

Green River Flooding

Evacuation Planning Update

King County Department of Transportation

Pre-Evacuation Planning

- Residents and businesses are establishing relocation/mitigation plans
 - Friends and family for sheltering
 - Locations for off-site storage and operations
 - How to get to designated locations

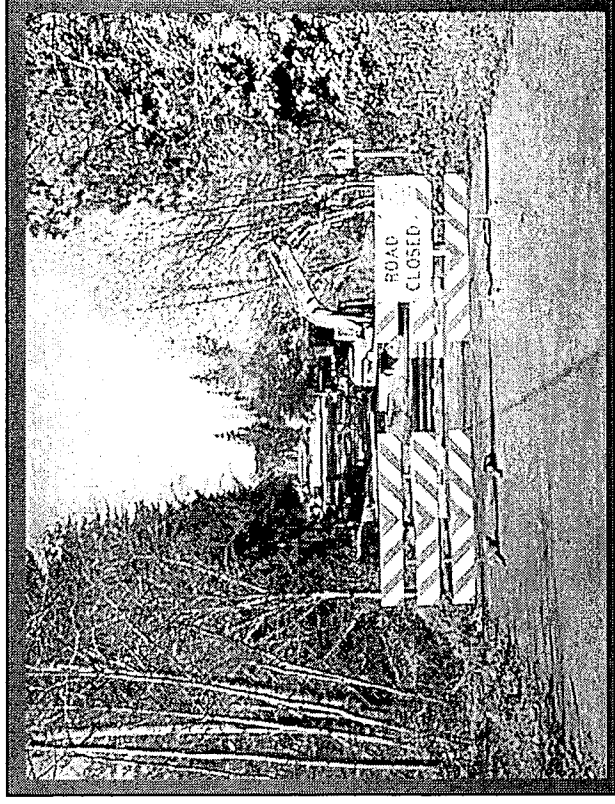
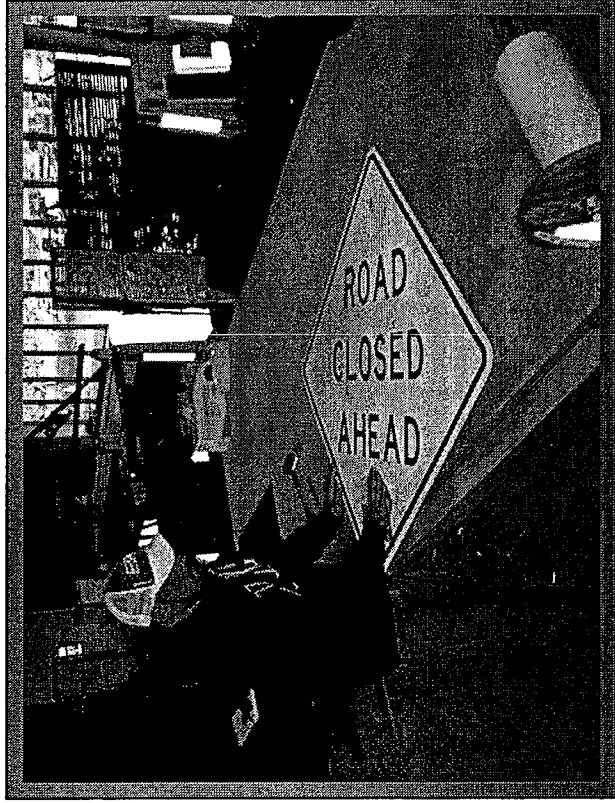
KC DOT Actions

- Metro Transit
 - Reroute plans with Regional Justice Center
 - Assistance with Regional Justice Center as evacuation
 - King County Sheriff's Office assistance as needed
 - ACCESS eligible riders in affected area
 - Public Health coordination

KC DOT Actions

- Road Services Division
 - Evacuation routes for unincorporated area
 - Sync with evacuation routes for valley cities
 - Signage
 - Barricades

