

Annex E – Emergency Services

Law and Order

Control and Co-ordination

The NZ Police are responsible for law and order in the Chatham Islands, extra powers and responsibilities during a declaration of a state of emergency are outlined in Part 4 sections 9 (1& 2) of the National Civil Defence Plan. Police retain full control over their own resources but work within policy decision and priorities set by the Controller.

In many cases the Civil Defence Emergency will be declared at the request of the Police when it becomes apparent, that extra resources and powers will be needed to cope with the event.

Key tasks of Police during an emergency relate to:

- Missing persons
- Identification and disposal of the dead
- Control of movement around the Island to facilitate emergency services activities
- The Police also play a more general role in movement control. (Land)

In recognition of the Police role in rescue activities, he/she will also be responsible for, during an emergency, co-ordinating search and rescuer activities not normally associated with the Police.

Police Advisory and Liaison

The Chatham Islands Police officer, will liaise with and advise the Controller. Before an emergency, the Police will work with Civil Defence Emergency Response Co-ordinator (ERC), and other emergency services to ensure that procedures are in place for the management of events before and during civil defence emergencies. And provide co-ordination between Police and other agencies operating from the EOC.

Warnings

Police receive notification of warnings that may lead to a civil defence emergency through their own network or locally from Civil Defence ERC. These warnings will be passed on to Area Co-ordinators.

If the Police become aware of events that may lead to significant community disruption, they will pass on appropriate information to the civil defence ERC.

The Police will normally be responsible for warning the public for events not pre determined in this Plan. They will also assist, where appropriate, Civil Defence in implementing the public warning plan developed for the event.

Planning

The Police are required to produce an emergency contingency plan. The Plan is under constant review and amendments will be sent to plan holders when they are made. A copy of the plan is kept in the Civil Defence Office.

Contact Information

Contact Information for all key staff and organisations is found in the Standard Operating Procedures and Contingency Plans.

Fire Service

The Fire Service will remain under its own separate and autonomous command but will work in association with other emergency services. It will conform to the policy decisions and priorities of the Controller of Civil Defence to the extent that these do not conflict with the operations of the Fire Service as laid down by the

Fire Service Act 1975, the Forest, and Rural Fires Act 1977, and the Defence Act 1971.

- Fire Service Liaison Officer is appointed to provide advice to the Controller, keep the Fire Service apprised of the situation and priorities, and provide a link between the Fire Service and the EOC for actions as requested by the Controller.
- Routine liaison prior to an event is maintained between the Civil Defence ERC and the Fire Service.

Headquarter and Resources

The Chatham Islands Fire Service is based at Waitangi Chatham Islands.

- Resource lists to be maintained by the Fire Service and made available as required. It is the Fire Liaison Officers responsibility to advise on the equipment and capabilities as and when the information is required.
- Through its own command, channels the Fire Service can re supply and reinforce operational areas as required.
- Detailed responsibilities and priorities are detailed in the National Civil Defence Plan.
- The Chatham Islands CDEM Group is responsible for ensuring that the Fire Service has priority access to resources such as fuel and food, also to assist with the accommodation. Requests for assistance should be handled through the Liaison Officer, if some fuel supplies will be reserved solely for emergency services use.

Planning

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Contact Information

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Rural Fire

Rural Fire Authority for the Chatham Islands is the Chatham Islands Council and will remain under its own separate command which is based on the CIMS system of incident management, but will work in association with other emergency services. It will conform to the decisions and priorities of the Controller of Civil Defence.

Advisory Officer and Liaison

- Principal Fire Officer to be appointed and act as advisor to the controller and EOC and other emergency services during emergencies.
- Lists of resources and response mechanisms are available within the rural fire plan.

Contact Information

Initial contact with the Rural Fire Authorities will be made through the Chatham Islands Council.

Medical and Public Health

The responsibilities of the Ministry of Health, Health Board, Health service providers, and Medical Officers of Health are not transferred or modified by a declaration of civil defence emergency. The normal day-to-day systems for casualty treatment, public health measures, etc, should be used as much as possible.

Co-ordination

The Medical Officer of Health is appointed to the role of Medical Co-ordinator and is designated as the Health Advisor to the Civil Defence Controller. The Civil Defence ERC is responsible for ensuring procedures are in place for the integration of Health Services during a civil defence emergency.

The Medical Co-ordinator is responsible for, prior to a civil defence emergency:

- The development and maintenance of the Chatham Islands Health Emergency Plan.

During a State of Emergency

- Continue the role of Adviser to the Controller and assume the role of the principal health liaison officer in the EOC.
- Co-ordinate and re-deploy where necessary, within the priorities and systems established by the Controller, the use of all health resources within the Island.
- Liaise with the Controller if assistance is required to obtain any shortfalls necessary when health resources become inadequate.

Ensure appropriate information is available so that advice can be given to provide for and assist where necessary with:

- Basic sanitary services
- Safe water supply
- Shelter
- Safe food and nutrition
- Facilities for the maintenance of personal hygiene, removal and hygienic burial of the dead.
- Removal and disposal of hazardous or toxic substances
- Prevention and control of communicable disease
- Other environmental health services
- Routine liaison with the ERC
- Ensure a list is maintained of Healthcare organisations.

****These issues are covered in detail in the Chatham Island Public Health Plan.***

During a state of Emergency

Advise the Controller on the issues listed above as outlined for the Medical Co-ordinator.

Planning

The Medical Co-ordinator is responsible for producing an emergency medical contingency plan, for the Chatham Islands. This Plan provides, in the main, for the co-ordination of the actions required in a Civil Defence Emergency, detailed in the plans listed below.

Related Major Plans Affecting the Health Response

- National Civil Defence Plan
- Hawks Bay Health Plan
- Chatham Islands Hospital Plan
- Airport Emergency Plan

Health Resources

The resources of the Island are confined to the facilities identified; stocks of supplies and personnel are limited. Extra supplies will be sourced as a priority.