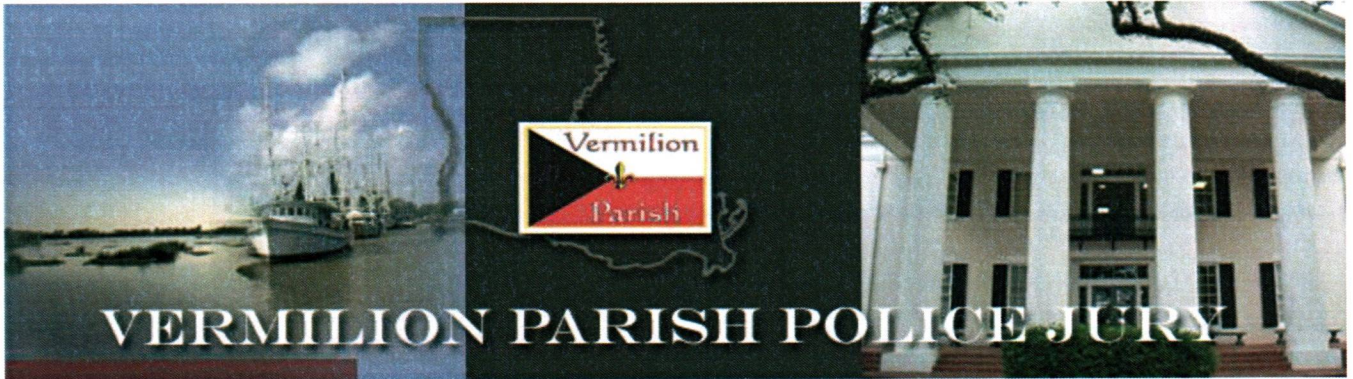


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MULTI-HAZARD  
EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

**ANNEX G**  
**LAW ENFORCEMENT**

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# ANNEX G - LAW ENFORCEMENT

## PURPOSE

*This annex describes the law enforcement coordination and implementation process.*

It is the purpose of this annex to provide for crime prevention, maintenance of law and order, traffic control, and for law enforcement activities in order to ensure the safety of life and property during any and all emergency or disaster situations.

## SITUATIONS AND ASSUMPTIONS

### A. SITUATION

1. Vermilion Parish has several law enforcement agencies within its boundaries, which may be called upon to respond to emergency situations.
2. State and Federal agencies will support law enforcement operations in Vermilion Parish.
3. Law enforcement within Vermilion Parish is defined in this annex as the following agencies:
  - a. Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office
  - b. Erath Police Department
  - c. Abbeville Police Department
  - d. Maurice Police Department
  - e. Kaplan Police Department
  - f. Gueydan Police Department
  - g. Delcambre Police Department
4. The primary means of incarceration within Vermilion Parish is the Vermilion Parish Jail located in Abbeville, Louisiana.
5. Mutual aid agreements are in place to provide a seamless integration between municipal departments and the Sheriff's Office. Therefore, no special activation is needed to request assistance from law enforcement agencies within Vermilion Parish.

### B. ASSUMPTIONS

1. Any hazard could potentially cause an emergency situation in any area of the parish, which would require assistance from law enforcement agencies.
2. Local law enforcement will generally be able to provide adequate police control through existing resources within Vermilion Parish.
3. In the event local resources are deemed insufficient, unmet needs of local law enforcement may be resolved through terms established in letters of agreement with support parishes and through the efforts of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness, and other state agencies.
4. Adjacent local parish prisons will have available space to serve as a relocation or reception area for evacuated prisoners.

# CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

Reference Paragraph III, Basic Plan.

