

	<b>SECTION:</b>	<b>OPERATIONS</b>	<b>OPR-245</b>
	<b>CHAPTER:</b>	<b>SPECIAL INCIDENTS AND SITUATIONS</b>	
	<b>DIRECTIVE:</b>	<b>EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN (High Risk)</b>	

**245.01 SUMMARY**

Natural disasters such as earthquakes, tornados, snow storms, floods or man-made catastrophes such as fires, hazardous and toxic chemical releases, riots and mass civil disobedience require a specific approach to command. A coordinated effort to command will reduce the loss of lives and property by limiting the duplication of efforts, assigning responsibilities and unifying the command personnel of several agencies into a single command unit. This directive establishes the role of the department in unusual occurrences.

**245.02 DEFINITIONS**

**EMERGENCY OPERATIONS INCIDENT** – Any event where size, danger, or complexity requires a large coordinated response from the Department. Examples include a natural disaster, such as a tornado, earthquake, flood, or snowstorm, or a man-made disaster, such as a fire, hazardous material release, riot, or mass civil disobedience. For purposes of this Directive, a civil emergency, such as a mass shooting, armed walk-out, or terrorist attack, is also considered an emergency incident.

**245.03 GENERAL PROCEDURES**

**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT GROUP** – The Grand Junction Police Department is a part of the City and County “Incident Management Group” (IMG) which has developed and maintains operational procedures utilized during unusual occurrences.

- The responsibility of developing and maintaining the IMG plan will lie with the City’s Emergency Manager in consultation with the Operations Deputy Chief or designee.
- The plan shall be reviewed and updated as needed.

**OPERATIONS DEPUTY CHIEF AS LIAISON** – The Operations Deputy Chief or designee will maintain liaison with the City’s Emergency Manager. Mesa County emergency preparedness personnel, State emergency preparedness personnel and other effected agencies and will help with planning, coordinating and participate in any simulated disaster drills.

**OPERATIONS DEPUTY CHIEF IS PRINCIPAL ADVISOR** – The Operations Deputy Chief is the principal advisor to the Chief of Police and the City’s Emergency Manager and is responsible for coordinating planning the Incident Management Group’s response to Critical Incidents.

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**INCIDENT MANAGEMENT GROUP** – The City Emergency Operations Plan is in effect for appropriate emergency Incidents. Current copies of the City Emergency Operations Plan will always available for review in the offices of the Patrol Commander, Patrol Sergeant and in the on-line Directives Manual. The Incident Commander is authorized to activate City Emergency Operations Plan.

**AGENCY EQUIPMENT INSPECTION** – The Operations Deputy Chief, or designee, will ensure that agency equipment designated for use in an emergency Incident is inspected for operational readiness at least once a month. A current list of agency equipment designated for use in Emergency Incidents is included in the City Emergency Operations Plan.

**DISASTER DRILL COORDINATION** – The Operations Deputy Chief, or designee, will work with City, County and State emergency preparedness personnel and other pertinent agencies to plan, coordinate, and manage the Department's participation in any simulated disaster drills.