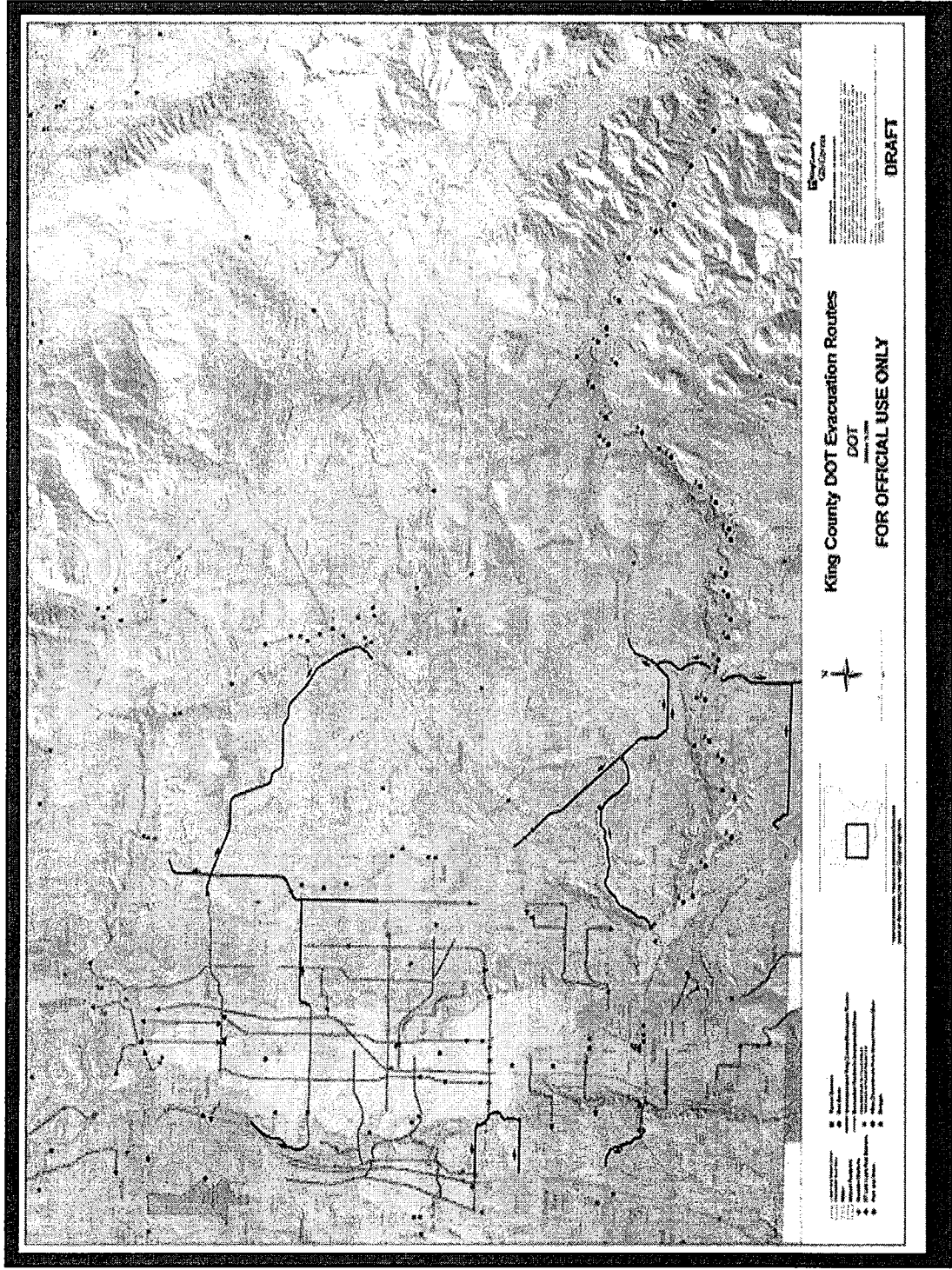
Barricade Production and Placement



KC DOT Actions

- Director's Office
 - Details of evacuation activities
 - Freight movement
 - North-South mobility

Green River Evacuation Routes



General Approach

- Promote use of evacuation routes
- Maintain mobility as long as possible
- Use common signage to avoid confusion
- Use collection sites for the transit dependent
- Ensure safety with timely road closures
- Respond to special requests as needed



Green River Flooding - Evacuation Planning

Remarkable Collaboration with and
Cooperative Response from;

- All arms of King County Government
- Other Affected Jurisdictions
- State Agencies
- Federal Agencies
- Relief Organizations



Three Categories of Evacuation Planning

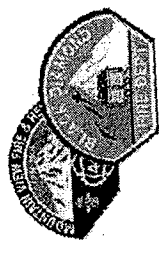
- 1) Residents of Unincorporated King County
 - Upper Green River Valley
 - Lower Green River Valley
 - Lower Soos Creek

- 2) Maleng Regional Justice Center – KCSO
Criminal Investigations Division

- 3) Outreach to affected KCSO employees



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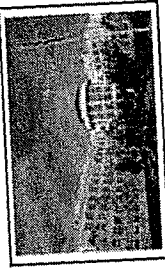
Upper / Middle Green River Flood Incident Action Plan (IAP)

In the event people are in immediate danger and evacuation is necessary, the Incident Commander will complete the Initial Action Plan Checklist.

