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I. PURPOSE

This appendix describes the Planning Section of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) during disasters, emergencies, and significant planned events. The core functions performed by the Planning Section are consistent for all hazards, regardless of impact or geographical area.

II. MISSION

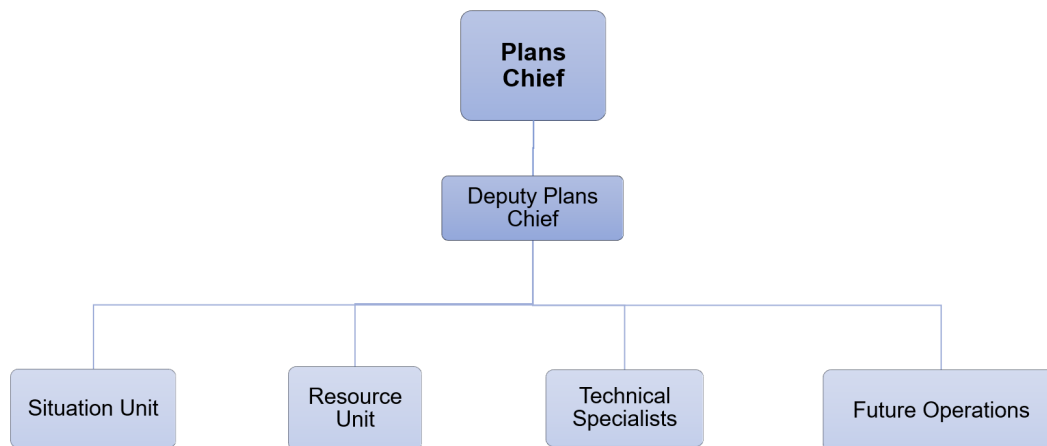
The Planning Section is responsible for collecting, formatting, archiving, and distributing emergency/disaster information.

III. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

The Planning Section Chief reports directly to the SERT Leader and will continually assess staff resources during disaster/emergency events, requesting additional staff from the SERT Leader as necessary.

The core functions carried out by the SERT Planning Section include:

- Resource tracking
- Developing and disseminating the following:
 - Reports containing disaster and incident information
 - Incident Action Plans (IAPs)
 - Executive Summaries
 - Future Operations reports
- Meteorological support and technical expertise
- Future Operations planning
- After-Action Reports and Corrective Action Planning



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A. NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NCDPS)

NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NCEM)

PLANNING SECTION

1. SITUATION UNIT

The Situation Unit will monitor a variety of information sources (primarily NCSPARTA and social media) in order to collect, format, archive and distribute emergency/disaster information in a variety of report formats. Reports will be developed using statistical, narrative, and graphical information from response and recovery operations that regularly describe the progress of the response and future operational strategies.

The Situation Unit is also responsible for collecting emergency/disaster information, assembling, and disseminating the Executive Summaries.

2. RESOURCE UNIT

The Resource Unit will monitor and track the assignment of resources to NCEM Branches and develop Incident Action Plans. IAPs will be published daily for the following 24-hour operational period (0700 – 0700). Considerations in preparing the IAP include the SERT Leader's priorities, available state resources, and the status of previously planned activities.

3. NATURAL HAZARDS BRANCH/TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS

NCEM meteorologists will provide timely, tailored weather support for SERT operations. Meteorologists will be available, as appropriate, on a 24-hour basis to provide any weather briefing or forecast the SERT may require.

Other technical specialists will provide subject matter expertise and advice to the SERT Leader for event specific decisions.

4. FUTURE OPERATIONS

The Future Operations cell is responsible for anticipating and identifying considerations, requirements, and potential actions that may arise 72+ hours the current operational period. This cell looks ahead to emerging threats, evolving disaster impacts, resource demands, and recovery needs that extend past immediate response efforts. By doing so, the Future Operations cell provides the SERT Leader with key considerations and timely recommendations to ensure sustained response and recovery efforts.