## A. GENERAL

5. Emergency law enforcement operations will be an expansion of normal functions and responsibilities. These responsibilities will include maintenance of law and order, traffic control and crowd control and security.
6. When an emergency is declared and this plan is implemented and the EOC is activated, the Sheriff or his designated representative(s) will report to the EOC.
7. Law enforcement activities will remain under the control of the senior law enforcement officer for the jurisdiction in which the emergency operation is taking place.
8. Law enforcement agencies will have responsibility for warning the public and for traffic control in and near an evacuated area and in other areas of emergency or disaster operations.
9. During periods of disaster, the Sheriff's Office and the Municipal Police Department or their designee will coordinate law enforcement operations from the Parish Emergency Operations Center. At the same time, municipal law enforcement agencies will be responsible for directing law enforcement activities within their local jurisdictions. Coordination among law enforcement agencies will ensure security for vacated hazard areas, essential industries, prisoners, evacuating populations and congregate care facilities and will establish road blocks, check points and traffic control points and parking areas within reception areas.
10. The call-up of law enforcement personnel will be in accordance with prescribed departmental/agency policy. The operational priorities for personnel will be assigned by the Sheriff or the local municipal police chief. All personnel will report as outlined in their respective agency operating guidelines.
11. The Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office or Police Department shall provide security for the Emergency Operations Center during the required operation periods for any disaster or emergency incident. The law enforcement officer shall not allow any person entry to the Emergency Operations Center without the proper identification or pass approval.

## B. PHASES OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

1. Prevention  
Exercise plan and update as needed.
2. Mitigation
  - a. To assist in the prevention of crime and other civil disobedience, local law enforcement agencies maintain high visibility within Vermilion Parish to discourage would be criminals, including terrorist activities.

- b. All law enforcement agencies are responsible for enforcing local, state and federal laws, in particular laws that effect traffic management and weight limits are important in reducing the number of hazardous materials transportation incidents.
- c. Through neighborhood watch and other programs, law enforcement agencies encourage support of residents in preventing crime and other emergency situations.

### 3. Preparedness

- a. Vermilion Parish law enforcement preparedness begins with this plan.
- b. Training is the primary means in which local law enforcement agencies maintain a high degree of readiness.
- c. All law enforcement agencies participate closely with each other and the Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness in an emergency situation.
- d. Each law enforcement agency has established beat area(s). This shall establish borders to assist in disseminating warnings to the public.
- e. All law enforcement agencies shall participate in the emergency planning process and review all plans for emergency operations that relate to law enforcement.

### 4. Response

- a. Local law enforcement agencies are responsible for the following actions in accordance with their Standard Operating Procedures.
- b. Coordination of all law enforcement activities in the parish.
- c. Provide mobile units for warning operations (See Annex C, Warning).
- d. Security for key facilities, resources, reception centers, lodging and feeding facilities, and emergency shelters.
- e. Support for other public safety activities.
- f. Provide Air (by mutual aid) and marine units as available for other operations.
- g. Assists with delivering radiological monitoring kits if needed.
- h. Responding to hazardous materials incidents.
- i. Maintain law and order.
- j. Relocation and housing of prisoners during any emergency.
- k. Assisting in alerting and evacuating people in and around the designated emergency zone or risk area.
- l. Controlling access to the scene of the emergency or the area that has been evacuated to protect citizens, travelers, and responders.
- m. Protecting public and private property in the affected area by establishing an evacuated perimeter to secure the designated emergency area.
- f. Traffic control during evacuation operations. Operations considerations may include any or all of the following:
  - Road expansion as needed
  - Entry control for outbound routes
  - Perimeters for inbound routes
  - Assistance to maintain traffic flow as needed
  - Local law enforcement agencies shall also maintain security and protection for evacuated prisoners.

- Crowd control and security in Disaster Application Centers, reception centers, lodging and feeding facilities and emergency shelters.
5. Recovery
    - a. Local law enforcement recovery duties shall be essentially the same as the response phase.
    - b. As established by procedure, the Vermilion Parish Sheriff's Office will assist with damage assessment.

## ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

Reference Paragraph IV, Basic Plan.

### A. ORGANIZATION

The organization of law enforcement agencies in Vermilion Parish facilitates the effective coordination and control of like and complimentary support activities.

