



**Boy Scout Troop 8
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***Troop Emergency Mobilization
Procedures***



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1.0 Introduction

This booklet provides guidance for Troop Mobilization. In case of a local emergency (i.e. flooding, severe weather, or other natural disaster), the members of Troop 8 may be called upon to perform various functions within the community in support of local emergency management officials. These functions may include, but are not limited to, activities such as:

- Support efforts of our Chartering Organization
- Preparing and manning food lines
- Assisting at emergency management location (i.e. food/emergency supplies distribution warehouse)
- Setting up equipment (e.g. cots) in shelters
- Collecting items from a neighborhood for emergency relief
- Assisting with the operation of amateur radios
- Setting up troop equipment (i.e. patrol shelters, kitchen equipment, patrol benched, large tent) in support of or for use by emergency relief
- Emptying troop trailers and making them available to emergency relief for secure storage
- Debris clean-up

The purpose of performing these activities is to supplement emergency workers or to provide replacement assistance so other workers can perform tasks closely related to their critical skills in support of the emergency relief.

2.0 Procedures

2.1.1 Initial Notification

The Scoutmaster will be notified by (or seek out) local emergency management officials requesting (needing) assistance from the Troop. The Scoutmaster will then activate the troop calling tree using the published Troop Roster. Responsibility for notifying Troop Members is as follows:

- Scoutmaster calls the Troop Committee Chairman, Assistant Scoutmasters, and the Senior Patrol Leader
- Senior Patrol Leader notifies:
 - Assistant Senior Patrol Leader,
 - Patrol Leaders,
 - Troop Guide(s)
 - Junior Assistant Scoutmaster(s)
- Patrol Leaders notify their patrol members

The Scoutmaster, Senior Patrol Leader, and the Patrol Leaders will notify individuals that the services of the troop are requested and the troop members should report to our Chartering Organization at a specified time with their parents/guardians for an emergency meeting.

In the event that phone communications (landline and cell phone) are out-of-service, the Scoutmaster and the Senior Patrol Leader will use the Troop Roster to identify Troop Member's homes on a map. The map will be divided into geographical areas and Senior Patrol Leader will personally contact one Scout in that geographical area. The assigned Scout for the geographical area has the responsibility of contacting (via car, bicycle, skateboard .etc) his assigned members in the area notifying them of the reporting time and date at the Chartering Organization. The Scoutmaster will perform similar actions for the Assistant Scoutmasters and Troop Committee Chairman.

2.1.2 Emergency Meeting

The Scoutmaster will provide the who, what, when, where, and why concerning our emergency mobilization support and answer any questions from Scouts, parents, or guardians. The Senior Patrol Leader will develop a list of volunteers that are able to support the effort. The Scoutmaster Corps and the Patrol Leaders' Council will then develop a plan of action (the how) to support the activity.

2.1.3 Personal Equipment

As a minimum, Scouts should have the following personal equipment for support of an emergency action event.

- School Backpack
- Work Gloves
- Safety Glasses
- Water (2 Quarts)
- Knife
- Long Shirt
- Long Pants
- Flashlight (Headlamp Acceptable)
- Closed Toed Shoes
- Personal First Aid Kits
- Canned Food Items for a Lunch/Dinner/Snacks.
- One change of clothes (shirt, pants, underwear, socks)
- Rain Jacket
- Blanket (Weather Dependent)

2.1.4 Troop Equipment to Be Loaded in the Mobilization Trailer from Camping Trailers

- Ax
- Campsaws
- Lanterns
- 5 Gallon Water Containers
- Propane Boxes
- Pop-Up Shelter from Troop Shed
- Patrol Tables
- Kitchen(s) (Based on assigned mission)
- Patrol Cart

2.1.5 Practice

The Troop will practice Emergency Mobilization as a drill on an annual basis. Scouts are expected to attend the mobilization with the equipment listed in Para 2.1.3.

3.0 Document Changes

The Patrol Leadership Council will review the document annually. Changes will be published to the troop with a copy provided to the Troop Committee.