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Policy Title  <b>EMERGENCY RESPONSE</b>	Date:  <b>June 27, 2013</b>	Resolution No.  <b>C/420/13</b>

**Policy Statement:**

Lacombe County is responsible for the direction and control of emergency response.

**Guidelines/Procedures:**

1. Definitions

- (a) "Emergency" means an event that requires prompt coordination of action or special regulator of persons or property to protect the safety, health or welfare of people or to limit damage to property.

Response

Lacombe County has adopted the Incident Command System (ICS) methodology. The ICS system is a standardized on-scene emergency management system specifically designed to provide for the adoption of an integrated organizational structure that reflects the complexity and demands of single or multiple incidents. ICS is used by various jurisdictions and functional agencies to organize incident managerial operations.

Procedures:

1. Lacombe County Emergency Management will apply ICS protocols to all emergencies. At the direction of the Emergency Management Director, the Emergency Operations Centre (EOC) will activate and coordinate resources to support the incident activities.
2. Lacombe County recognizes that we have resources to assist other municipalities in the event of an emergency in their community. Upon request, Lacombe County will manage resources to assist the municipality. These requests may include the use of the EOC.
3. In the event of an emergency that affects Lacombe County and members of the Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Partnership (LREMP), Lacombe County Emergency Management personnel will assess the emergency and advise the County Commissioner or designate.
4. The Lacombe Regional Emergency Management Plan, as per the statutory requirements of the Emergency Management Act, as well as the Lacombe County Bylaw 1133/11 is cited to be the official municipal emergency plan for Lacombe County.

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