



Government of Saint Lucia

Evacuation Procedures Volume 5: Traffic Management Plan

Document of the Saint Lucia National Emergency Management Plan

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SAINT LUCIA EVACUATION PLAN

The Saint Lucia Evacuation Plan is a collection of Documents as listed below.

The evacuation procedures are supported by the Saint Lucia National Emergency Plans, Policies, Legislation and Standard Operating Procedures.

Volume

1. Concept of Operations
2. Emergency Shelters [Annual List]
3. Special Needs Evacuation Plan
4. Animal Evacuation and Recovery Plan
5. Traffic Management Plan
6. Community Town Evacuation Plans

LIST OF ACRONYMS AND MEANING

1. NEMO - National Emergency Management Organisation
2. NEMO Sec - National Emergency Management Organisation Secretariat
3. RSLPF - Royal Saint Lucia Police Force
4. DoT - Department of Transport
5. NEMAC - National Emergency Management Advisory Committee
6. NEOC - National Emergency Operations Centre
7. PHC - Police High Command

1.0 BACKGROUND

Under normal circumstances traffic management in Castries and increasingly other urban centres of the Country, poses tremendous challenges. This is due to the fact that the large numbers of vehicles utilizing the roadways on a daily basis contribute to traffic congestion making movement difficult.

In 2005 the Castries Flood Mitigation Project shut down Chaussee Road and the junction of John Compton highway at Jn Baptiste Street. The resulting traffic gridlock posed a sever impediment to emergency services and illustrated the need for a Traffic Management Plan that will facilitate the movement of Emergency Service Vehicles and personnel.

1.1 OBJECTIVE

This Plan will detail arrangements to ensure the smooth flow of traffic whenever an emergency evacuation of the city or any urban centre of Saint Lucia is undertaken.

1.2 DEFINITION OF TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

To organize or regulate the movement of motor vehicles with a view of ensuring that persons perceived to be in danger can move quickly to a safe area.

2.0 THE PLAN

The name of the Plan is the Evacuation Procedures Volume 5: Traffic Management Plan

2.1 SCOPE

The Plan will detail preparedness and response measures to ensure that smooth flow of traffic in and out of a declared evacuation area.

2.2 STRATEGIES

- The Plan is to have two-way traffic flow managed by police personnel.
- To designate "One way" Flow of traffic to be manned by the Police.
- To define 'zones' and designate routes to move persons as the threat demands.
- To ensure that as far as practicable, only authorized vehicles use routes designated for evacuation.

2.3 AUTHORITY AND RESPONSIBILITY

The Secretariat of National Emergency Management Organisation [NEMO-Sec] will be responsible for the coordination of all preparedness and response activities. The Plan is a Sub-Plan of the National Disaster Plan with roles and responsibilities of agencies and Standard Operating Procedures remaining the same as outlined in the National Response Matrix where necessary additional roles are here assigned.

2.4 THE STATE OF SAINT LUCIA

This plan referees to the Island of Saint Lucia its coastal zone and waters

2.5 WARNING/NOTIFICATION

2.5a Hazards with warning

Any incident, which would necessitate the movement of persons out of an area e.g. severe weather systems, ***riots**. In this respect notification would be given to response agencies as under:-

Phase 1 -12 -24 hrs before impact - muster, repositioning

Phase 2 -6 - 12 hrs before impact - muster, repositioning and start up of response action

2.5b Hazards with no warning

Agencies will be notified by ODPEM should movement of persons become necessary as a result of an impact of a hazard e.g. airplane crash/ hazardous material release as soon after impact as possible. Response activities would consequently follow.

2.5 ACTIVATION

The Evacuation Procedures Volume 5: Traffic Management Plan is activated as follows:

- **4-6 hours before impact of known event utilizing the Police to manage traffic system (2 Way Traffic Flow)**

If sudden impact of an event is experienced and under 2 hours is required to move persons from an area then the "One way" traffic system will be utilized.

2.6 "TWO WAY" TRAFFIC SYSTEMS

Two way traffic system relates to the present traffic routes which will be manned by Police.

