

# City of Cordova



## **ANNEX J: TERRORISM and WEAPONS of MASS DESTRUCTION**

### **Purpose**

**This annex provides for the orderly and expeditious response to an act of terrorism or weapons of mass destruction, to minimize damages and death.**

### **Situation**

**Cordova is isolated, yet could easily be targeted due to the current ease of travel and the wide base of access to all communities. The influx of transients during Cordova's fishing season creates a particular vulnerability, since the local population doubles and many of the incomers are of unknown backgrounds and represent a wide ethnic base.**

- Although the potential for a worldwide nuclear conflict has diminished in recent years, history has proven that the nation must always remain vigilant. Civil defense planning continues to be a vital element in any emergency management program. The City of Cordova is not included as a target site in the Nuclear Attack Planning Base. However, other areas in Alaska are considered to be potential targets and Cordova may experience varying amounts of radioactive fallout in the event of a nuclear war.

- Additionally, Alaska's geographical proximity to North Korea and other US threats is a key element of concern.
- If necessary, the City of Cordova has sufficient space available to shelter the general public from the effects of most natural and manmade hazards. With relatively minor upgrading, there are also adequate facilities available to protect the public from radiation fallout resulting from a nuclear detonation elsewhere in the State.

## Assumptions

### **Although the potential for terrorist activity is minimal in Cordova, it must be anticipated.**

- In acts of terrorism, it is unlikely that warning will be issued. The first terrorist event may serve to warn other areas.
- Although specific attack objectives cannot be predicted with assurance, it is assumed that military, oil, and governmental centers, concentrations of industry and population, will be the principal targets.
- Acts of terrorism involving WMD may occur anywhere within Region 4 and may involve the detonation of explosives, and/or a release of nuclear, biological or chemical material.
- Oil and commercial industrial chemicals at fixed facilities as well as in transportation also represent a threat from deliberate releases
- Local security forces and immediately available fire, law enforcement and emergency medical personnel will be the first government/response forces at the scene. Their ability to handle a large number of casualties will be limited and their capability to rapidly detect and identify chemical and biological (C/B) warfare agents or materials is limited by the technical knowledge and equipment available to them.
- A multi-agency response force of Federal and local personnel trained to detect, identify, remove and dispose of C/B warfare materials and to decontaminate the victims, response personnel and areas involved will be required to successfully respond to a terrorist incident

## Limitations

**There are no facilities within the local area that could withstand the effects of a direct nuclear hit within the City.**

- Additionally, Cordova does not have the ability to identify biological or chemical WMD. Nor does it have bomb or explosive defusing capability.

## Concept of Operations

### **Preparation**

- Preparation includes gathering pertinent information. In order for the City to protect its constituents from all threats or hazards, including terrorism and natural and technological hazards, they must establish the capability to monitor conditions and analyze information that could signal the onset of any of these events. Information from the DHS&EM Daily Situation Report, the National Weather Service (NWS), the Alaska Volcano Observatory (AVO), local law enforcement and a variety of other sources will be monitored.
- Three incident intelligence areas will be focused upon if the need to collect intelligence/investigative information arises: situation status, resource status, and anticipated incident status or escalation (e.g. weather forecasts, location of supplies, etc) .

## **During the Warning Period**

- Terrorism warnings may come directly from the FBI. If warnings are generated locally, call the National Terrorism Hotline; it is the central point of contact for all federal agencies (1-800-424-8802)

