEMS used as described in the SEMS Organizational Levels and Functions (s2403) when any of the following conditions exists:

(1) A local government within the operational area has activated its EOC and requested activation of the operational area EOC to support their emergency operations.

(2) Two or more cities within the operational area have declared or proclaimed a local emergency.

(3) The county and one or more cities have declared or proclaimed a local emergency.

(4) A city, city and county, or county has requested a governor's proclamation of a state of emergency, as defined in Government Code s8558(b).

(5) A state of emergency is proclaimed by the governor for the county or two or more cities within the operational area.

(6) The operational area is requesting resources from outside its boundaries, except those resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing agreements providing for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on a reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

(7) The operational area has received resource requests from outside its boundaries, except those resources used in normal day-to-day operations which are obtained through existing agreements providing for the exchange or furnishing of certain types of facilities and services on a reimbursable, exchange, or other basis as provided for under the Master Mutual Aid Agreement.

Note: Authority cited: Section 8607(a), Government Code. Reference: Sections 8607(a), 8558(c), 8559(b), 8605, 8561, 8616, 8617, 8618, Government Code.
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