



Legislation Text

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TITLE:

Overview and Protocols for Emergency Incidents

PURPOSE: The purpose of this item is to review the protocols for emergency incidents.

DEPARTMENT: Fire and Rescue Department

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INFORMATION: The Town of Carrboro is a participant within the Orange County Division of Emergency Management workgroup. This workgroup is mobilized during natural disasters and other emergencies. The group operates under the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and within the National Emergency Response Framework. The National Incident Management System (NIMS) is utilized for the purposes of standardization and allows for scalability of the Incident Command structure. The end result is vastly improved coordination among Federal, state, local, and tribal organizations to help save lives and protect communities by increasing the speed, effectiveness, and efficiency of incident management.

Currently, the Emergency Management team is operating with protocols that are being provided by North Carolina Department of Health and Human Services, Orange County Health Department, and the Orange County Emergency Services. The current protocols that Carrboro Fire-Rescue are following relate to the Emergency 9-1-1 Center, Emergency Medical Services, and the Health Department. These protocols ensure that a standard response is being followed by all jurisdictions in Orange County.

The Town of Carrboro is tracking expenses as well as work hours of employees on operations related to Coronavirus for potential Federal reimbursement. The Finance Department has also assigned a project code to assist in capturing this data.

I am attaching two pages from the Town of Carrboro Emergency Operations Plan that details the roles and responsibilities of all city officials during an emergency. While this current emergency is slightly different as far as impact on community infrastructure, the roles and responsibilities still serve as an accurate guideline.

The organization chart shows the depth at which our Orange County Incident Management Team is expanding. I want to bring attention to the Human Services Group that has continued to exponentially expand since the incident began. The depth of this organization chart should help bring peace of mind to the elected officials that we're continuing to meet the needs of the community as well as plan for future needs.

FISCAL & STAFF IMPACT: There is no fiscal impact associated with this agenda item directly. The Town of Carrboro is tracking expenses as well as hours of employees on operations related to Coronavirus for potential Federal reimbursement.

RECOMMENDATION: It is recommended that the Town Council receive this report.