2.7 **"ONE WAY" TRAFFIC SYSTEM**

This system would be devised by turning the present "two way traffic system into "one way" at certain points in order to move more people quickly out of an area. The police will manage the system.

2.8 **PURPOSE**

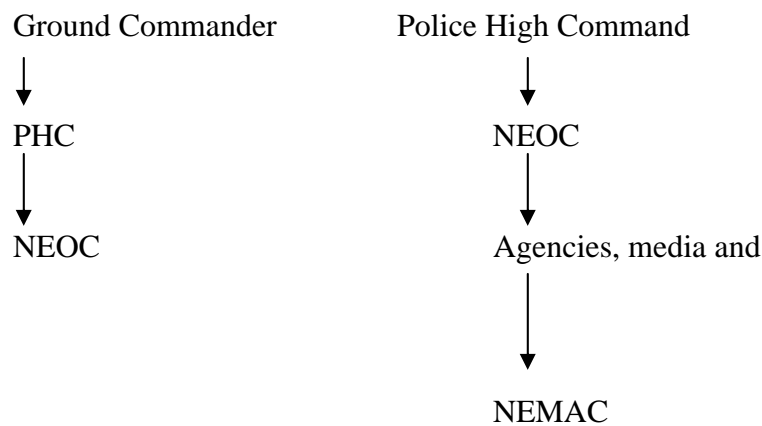
The purpose of the Plan will be to

- a. Coordinate the orderly movement of persons in an emergency situation
- b. Assign specific routes
- c. To ensure public is made aware of designated routes
- d. To determine zones.
- e. To coordinate all activities relating to the movement of persons out of an area

2.9 **ORGANISATION OF THE EVACUATION ROUTES**

The Royal Saint Lucia Force will organize routes for the movement of persons out of an area. The Senior Officers of the Police Force will alert other personnel who might be required at the scene e.g. Department of Transport, Ministry of Works and Saint Lucia Fire Service.

2.10 COMMUNICATIONS



2.11 ROLES

SCENE COORDINATION (ROADWAYS) RSLPF - PRIMARY

The On Scene Commander will be members of the Saint Lucia Police Force and will ensure the following:-

- Coordination and organization of the evacuation routes
- Access to and from the designated routes
- Communication to Police High Command
- Monitoring Traffic
- Assist with evacuations
- Transportation
- Ensure security on evacuation routes
- Ensure liaison with Ministry of Works etc.
- Ensure management of designated evacuation Routes and Bus Routes

MINISTRY OF TRANSPORT - SECONDARY

- Develop emergency signal timing
- Identify constraints along proposed evacuation routes
- Ensure critical intersection detection
- Liaise with Saint Lucia Police Force

- Devise "one way" traffic system

TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

- Coordinate transportation for evacuees
- Identify buses for evacuation purpose

3.0 PREPAREDNESS & RESPONSE ACTIVITIES

3.1 PREPAREDNESS

- Primary** - Royal Saint Lucia Police Force
Secondary - Department of Transport [DoT]
Support - NEMO Sec

Activities	Agency Responsible
Determination of Evacuation Area	Fire Service/Police/ NEMO Sec
Develop arrangements re: evacuation of victims	NEMO Transport Committee
Development of Emergency Directory/Contact List	NEMO Sec/All agencies
Identification & Storage of Emergency Items	All Agencies
Setting up of Routes	Police/Community/NEMO Sec
Development of 'one way' traffic system	Police/DoT
Development of Designated Routes	Police/DoT
Production of maps of designated Routes	DoT/Ministry of Physical Development
Procurement of Barriers	Police/DoT

3.2 RESPONSE

Activities	Agency Responsible
Activation of NEOC	NEMO Sec
Activation of Police High Command	Police
Advise public on designated Routes/zones	Police/NEMO Sec
Manning designated routes	Police
Notify response agencies within 24 hr of impact	NEMO Sec
Manning designated routes	Police
Keep response agencies updated on situation	NEMO Sec