

RESOLUTION NO. 2014-67
Type IV Incident Management Team

WHEREAS, on May 27, 2014, the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners (Board) met with representatives from the Kootenai County Sheriff's Office, the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management, the Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services System, and Panhandle Health District regarding the concept of an interagency Type IV Incident Management Team (IMT) serving Kootenai County; and

WHEREAS, the goal discussed and agreed to in that meeting was to provide a well trained IMT to provide Kootenai County with command and control for responding to and recovering from emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it was agreed that the justification for establishment of an IMT in Kootenai County includes, but is not limited to, the following considerations:

- Exercises and actual emergencies have highlighted the need for a consistent means of response command and control;
- Large scale emergencies require coordination of many disciplines and jurisdictions;
- An IMT can be authorized to respond to emergencies that cross multiple jurisdictions and could respond to emergencies involving any type of hazard;
- Countywide agencies work well together and respect each other's talents and capabilities;
- Kootenai County responders have well trained staff that could fill multiple IMT roles;
- Having a single person in charge of an emergency is extremely important when prioritization of limited resources is required;
- State Incident Management Teams can take 24 to 48 hours to respond, while a local IMT could be mobilized to respond to emergencies within 2 to 3 hours;
- An IMT would provide the best possible emergency response to the largest number of citizens;
- Panhandle Health District has offered the use of its Command Post to house the County IMT;
- A single point for risk communications under the direction of the Incident Commander would provide the community with consistent and accurate public information; and
- An IMT will provide the Board with the best possible management of an emergency.

And,

WHEREAS, a recommendation was made at that meeting to organize a 12 to 15 member multiple agency IMT which could be utilized as the primary method of command and control for future Kootenai County emergencies; and

WHEREAS, based on the findings set forth above, the Board agrees with this recommendation and finds that it is necessary and in the best interests of the County to establish an IMT in Kootenai County, encourage its organization, and support its operations;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED that the Kootenai County Board of Commissioners hereby establishes an all-hazards Incident Management Team as the primary means of command and control for all future county exercises and emergencies occurring in Kootenai County.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Kootenai County Sheriff, or his or her designee, will be the commander of the Incident Management Team.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Director of the Kootenai County Office of Emergency Management is authorized to provide such support to the Incident Management Team as may be necessary to carry out its duties, consistent with the authority and limitations previously set forth by the Board.

Upon a motion to adopt the text of the foregoing Resolution made by Commissioner Nelson, and seconded by Commissioner Green, the following vote was recorded:

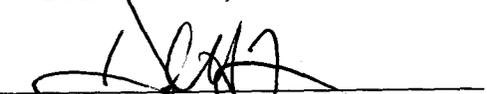
Commissioner Nelson:	Aye
Commissioner Green:	Aye
Chairman Tondee:	Aye

Upon said roll call, the text of the foregoing was duly enacted as a Resolution of the Board of County Commissioners of Kootenai County, Idaho, on the 14th day of October, 2014.

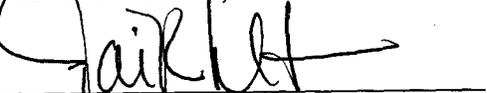
**KOOTENAI COUNTY
BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS**



W. Todd Tondee, Chairman



Daniel H. Green, Commissioner



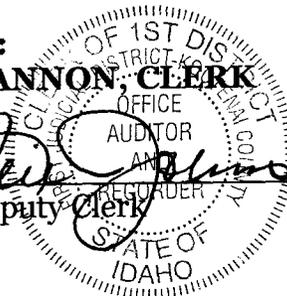
Jai K. Nelson, Commissioner

ATTEST:

JIM BRANNON, CLERK

By: 

Deputy Clerk



C: BOCC, Sheriff, Office of Emergency Management, Kootenai County Emergency Medical Services System, Panhandle Health District, Prosecuting Attorney (Civil Division), Resolution File