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King County Sheriff's Office Criminal Justice Division Continuity of Operations Plan For Green River Flooding



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KCSO CID COOP for GR Flood



King County
Flood Evacuation Advisory

Dear Green River Valley Resident:

The purpose of this visit is to let you and your family know that the area where you live has been identified as a high risk area for flooding due to damage found to the abutment of the Howard Hanson Dam. The Army Corps of Engineers is working on repairs but may not be able to hold back water to the dam's full capacity this winter. The King County Sheriff's Office and King County Fire District 44 - Mountain View Fire and Rescue - would like to partner with you to help you plan, prepare for and respond to any flooding that may occur in your area.

Our deputies and firefighters would like to work with you to help you complete a simple survey. It will help them keep you, your family, livestock and pets safe if flooding is expected and you need to evacuate. This information will help us to plan with you and ensure we have accurate ways to communicate with you in case of an emergency. Please make a copy of the survey for your records and provide us with any updates to your information at the email addresses or telephone numbers provided below. If you like, we will send you a copy of your completed survey.

We strongly encourage you to buy flood insurance, prepare a family plan, compile a "to go" kit for you, your family and pets, and stay connected to emergency messages by signing up for automatic emergency alerts. You can receive these alerts on your phone, home computer or personal communications device. You should also have a battery powered radio and batteries. Be prepared for possible power outages by having flashlights and a supply of non-perishable food on hand.

The following website will help you prepare with links for receiving alerts, purchasing flood insurance, and preparing for a flood. Other tips for staying safe are provided. This information is available in several languages.

<http://www.kingcounty.gov/safesv/floodplan.aspx>

The website for KCRD 44 is: <http://kcrd44.csf/index.htm>

King County Sheriff's Office: <http://www.kingcounty.gov/safety/sheriff.aspx>

If you do not have access to a computer, please let us know so we can provide printed materials to you.

We strongly encourage you to take time now to educate yourself about the threat potential flooding poses for you and your family and develop a plan.

If you have any further questions or if we can be of further assistance, please feel free to contact Captain Scott Somers of the Sheriff's Office Southeast Precinct at 206.296.3833, Scott.somers@kingcounty.gov, or Tom Perciful, Fire & Life Educator for King County Fire District 44 at 253.735.0284

Respectfully,

Susan L. Rahr
King County Sheriff

Greg Smith
Chief, King County Fire District 44

Letter presented to residents during visits by KCSO, Fire personnel

Survey completed on site and retained by KCSO, Fire



Contained in the Plans

- Background Information
- Planning and Trigger Assumptions
- ICS Structure
- Objectives
- Authorities and References
- Concepts of Operations
- Responsibilities
- Contingency Plans
- Communications Plans
- Affected Roads
- Communications Plans
- Safety Information
- Operational Checklists
- Rosters
- Warning and Evacuation Messaging
- Command Post and Staging Area Information
- Recovery Plans
- Mapping



Who Helped with the Planning to Evacuate Upper/Middle Green?

- KCSO
- KCOEM
- WSOEM
- KCDOT
- METRO Transit
- WSP
- FIRE DISTRICTS
- COAST GUARD
- NATIONAL GUARD
- Others



Still Working on...

- Air Operations Branch – with help from WSOEM
- Enhanced Nextel Service for CP
- Outreach to smaller pockets of Unincorporated KC Downriver
- Levee patrol / levee terminology training for deputies and Communications Center
- “Awareness Level” training for deputies working in area
- Sharing of IAPs
- Pre-staging of signage in Upper / Middle Green

Questions?