1. Sheriff and Municipal Police Chiefs
  - a. The Sheriff's Office is responsible for coordinating law enforcement operations within the Parish.
  - b. Responsible for advising the Police Jury President and the Office of Homeland Security & Director on emergency matters and making available law enforcement resources.
  - c. Responsible for proper training of personnel to respond to any reasonable emergency.
  - d. Responsible for the maintenance and upgrade of departmental communication systems as appropriate for the health and safety of officers, as well as the citizens of Vermilion Parish.
  - e. Provides and support the operation of the Emergency Operations Center when activated.
  - f. The Law Enforcement Officer coordinates field operations, resources, communications, and liaison from the Emergency Operations Center.
  - g. Routine law enforcement guidelines will be followed during emergency or disaster situations if feasible.
  - h. The Louisiana State Police, National Guard and other law enforcement agencies will provide the necessary assistance to local law enforcement agencies with approval from the Governor.
  - i. Federal law enforcement agencies may be requested to support local law enforcement agencies, as needed.
2. Louisiana State Police
  - a. Provide traffic control on state roads
  - b. Perform normal law enforcement activities
  - c. Provide support to local operations as needed

3. Louisiana Wildlife and Fisheries
  - a. Performance of normal law enforcement activities
  - b. Provide support for local operations
4. Louisiana National Guard  
Provide support for local operations (when authorized)

## B. LOCAL PUBLIC WORKS

Responsible for positioning traffic control devices (i.e., barricades, signs, etc.)

## DIRECTION AND CONTROL

### A. INCIDENT COMMAND STRUCTURE AND FIELD OPERATIONS

The command structure during any emergency will be the same as day to day operations unless otherwise stipulated by procedure, the Sheriff, Municipal Police Chief or their designee.

All actions taken by any member of local law enforcement will be in accordance with federal, state and local law and with the benefit of the lives and property of the citizens of Vermilion Parish in mind.

1. The Sheriff is responsible for the direction and control of law enforcement activities during a major emergency or disaster within the Parish.
2. Other Coordinators for Law Enforcement are Chiefs of Police in their respective municipalities during a major emergency or disaster.

### B. STATE AND FEDERAL SUPPORT WILL BE CALLED UPON AS NEEDED.

## CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

Lines of succession to each department head are according to the Standard Operating Procedures established by each department. (See Basic Plan, Section VI).

1. The chain of command within an organized law enforcement organization is established by senior rank and position to ensure continuous leadership and does not change during emergency or disaster operations.
2. The line of succession is:
  - a. Sheriff/Chief of Police
  - b. Colonel/Assistant Chief
  - c. Major
  - d. Captain/Senior Lieutenant
3. Records vital to the law enforcement function will be protected during emergency or disaster situations.

## ADMINISTRATION AND LOGISTICS

## A. EMERGENCY AUTHORITY

See Basic Plan.

## B. RECORD KEEPING AND REPORTING

1. Responsibility for submitting local government reports to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness rests with the Vermilion Parish Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness.
2. The Sheriff will maintain records and reports including expenditure reports, detailing law enforcement operations and activities during the emergency or disaster within the Parish. The Chiefs of Police will maintain records and reports including expenditure reports, detailing law enforcement operations and activities during the emergency or disaster within their respective jurisdictions.

## C. COMMUNICATIONS

The communications network between Parish and municipal law enforcement agencies will make maximum use of available radio and telephone communication resources.

## D. LOGISTICS

1. Local law enforcement shall maintain its own logistical support during the initial phase of any response operation.
2. Additional support may be obtained through the Emergency Operations Center, or Incident Command as needed.

## PLAN DEVELOPMENT AND MAINTENANCE

Reference Paragraph VIII, Basic Plan.

1. The OHSEP Director has the responsibility for coordinating revision of this annex, keeping attachments current.
2. Directors of supporting agencies bear the responsibility of maintaining internal plans, implementing procedures and resource data to ensure effective response to an emergency.
3. All other agencies given responsibility in this plan, in coordination with the Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness are responsible for maintenance of their respective annexes or appendices.

## AUTHORITIES AND REFERENCES

Reference Paragraph IX, Basic Plan.

## GLOSSARY/DEFINITION OF TERMS

Reference Paragraph X, Basic Plan.



