

## 66 FIRE EVACUATION PROCEDURES AND CONTACTS

At the Flathead Agency, evacuation is the cooperative responsibility of the Tribal Disaster Emergency Services Coordinator and the effected County Office of Emergency Management, after initial declaration by the Incident Commander the Tribal Council in conjunction with the County Commissioners will be informed of evacuation proceders. The Tribal and County Emergency Operations Plan Evacuation Support Annex will be activated. Law Enforcement, i.e. Tribal Police, County Sheriff, or City Police will have the responsibility for notifying the endangered residents of immediate evacuation, assisting in providing traffic coordination, establishing perimeter control with roadblocks and patrols and, upon termination of the emergency, assisting residents' safe reentry to their property.

When the Incident Commander determines the need to evacuate residents in an area threatened by a fire, the following steps will be initiated immediately:

- The IC will notify the on-duty dispatcher at the Ronan Division of Fire Dispatch Center who in a timely fashion will notify the Tribal DES Coordinator, and the effected County OEM of a potential or imminent fire danger emergency that could threaten homes. The Tribal DES with the County OEM will at that time open up the Emergency Operations Center, and with the support of the Tribal Council along with the County Commissioners, will activate the Evacuation Support Annex of the Tribal and County Emergency Operations Plan.
- With orders from the EOC the Ronan Division of Fire Dispatch Center will notify Law Enforcement, i.e. Tribal Police, County Sheriff, and City Police ( with jurisdiction of the evacuation area ) immediately. A Unified Command Structure will be used for complex operations which overlap jurisdictional boundaries. All agencies who have jurisdictional responsibility at a multi-jurisdictional incident contribute to the process of determining incident objectives, selection of operational strategies, joint planning for tactical and evacuation activities, ensuring integrated tactical operations are carried out, and making maximum use of all assigned (trained) responders and resources.
- Upon notification, Law Enforcement, i.e. Tribal Police, County Sheriff, and City Police will in conjunction notifying the EOC in declaring and implementing evacuation procedures in accordions with the Emergency Operations Plan.
- The Tribal Council, County Commissioners, and the surrounding Community will be kept informed of all actions.

Refer to Flathead Reservation Tribal Law & Order/Lake/Sanders/Missoula, and Flathead Counties "Policies and Procedures for a Fire Evacuation (with notification forms)", Appendix 60-4