## **During the Response Period**

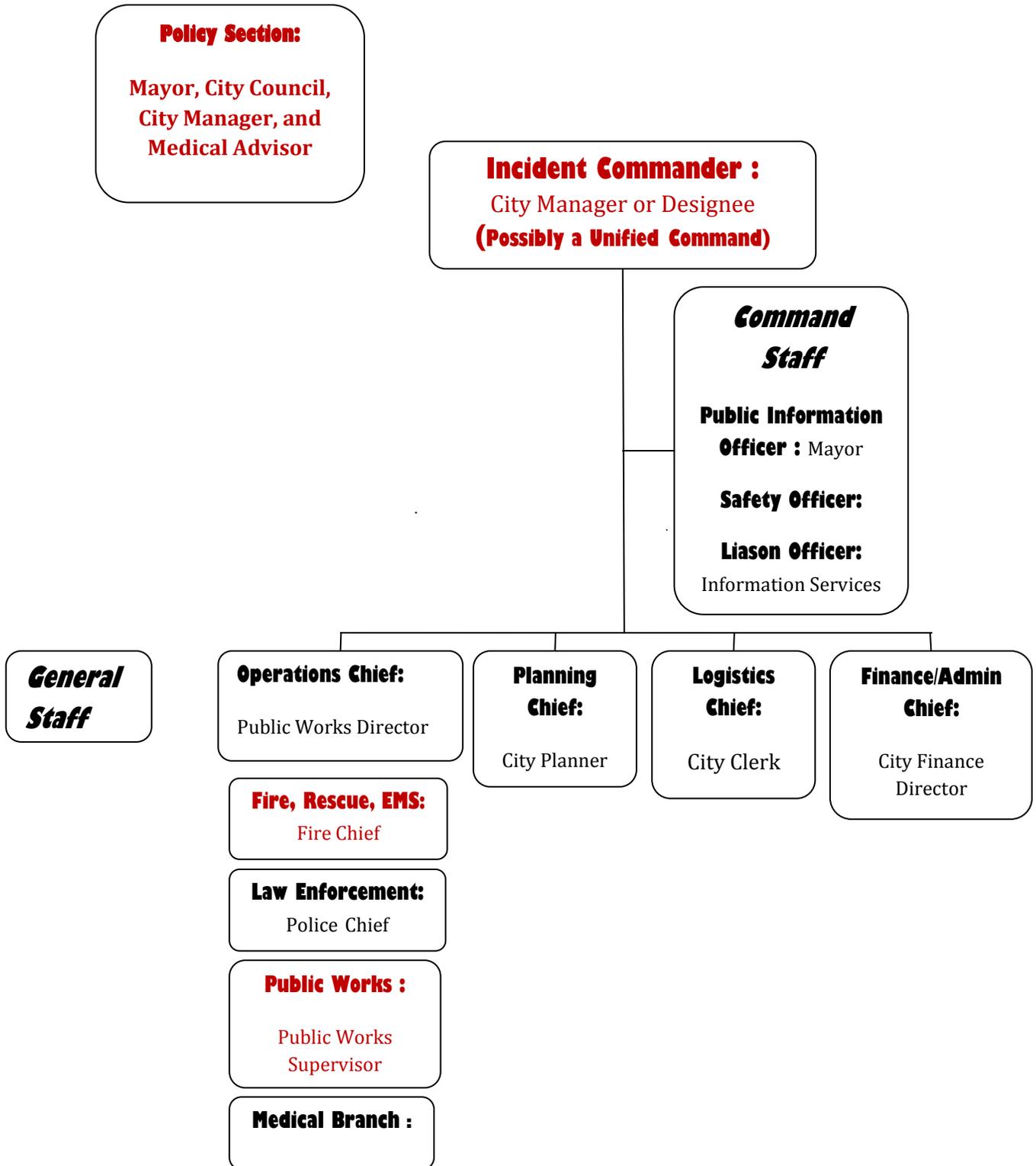
- Activate the EOC and contact the appropriate authorities/coordinate with them.
  - FEMA Rapid Response System Information System
    - Biological/Chemical 1-800-424-8802
    - Radiological
  - FBI Bomb Data Center (if explosive device) 1-202-324-2696
  - CDC (if suspected biological materials) 1-770-488-7100
  - AK Natl. Guard 103<sup>rd</sup> Civil Support (thru DHS&EM) 1-800-478-2337
- The collection, analysis, and sharing of incident-related intelligence are important elements of any terrorism/WMD incident. Dispatched on the incident needs, the information and investigations function may be activated as a fifth Section, as an element within the Operations or Planning Sections, or as part of the Command Staff.
  - Input from local Law Enforcement agencies will initially guide the intelligence information collection, analysis, and sharing.
  - All efforts will be made to cooperate with State and Federal authorities with regards to intelligence information

