Emergency Operations Plan

202.1 PURPOSE AND SCOPE

The City has prepared an Emergency Operations Plan for use by all employees in the event of a major disaster, civil disturbance, mass arrest or other emergency event. The plan provides for a strategic response by all employees and assigns specific responsibilities in the event the plan is activated.

The City Emergency Operations Plan complies with the State of North Dakota Emergency Operations Plan (N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-07(5)). This plan provides guidance for City emergency operations within its borders and outside its borders as may be required.

202.2 ACTIVATING THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

The Emergency Operations Plan can be activated in a number of ways. For the Fargo Police Department, the Chief of Police or the highest ranking official on duty may activate the Emergency Operations Plan in response to a major emergency.

Upon activation of the plan, the emergency manager or the authorized designee should contact the North Dakota Department of Emergency Services (NDDES) to assist with mutual aid response from local, state and federal law enforcement agencies to provide requested resources to this department.

202.2.1 RECALL OF PERSONNEL

In the event the Emergency Operations Plan is activated, all employees of the Fargo Police Department are subject to immediate recall. Employees may also be subject to recall during extraordinary circumstances as deemed necessary by the Chief of Police or the authorized designee.

In the event of a natural or man-made disaster, or any other incident where the adverse impact to the city of Fargo is (or could be) substantial and normal modes of commuication are disabled or overwhelmed, all department employees, regardless of rank, title, position, or status as a sworn officer or civilian employee, shall presume an order to immediately report for duty has been issued by the Chief of Police.

202.3 LOCATION OF THE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

Copies of the City Emergency Operations Plan are available in Administration and the Shift Commander's office. All supervisors should familiarize themselves with the Emergency Operations Plan and the roles personnel will play when the plan is implemented.

Additional information regarding the State Emergency Operations Plan (SEOP) and regional coordination can be found on the NDDES website.

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202.4 PLAN REVIEW

The Chief of Police or the authorized designee shall review the Emergency Operations Plan Manual at least once every two years to ensure that the manual conforms to any revisions made by the National Incident Management System (NIMS), and appropriately address any needed revisions.

202.5 WIDE AREA SEARCH AND RESCUE

The Chief of Police or authorized designee is responsible for wide area search and rescue activities. Wide area search and rescue operations must be in compliance with state and local emergency operations plans including the use of the incident command system. The Chief of Police or authorized designee may restrict access to the specific search and rescue area to authorized personnel (N.D.C.C. § 37-17.1-28).

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