

## PREPLAN FOR CRISIS RESPONSE

### Emergency Support Function (ESF) from Jefferson County

#### ESF 8c – Mental Health

**Definition:** Provide crisis counseling/intervention services to individuals and groups impacted by the disaster situation. Mental health professionals will be mobilized to offer home and community based services. Crisis counseling is a time-limited program designed to assist victims/survivors/responders in returning to their pre-disaster level of functioning. Provide family support, grief counseling and other assistance as needed.

**Activation Criteria:** This ESF should be activated anytime an emergency or disaster situation poses the risk of unusual mental stress for first responders, victims or the general public.

**Lead County Agency-Unified:** Sheriff's Office (Victim Advocates) and Jefferson Center for Mental Health (JCMH)

**Supporting Agencies:** Board of County Commissioners, Health and Environment, Human Services, American Red Cross, R1-Schools, Salvation Army, Jefferson/Gilpin County Community Crisis Response Team (CCRT), Municipal, State and Federal agencies.

**Roles and Responsibilities:** Coordinate mental health related resources and activities in support of the current and anticipated needs of victims, their families, first responders and the general public.

#### **ESF 8c-Mental Health Checklist**

1. Open a Mental Health tracking log. (SO or JCMH)
2. Establish contact/coordination with the EOC staff, Incident Command staff(s) as appropriate. (SO or JCMH)
3. Determine current and anticipated mental health needs based on information provided by the IC staff(s). (SO or JCMH)
4. Contact supporting agencies to determine the availability of mental health resources to meet current and anticipated needs. (SO or JCMH)
5. Assess and report the availability of mental health resources. (SO or JCMH)
6. Coordinate the delivery of mental health support with the IC staff and EOC staff. (SO or JCMH)
7. Identify un-met needs to ESF 5a-Emergency Management Coordinator who will coordinate and request state and federal assistance through CDEM. (SO or JCMH)
8. Document mental health support in the log. (SO or JCMH)