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### Functions of Principal Response Agencies

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#### **Kildare County Council**

Kildare County Council undertakes the following functions in the response to a Major Emergency:

- Declaration of a Major Emergency and notifying the other two relevant Principal Response Agencies
- Mobilisation of predetermined resources and activating predetermined procedures in accordance with its Major Emergency Mobilisation Procedure
- Acting as Lead Agency, where this is determined in accordance with Appendix L and undertaking the specified coordination function
- Protection and rescue of persons and property
- Controlling and/or extinguishing of fires
- Dealing with hazardous material incidents including:
  - identification, containment, neutralisation and clearance of chemical spills and emissions
  - decontamination (other than clinical decontamination) on-site of persons affected (under medical supervision where necessary)
- Advising on protection of persons threatened, by sheltering or evacuation
- Arranging/overseeing clean-up of affected areas
- Limiting damage to infrastructure and property
- Provision of access/transport to/from the site of the emergency
- Provision of additional lighting required, beyond what the principal emergency services normally carry
- Assisting An Garda Síochána to recover bodies, when requested
- Support for An Garda Síochána forensic work
- Support for the Coroner's role, including provision of temporary mortuary facilities
- Accommodation and welfare of evacuees and persons displaced by the emergency
- Provision of food, rest and sanitary facilities as appropriate for personnel involved in the response to the emergency
- Engaging any specialist contractors required to assist with emergency operations
- Exercising control of any voluntary or other service which it mobilises to the site
- Liaison with utilities regarding restoration/maintenance/or enhancing services provided to the site or to persons affected



- Site clearance, demolition, clear-up operations, removal and disposal of debris
- Monitoring and/or reporting on the impact in its functional area of any emergency/crisis which falls within the ambit of a “National Emergency”, and coordinating/undertaking any counter-measures in its functional area which are required/recommended by an appropriate national body
- Any other function, related to its normal functions, which is necessary for the management of the emergency/crisis
- Any function, which the On-Site Co-ordinating Group requests it to perform; and, maintaining essential Local Authority services (e.g. roads availability, fire and emergency operations cover, public water supply, waste water treatment, waste disposal) during the Major Emergency



## **An Garda Síochána**

An Garda Síochána undertake the following functions in the response to a Major Emergency:

- Declaration of a Major Emergency and notifying the other two relevant Principal Response Agencies
- Activation of predetermined procedures/arrangements in accordance with its Major Emergency Mobilisation Procedure
- Requesting assistance from the Defence Forces in line with agreed protocols, MOUs, SLAs and current practices
- Acting as Lead Agency, where this is determined in accordance with Appendix L, and undertaking the specified co-ordination function
- Maintaining law and order
- Implementing agreed site plan/management arrangements, as appropriate
- Traffic management
- Crowd control
- Implementing agreed aspects of evacuation procedures
- Informing the public, as necessary and on the advice of the competent authorities, of actual or potential dangers arising from the emergency
- Coordinating/conducting searches for missing persons
- Assisting and directing survivors/uninjured persons away from the site (and any danger area) to places of safety
- Collecting information on casualties and survivors
- Arrangements in respect of the dead, in association with the Coroner
- Recovery of bodies
- Provision of casualty bureau/casualty information service
- Preservation of the site
- Collection of evidence and forensic work
- Assisting the Coroner in the case of fatal casualties, inquiries or criminal proceedings
- Engaging any specialist contractors required to assist with emergency operations
- Exercising control of any voluntary or other service which it mobilises to the site
- Monitoring and/or reporting on the impact in its functional area of any emergency/crisis which falls within the ambit of a “National Emergency”, and undertaking any countermeasures in its functional area which are required/ recommended by an appropriate national body
- Any other function, related to its normal functions, which is necessary for the management of the emergency/crisis
- Any function which the On-Site Co-ordinating Group requests it to perform
- Maintaining essential Garda services during the Major Emergency



## **Health Service Executive**

The Health Service Executive undertake the following functions in the response to a Major Emergency:

- Declaration of a Major Emergency and notifying the other two relevant Principal Response Agencies
- Activation of predetermined procedures/arrangements in accordance with its Major Emergency Mobilisation Procedure
- Acting as Lead Agency, where this is determined in accordance with Appendix L, and undertaking the specified coordination function
- Provision of medical advice and assistance
- Provision of medical aid to casualties at the site
- Triage of casualties, and assigning them to hospitals for evacuation
- Casualty evacuation and ambulance transport
- Provision of hospital treatment
- Provision of psycho-social support to persons affected by the emergency
- Certification of the dead
- Support for An Garda Síochána's forensic work
- Support for the Coroner's role
- Provision of community welfare services
- Clinical decontamination and decontamination of contaminated persons on arrival at hospital
- Advising and assisting An Garda Síochána and Local Authorities on public health issues arising
- Exercising control of any voluntary or other service which it mobilises to the site
- Monitoring and/or reporting on the impact in its functional area of any emergency/crisis which falls within the ambit of a "National Emergency", and coordinating/undertaking any countermeasures in its functional area which are required/recommended by an appropriate national body
- Any other function, related to its normal functions, which is necessary for the management of the emergency/crisis
- Any function which the On-Site Coordinating Group requests it to perform
- Maintaining essential health services during the Major Emergency