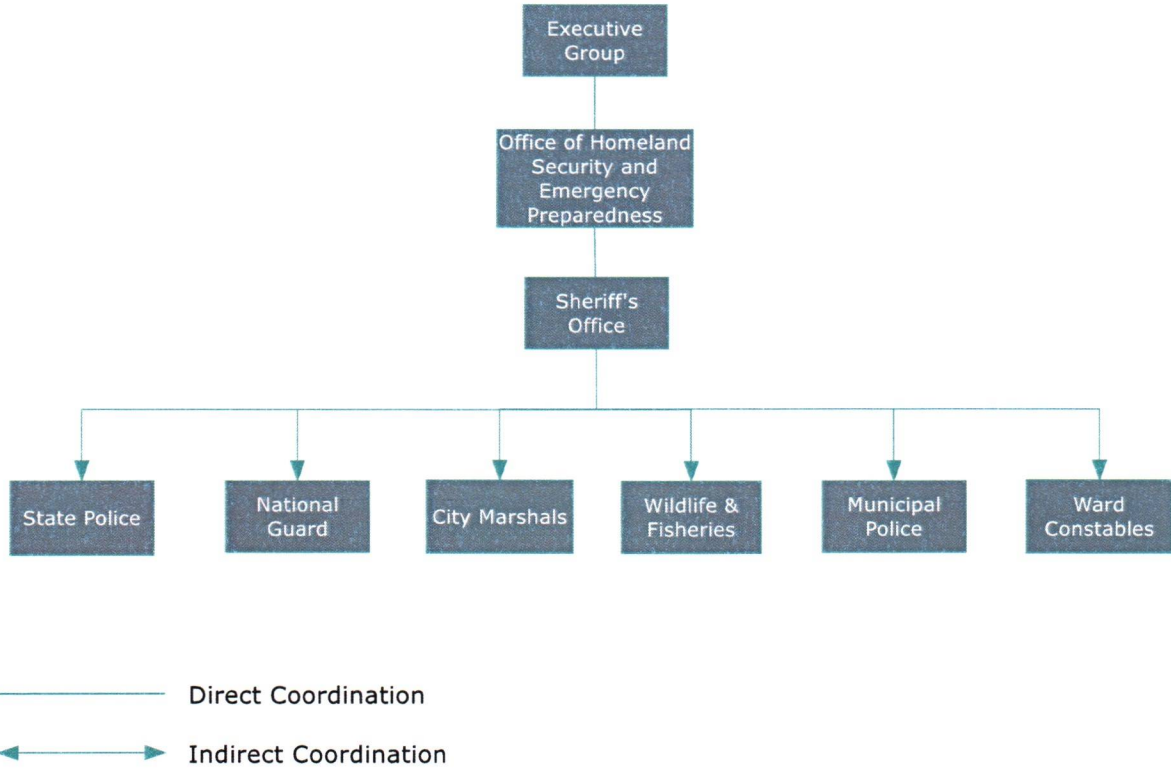
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5. Traffic Control Points
6. Traffic Movement & Control
7. Traffic Operations Checklist
8. Police Department Attack Emergency Response Card

