

NATURAL DISASTERS: CODE 103

Section 1: General Considerations

Incident Command at the scene of a Natural Disaster Incident (e.g., hurricane, major storm, etc.) within the City resides with the Mayor's Office of Emergency Management (MOEM) who will activate the Boston Emergency Operations Center (EOC) whenever necessary.

With the possible exception of tornadoes or earthquakes, a Code 103 - Natural Disaster event usually has sufficient lead time for adequate preparation. The Department would maintain liaison with the agency having primary jurisdiction of the event and provide such law enforcement resources as are requested.

Generally, the duties of the Police Department at natural disaster incidents are to perform the following tasks within the limits of their training and personal protective equipment:

- a. Maintenance of law and order;
- b. Coordination of all law enforcement activities in Boston;
- c. Providing crowd control and traffic control;
- d. Providing access control to restricted areas;
- e. Protecting key facilities;
- f. Maintaining liaison and coordination with other law enforcement agencies;
- g. Providing damage assessment support;
- h. Evacuating, relocating and housing of prisoners;
- i. Supporting aerial search and rescue operations;
- j. Supporting medical rescue operations;
- k. Providing policy, coordination and operations group staff support; support to the EOC for 24-hour operation during an emergency; and
- l. Providing security for reception centers, lodging and feeding facilities and emergency shelters. The Police Commissioner, Superintendent-in-Chief or their designee shall establish liaison with the EOC and provide such support and resources as are required.

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