King County

Emergency Support Function (ESF) 6 – Mass Care
and Sheltering Planning

Department of Executive Services
King County Office of
Emergency Management

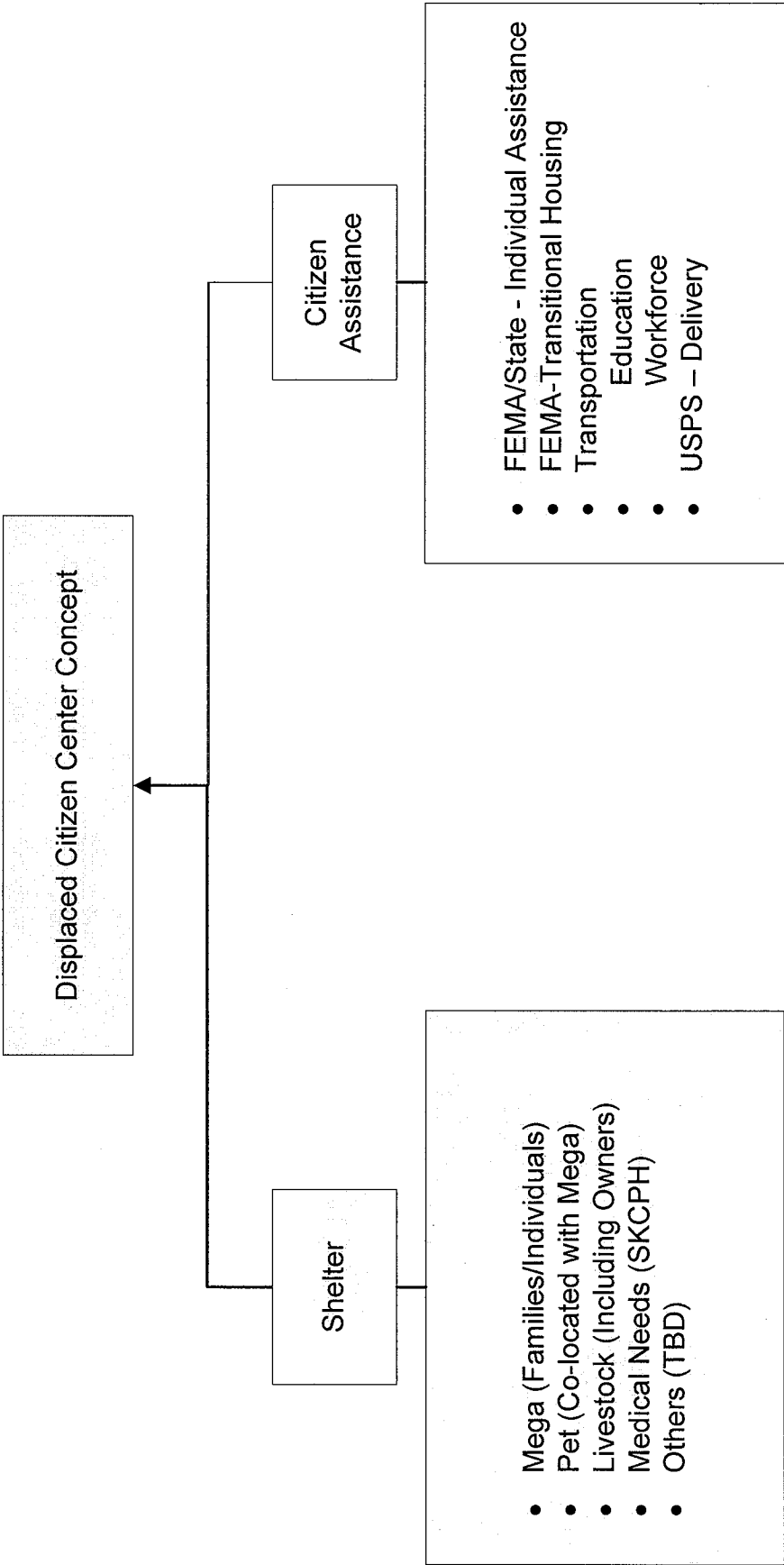
King County Council – October 12th, 2009

Partners

- WASART (Washington State Animal Rescue Team)
- American Red Cross
- City of Seattle Human Resources
- Washington State Emergency Management Division
- FEMA Region X

Coordination Meetings

- KC ESF 6 Planning Team – meets weekly to develop operational plan and coordination of inclusion of existing plans.
- County/State/FEMA ESF 6 Team – meets weekly to coordinate local, state and federal roles and responsibilities.
- Regional Green River Planning Team – meets every two weeks, includes emergency managers of impacted jurisdictions. Coordination point for cities to be briefed on the KC Government ESF 6 plan status.



General Notes

- Final plan will include an all-hazard scalable plan for sizes of a few hundred to a few thousand citizens.
- Site locations are being identified and MOU/Contracts are being put in place.