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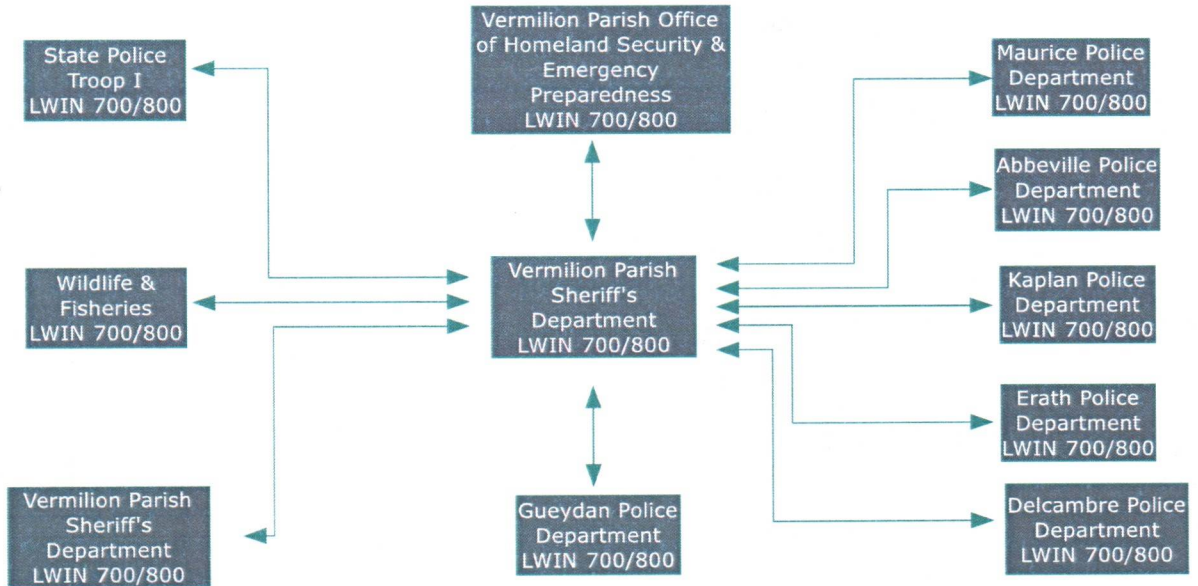
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## LAW ENFORCEMENT ORGANIZATIONAL CHART



## ANNEX G – APPENDIX 2

# LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMUNICATIONS NETWORK



## ANNEX G – APPENDIX 3

Vermilion Parish Law Enforcement Resources			
AGENCY	RESOURCE	DESCRIPTION	QUANTITY
<b>Sheriff's Office</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Deputies - Enforcement	70
		Deputies - Security	28
		Trained Auxiliaries	5
		Dispatchers	5
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars	42
		Base Station	6
		Handi-Talkies	146
		Boat(s)	4
		4WD Jeep (Rescue Unit)	2
<b>City of Abbeville</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Deputies	36
		Trained Auxiliaries	20
		Dispatchers	4
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars (4 Black, 4 White, 2 Unmarked)	20
		Base Station	1
		Handi-Talkies	34
		Generator	1
<b>Town of Delcambre</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Full Time Deputies	4
		Part Time Deputies	2
		Trained Auxiliaries	0
		Dispatchers	1
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars	3
		Base Station (8 Portable Radios)	1
<b>Town of Erath</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Deputies	8
		Trained Auxiliaries	3
		Dispatchers	4
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars	6
		Base Station	1
		Handi-Talkies	12
<b>Town of Gueydan</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Deputies	6
		Trained Auxiliaries	5
		Dispatchers	4
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars	4
		Base Station (14 Portable Radios)	1
<b>City of Kaplan</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Full Time Deputies	15
		Trained Auxiliaries	10
		Dispatchers	4
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars	4
		Portable Radios	21
<b>Village of Maurice</b>	<b>Personnel</b>	Full Time Deputies	6
		Part Time Deputies	1
	<b>Equipment</b>	Patrol Cars (6 Portable Radios)	6

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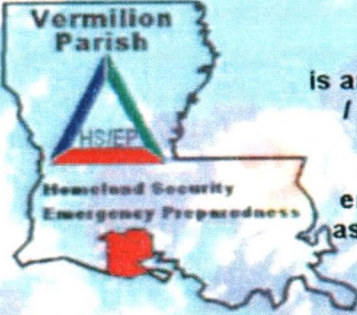
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is an employee of Vermilion Parish Homeland Security / Emergency Preparedness and in accordance with State and Federal law performs emergency civil defense duties during disaster operations. Law enforcement personnel are requested to permit and assist the bearer to proceed to his or her destination during a civil defense emergency.