## **Organization and Assignment of Responsibilities**

- See following chart for organizational chart depicting organizational structure during a terrorism/ WMD event

# Organizational Chart for Terrorism/WMD

\*\*\*RED indicates activation of that entity for Terrorism/WMD



**Specific responsibilities for the following jobs are found in the Position Checklist. The abbreviation for each job is found in the table below.**

Incident Commander	IC
Operations Section Chief	OSC
Dispatch	DIS
Police Department	PD
Cordova Volunteer Fire Department	CVFD
Emergency Management Coordinator	EMC
AK Department of Transportation	DOT
Communications Unit Leader	Com UL
Administrative/Finance Section Chief	FASC
Logistics Section Chief	LSC
Liason Officer	LIO
Supply Unit Leader	SupUL
Temporary Coroner	TC
Behavioral Health Services	BHS

## **POSITION CHECKLIST: TERRORISM and WMD**

\*\*\*If it is a PRIMARY responsibility, it will be in **BOLD and underlined**

<b>Responsibility/Task</b>	<b><u>Who is Responsible?</u></b>
<b>PREPARATION</b>	
Gather/monitor intelligence information continuously	<b><u>PD</u></b>
Maintain/update the Disaster Registry, identifying special needs citizens	<b><u>EMC</u></b>
Review assignments regularly of all personnel and train those who will have emergency tasks to perform	<b><u>ALL ENTITIES</u></b>

Review and update plans for possible terrorist/WMD attack	
Test warning system regularly	<u>DIS</u>
Pre-designate shelters for employees and their families	<u>EMC</u>
Pre-designate busses used for the movement of populations to shelters, if necessary	<u>EMC</u>
Have vital equipment in the condition necessary for terrorism/WMD procedures	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
<b>WARNING PHASE</b>	
Receive and evaluate report and confirm as soon as possible	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Make estimates about extent, timing, and consequences of threat	<u>IC</u>
Estimate the number of evacuees and identify and select areas suitable for sheltering evacuees	<u>IC</u>
Identify and select areas suitable for storage of evacuated equipment and emergency supplies	<u>IC</u>
Assure that evacuation routes to shelters selected will not become impassable before they can be reached	<u>PW, DOT</u>
Notify the Incident Management Team (IMT).	<u>DIS</u>
Establish an Emergency Operations Center (EOC) in a safe and suitable location	<u>IC, EMC</u>
Prepare for the evacuation and reception of the evacuees	<u>IC</u>
Estimate the nature and scope of outside assistance that may be required	<u>IC</u>
Initiate Communications plan	<u>ComUL</u>
Inventory communications capabilities between essential functions and the EOC	<u>ComUL</u>
Publicize emergency public information. Disseminate warning in English, Spanish , and Tagalog, if necessary	<u>PIO</u>
Arrange for the control of incoming air, marine, and surface traffic to facilitate receipt and delivery of needed supplies and to divert non-supplies	<u>SupUL</u>
Prepare for documenting equipment and supplies used, personnel hours spent, including overtime, and other documentation on expenses which might be necessary for later reimbursement	<u>FASC</u>
Sound alert and warning sirens as appropriate	<u>DIS</u>
Establish liason with the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and otter appropriate State and Federal authorities	<u>LIQ</u>
Maintain and alert or standby of personnel as necessary	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Notify EMS and hospitals of potential injuries and decontamination needs	<u>CVFD</u>

