

Kanawha Putnam Emergency Management Plan Hazard Identification Annex	
Building Collapse Revised September 2022; Revised Biennially	B09
Risk Low	Vulnerability Low

I. Introduction

A. Effective emergency response is dependent upon the coordination and cooperation of emergency management, emergency communications, police, fire, emergency medical services and various other public, private, and non-profit organizations that may be called upon to perform duties in an emergency situation. Each incident may differ by type, and impact, but the basic responsibilities of the involved organizations remain the same. The following plan is established to ensure effective emergency response in an urban area setting.

B. Purpose

The purpose of this annex is to establish procedures to ensure the effective response to building collapse incidents.

C. Scope of Work

The scope of the annex encompasses the aspects of preparedness, emergency response, and recovery involving a building collapse incident in Kanawha and Putnam Counties, WV.

II. Situation and Assumptions

A. Kanawha and Putnam Counties feature many different building types. These buildings do not present a hazard in their normal state. However, there are many causes for buildings to collapse including construction defects, high winds, flooding, fires, explosion or acts of terrorism. As

buildings age the chance of collapse may increase.

- B. A building collapse incident can be a multi-disciplinary, multi-agency response event that will require interagency planning and response approaches as well as a partnership effort among local, State and federal government.

III. Functional Annex Components

- A. Primary Functional Annexes – include, but limited to:

- 1. A04 - Evacuation
- 2. A06 - Traffic Diversion
- 3. A09 - Fire and Rescue
- 4. A21 - Search and Rescue

- B. Support Functional Annexes may be used in addition to Primary Functional Annexes:

- 1. A03 - Communications
- 2. A07 - Mass Care
- 3. A14 - Law Enforcement/Security
- 4. A15 - Resource Management
- 5. A24 - Recovery