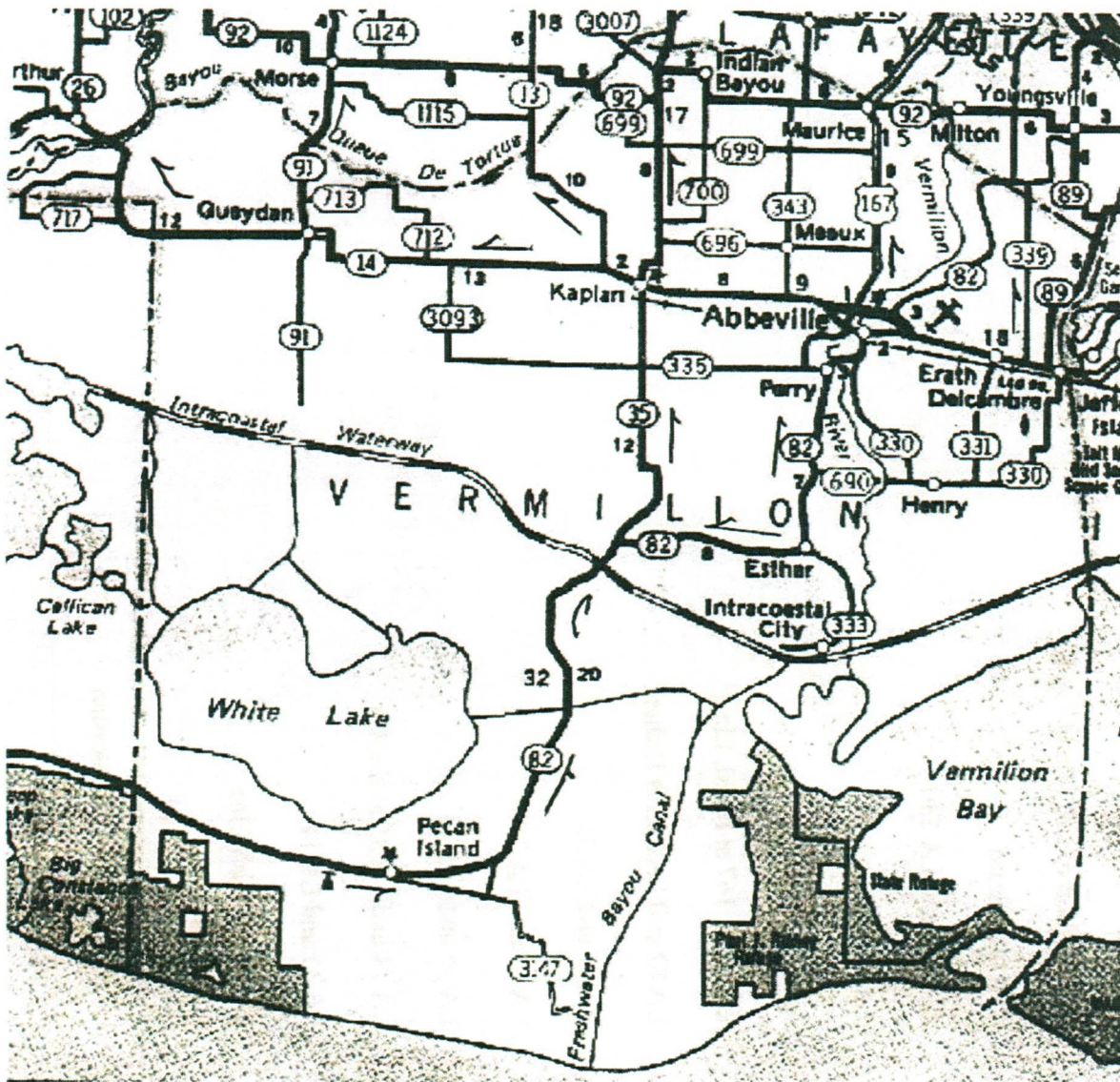
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ANNEX G – APPENDIX 5  
TRAFFIC CONTROL POINTS



