

**Cooperative Agreement**  
**Between the Emergency Management Council of Thurston County**  
**and the Disaster Assistance Council of Thurston County**

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**PURPOSE**

This Cooperative Agreement confirms the establishment of the Disaster Assistance Council (DAC) of Thurston County bringing together the humanitarian service organizations, other community organizations, and private and governmental agencies in order to establish policies and procedures and organize disaster assistance in the most economical and effective manner. Through the efforts of the members of the Disaster Assistance Council, there can be a cooperative effort to offer timely and expeditious assistance to victims of a disaster. The DAC works in conjunction with the Emergency Management Council (EMC) of Thurston County. Membership and participation in the DAC is not limited to the signatory agencies of this agreement.

**OBJECTIVES/RESPONSIBILITIES**

1. Exchange information regarding local and regional disaster relief capabilities and limitations.
2. Utilize the personnel, facilities, and equipment of members in a coordinated effort.
3. Work closely with the county and city Emergency Management agencies in maintaining the Council, and in identifying groups and individuals committed to the assistance of disaster victims in the communities.
4. Keep local and regional groups and individuals informed of the activities of the Disaster Assistance Council and to encourage their participation in the Council.
5. Improve public education and inter-jurisdictional disaster planning.
6. Develop and maintain Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) and the capability to provide disaster response and recovery services when the demand exceeds the capability of day-to-day operations.

Disaster Assistance Council of Thurston County Cooperative Agreement

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Signed this 17<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004<sup>5</sup>.

Emergency Management Council of Thurston County

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Chairman Signature

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August 20, 2004  
Date

Disaster Assistance Council of Thurston County

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RICK STORVICK - CHAIR DAC  
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SEPT 15, 2004  
Date

Mt. Rainier Chapter/American Red Cross

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SEP 16, 2004  
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*Beth Church*  
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July 20, 2004  
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July 21, 2004  
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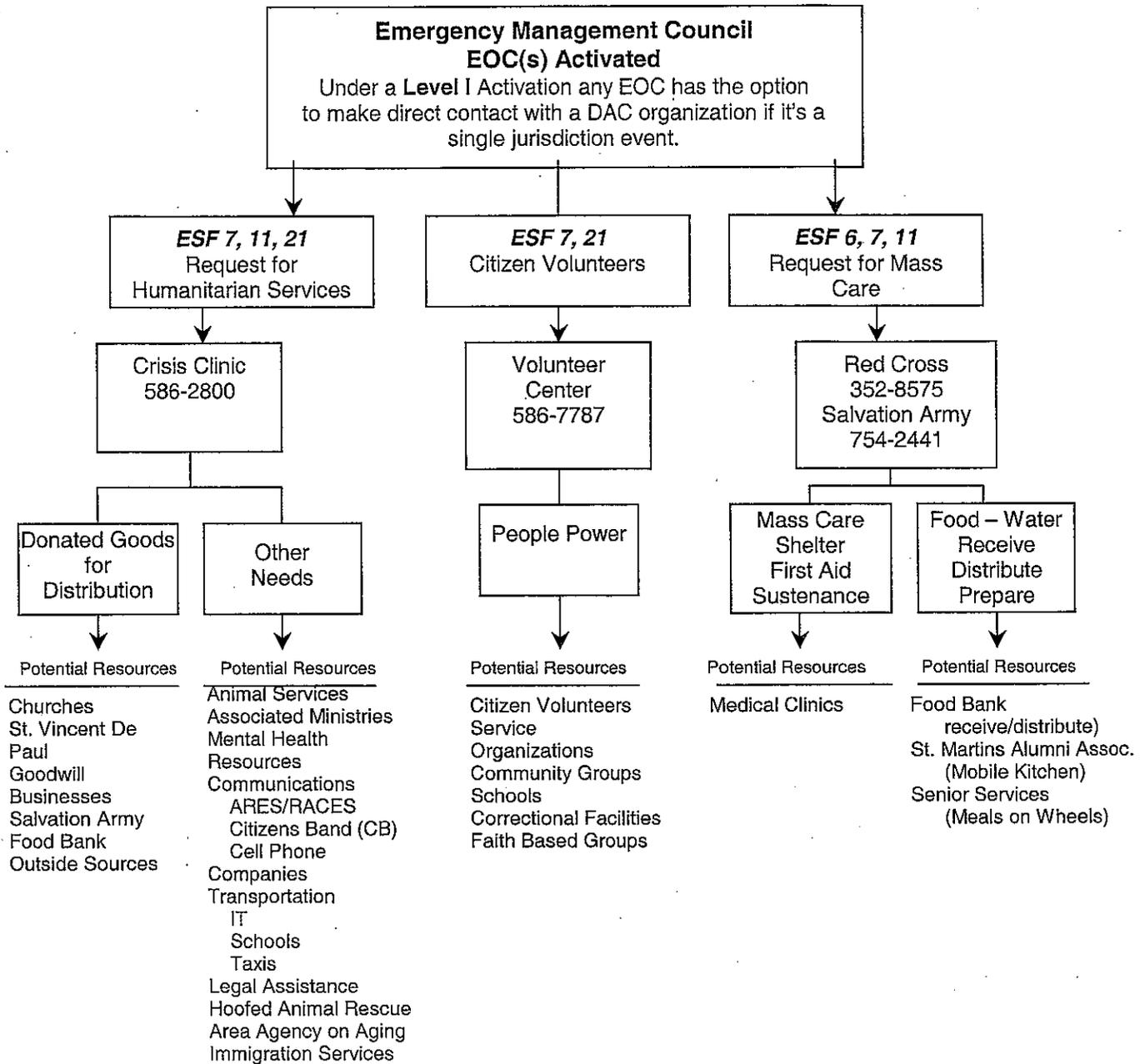
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## DISASTER ASSISTANCE COUNCIL OF THURSTON COUNTY



- Level 1** Low impact emergencies: day to day emergencies requiring minimal coordination and assistance.  
**Give "Heads Up" to core DAC members**
- Level 2** Medium impact disaster: any emergency requiring more than routine coordination and assistance and generally involving multiple jurisdictions.  
**Most incidents at this level will require shelters and feeding (public and field responders)**
- Level 3** High impact disaster: any emergency requiring a high degree of coordination and generally involving state and federal assistance.  
**Most DAC members will see some level of assistance.**