<b>RESPONSE</b>	
Activate the Incident Management Team (IMT) and EOC and update the State	<b><u>IC</u></b>
Coordinate response with the State and Federal authorities	<b><u>IC</u></b>
If conditions warrant, declare a local disaster and contact Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management, requesting assistance	<b><u>MAYOR</u></b>
Request assistance from the State Hazmat team, if needed	<b><u>IC</u></b>
Secure all associated evidence	<b><u>ALL ENTITIES</u></b>
If attack involves hazardous materials, see Annex K	<b><u>ALL ENTITIES</u></b>
If anthrax is suspected, double bag and wash hands with soap and water (no decon needed if substance is contained)	<b><u>CVFD</u></b>
Notify EMS and hospital if there are injuries, making certain they understand if there are contaminated victims	<b><u>CVFD</u></b>
Conduct field decontamination as needed	<b><u>CVFD</u></b>
Activate reconnaissance, rescue, and medical strike teams and/or task forces , making certain they have EOC communications	<b><u>CVFD</u></b>
Warn citizens of hazardous materials or compromised structures	<b><u>DIS</u></b>
Control fires and the escapement and/or spread of hazardous or toxic substances	<b><u>CVFD</u></b>
Maintain order- control crowds and protect property	<b><u>PD</u></b>
Issue evacuation notice as appropriate and activate shelters	<b><u>IC</u></b>
Maintain transportation routes to shelters	<b><u>PW</u></b>
Coordinate movements to shelter using school busses, if necessary.	<b><u>PD</u></b>
Secure evacuated areas	<b><u>PD</u></b>
Survey existing communications and mobilize amateur radio communications, if needed	<b><u>IC</u></b>
Restore and maintain essential services, such as disrupted utilities, transportation routes, and fuel tank farms	<b><u>PW, CEC, CTC</u></b>
Continue to update the public on shelters or shelter in place procedures, evacuation routes, and how to get information on victims	<b><u>PIO</u></b>
Search for secondary devices	<b><u>PD</u></b>
Establish temporary morgue, as needed	<b><u>IC</u></b>
Establish strike teams and/or task forces to begin assessment of damages to public and private property	<b><u>PW</u></b>

Establish traffic control and roadblocks in heavily damaged areas	<u>PD</u>
Assist in repairs	<u>PW, CVFD</u>
Maintain records accurately, including using NIMS logs daily (Form 214)	<u>UNIT LEADERS</u>
<b>RECOVERY</b>	
Prepare emergency public information about procedures to follow in the recovery phase	<u>PIO</u>
Initiate criminal investigations, as necessary	<u>PD</u>
Take actions necessary to restore public confidence	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Establish disaster aid centers to process applications for the rehabilitation of individuals and families	<u>FASC</u>
Ensure that all hazardous materials have been disposed of or neutralized	<u>CVFD</u>
Identify safety hazards and undertake corrective action	<u>IC</u>
Perform post-incident cleanup and restore damaged utilities and transportation systems	<u>PW, CEC, CTC</u>
Coordinate recovery activities with state and federal relief agencies	<u>FASC</u>
Arrange for emergency housing, if necessary	<u>LSC</u>
Arrange for partial return of evacuees, particularly the heads of households, for individual damage assessment and cleanup	<u>PD</u>
Arrange for initial debris clearance	<u>PW</u>
Arrange for handling and identification of fatalities	<u>TC</u>
Provide mental health support services	<u>BHS</u>
Initiate immediate and long range rehabilitation measures and programs	<u>FASC</u>
Release extra personnel and equipment	<u>IC</u>
Perform damage assessments	<u>PW</u>
Provide monetary figures necessary to support a request for disaster declaration	<u>FASC</u>
Restock supplies and equipment used in the event and return any borrowed or rented equipment after proper cleaning/inspection	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Itemize all damaged equipment and supplies and submit list to Finance/Administration Section	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Perform a post-incident brief and an incident critique	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>
Complete and submit necessary reports and paperwork to appropriate agencies	<u>ALL ENTITIES</u>