## POSSIBLE TRAFFIC CONTROLLED POINTS

1. LA 14 at Delcambre
2. LA 89 at Parish Line
3. Intersection of LA 14 and LA 89
4. LA 14 at Erath
5. LA 331 and LA 330
6. LA 330
7. LA 14 at Abbeville
8. US Hwy 167 at Parish Line
9. LA 82 and LA 333 at Esther
10. LA 82 and LA 35
11. LA 35 and LA 335
12. had twice
13. LA 14 and LA 35 at Kaplan
14. LA 13 and LA 14
15. LA 13 at Parish Line
16. LA 3039 and LA 14
17. LA 14 and LA 91 at Gueydan
18. LA 91 at Parish Line
19. LA 14 at Parish Line
20. LA 82 at Parish Line

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# ANNEX G – APPENDIX 6

## TRAFFIC MOVEMENT & CONTROL

### I. GENERAL CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

- A. Evacuees are expected to move by private car or other public transportation to the Vermilion Parish host areas from areas affected by an event when Vermilion Parish is not affected. The evacuees are expected to arrive in Vermilion Parish from north of U.S. Highway 167, and from the east and west on La. Highway 14.
- B. Two-way traffic should be maintained on all routes. Traffic destined for different registration centers should be kept in separate channels. Evacuees will be arriving for up to four days.

### II. RESPONSIBILITIES

- A. Vermilion Parish Sheriff - is responsible for reviewing and updating this Traffic Control Plan regularly, and has overall responsibility for coordination of traffic control operations in Vermilion Parish.
- B. Police Chiefs - are responsible for reviewing this plan and for traffic control within their usual jurisdictions.
- C. Law Enforcement Services - will be responsible for operating traffic control posts and for other traffic control measures to keep emergency routes open and traffic moving; should insure that essential interstate traffic and traffic destined for other host areas are not unduly interrupted.
- D. Reception and Care Services - will be responsible for determining where evacuees will report.
- E. Transportation Services – will determine where arriving cargo trucks should report.

### III. TRAFFIC CONTROL POST OPERATIONS

#### A. Manned Traffic Control Posts

Manned Traffic Control Posts should be placed at intersections where traffic flow will make a major change in direction. Trained auxiliaries or volunteers should be used wherever possible to release regular police for other duties.

##### 1. Recommended for Each Manned Traffic Control Post



- a. At least two people with uniforms, arm band or other recognizable insignia, identifying them as police, auxiliaries, or other civil defense workers.
- b. At those Traffic Control Posts designated for counting, recording etc., at least two additional people from law enforcement auxiliaries, or other Emergency Preparedness workers.
- c. Means of communication with EOC.
- d. Means of transportation and a wrecker with crew on call.

**2. At certain designated Traffic Control Posts workers will:**

- a. Count and record number of vehicles.
- b. Count and record number of passengers in each vehicle.
- c. Keep a running total of the number of people and vehicles sent to the registration center.
- d. Give brief instructions to each vehicle, including printed materials; keeps traffic flowing at a constant pace.

**3. Manned Control Posts will be needed at:**

- a. Traffic Control Post at the city limits of Delcambre, east of town on La. Highway 14 near the Iberia Parish Line.
- b. Traffic Control Post at Gross Isle, east of Abbeville on La. Highway 14.
- c. Traffic Control Post at the junction of U.S. Highway 167 and La. Highway 14, approximately one-half mile west of Abbeville.
- d. Traffic Control Post at the city limits of Maurice on U.S. Highway 167 near the Lafayette Parish border where evacuees from the north will enter Vermilion Parish.
- e. Traffic Control Post at the city limits of Kaplan, east of the city on La. Highway 14.
- f. Traffic Control Post at Gueydan on La. Highway 14.

- g. A Traffic Control Post is recommended on La. Highway 14 at Lake Arthur in Jefferson Davis Parish, from which point evacuees from the west will enter Vermilion Parish.

**B. UNMANNED (PASSIVE) TRAFFIC CONTROL POSTS**

Unmanned Traffic Control Posts should be emplaced at cross streets and other points, to keep traffic channelized in controlled routes. Use barricades, signs, parked cars, and other improvised means.

