

to which the agency functions. An inter-jurisdictional disaster agency shall provide aid and services in accordance with the agreement pursuant to which it functions.

### ***Roles and Responsibilities***

Police, fire, public health and medical, emergency management, public works, hazardous materials response, and other personnel are often the first to arrive and the last to leave an incident site. When local resources and capabilities are overwhelmed, local Chief Executive Officer may request assistance from additional municipalities, counties, the State of Colorado and the Federal Government.

#### **Local Chief Executive Officer**

A Mayor or Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners, as a jurisdiction's Chief Executive, is responsible for the public safety and welfare of the people of that jurisdiction. Responsibilities of the Local Chief Executive Officer include:

- Responsibility for coordinating local resources to address the full spectrum of actions to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recovery from incidents involving all hazards including natural disasters, accidents, terrorism, and other contingencies.
- Dependent upon State and Local law, the CEO has extraordinary powers to suspend local laws and ordinances, such as to establish a curfew, direct evacuations, and, in accordance with the local health authority, to order quarantine.
- Provides leadership and plays key role in communicating to the public, and in helping people, businesses, and organizations cope with the consequences of any type of domestic incident within the jurisdiction.
- Negotiates and enters into mutual aid agreements with other jurisdictions to facilitate resource sharing.
- Requests State and, if necessary, Federal assistance through the Governor of the State of Colorado when the jurisdiction's capabilities have been exceeded or exhausted.

### ***Plan Maintenance***

Mesa County EOP revision and subsequent revisions, supersede all previous editions and become effective immediately for planning, training and exercising, and preparedness and response operations.