**C. EMERGENCY STATIONS**

1. An Emergency Station should be manned on north U.S. Highway 167 at the Vermilion Parish line. Another Emergency Station should be manned on east La. Highway 14 at the Vermilion Parish Line, as needed.
2. Each station should have a fuel supply, ambulance support on call, and a wrecker on winch truck to help disabled motorists and keep the highway clear for emergency traffic, as needed.
3. Medical emergencies for evacuees will be treated at the Abbeville General Hospital in Abbeville

**IV. PARKING**

Vehicles will be parked adjacent to registration area except for a minimum number which will be located at congregate care facilities to be used for errands. The law enforcement authorities will be responsible for surveillance of such vehicles.

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## ANNEX G – APPENDIX 7

### TRAFFIC OPERATIONS CHECKLIST

#### INCREASED READINESS – INTERNAL READINESS

- Carry out any incomplete normal readiness actions.
- Review traffic movement and control plan; alert and brief key staff personnel.
- Insure that movement plans are coordinated with reception/registration plans.
- Make specific personnel and equipment assignments.
- Rehearse plan with key staff members.
- Locate and prepare materials needed for signs, barricades, and road blocks.
- Begin marking controlled routes; prepare traffic control posts; mark initial traffic control posts.
- Print routing leaflets and other instructions to incoming evacuees.
- Coordinate with Public Information Officer to announce possible traffic control measures in host areas.
- Identify parking areas for evacuees near the registration center.

#### INCREASED READINESS – MOBILIZATION

- Assemble all personnel and resources needed.
- Brief all personnel; rehearse actions at traffic control posts and parking areas.
- Complete marking controlled routes and traffic control posts.
- Put barricades, road blocks, and other unmanned traffic control posts in place.
- Prepared highway turn-off and holding area near reception centers.
- Mark parking areas for evacuees' cars.
- Through Public Information Officer, urge public to clear parking areas and remain off streets.

#### RELOCATION PERIOD – MOVEMENT

- Carry out any unfinished Increased Readiness actions, above.
- Man all traffic control posts.
- Mobile patrols should:
  - + Ensure that road is kept open for two-way traffic;
  - + Assist disable motorist; call for medical help;
  - + Remove disabled cars from right-of-way;
  - + Maintain orderly traffic flow.

- Coordinate with Supply Services for wrecker, fuel supply, and emergency road repairs, if needed.
- Coordinate with Health Service for medical support.
- Control traffic in area of initial Traffic Control Post.
- Direct campers, vans, etc. to camping area.
- Direct each vehicle to correct registration center; control parking area.
- Keep all controlled routes open during movement period.
- Prevent local traffic from interfering with relocation movement; keep evacuees cars channelized to avoid mixing.

#### RETURN MOVEMENT

- Reactivate traffic control posts.

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## ANNEX G – APPENDIX 8

# POLICE ATTACK EMERGENCY RESPONSE CARD

Each regular and auxiliary policeman/policewoman will be issued an attack emergency response card similar to that below. Blanks will be filled in by the Chief of Police or his designee. Each policeman/policewoman must familiarize himself/herself with the area and facilities where he/she is to accomplish his assigned tasks.

Example

Police Department

### ATTACK EMERGENCY RESPONSE CARD

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Regular Assignment \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Intersection Bridge Street and

(Emergency Assignment)

Richway Drive North entrance to fairgrounds

#### SITUATION:

#### EMERGENCY TASK:

Warning

1. Report to emergency location.
2. Block Richway Drive west of Lakewood Ave., ½ mile west of TCP, Return to post location.

Movement-to-Shelter

1. Halt vehicular traffic moving south on Bridge St. when necessary to permit pedestrians to cross into fairgrounds where shelter is located.
2. Authorize opening of fairgrounds gate.
3. Upon completion of population movement or upon order, move to grandstand shelter and support the Shelter Manager by assisting in maintaining law and order unless otherwise ordered by the Chief of Police or other superior police official. Also assist Shelter Manager (a) to keep shelterees in maximum blast protective posture upon shelter occupancy; (b) to take fire prevention actions (shelterees close all windows, blinds and shades, if not already done; (c) to have shelterees extinguish attack-cause ignitions IMMEDIATELY; and (d) to keep shelterees in maximum fallout protective posture during the shelter period.