

**CABARRUS COUNTY EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN
ANNEX S
SPECIAL EVENTS AND FACILITIES**

Primary Agencies

- Emergency Management

Support Agencies

- Dependant on the special event, facility and/or incident.

I. PURPOSE

This annex identifies special events and facilities that are located within (or in close proximity) to Cabarrus County. More specific information on response operations for incidents/events is located in the corresponding functional annexes. For example, a fire impacting one of the special events or facilities identified in this annex should be managed utilizing Annex F – Fire Protection. This annex is intended to provide information on special events and facilities and should not be used to coordinate or manage response operations.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. Situation

1. Concord Regional Airport

- The Concord Regional Airport, a general aviation facility, is located on Aviation Boulevard in the western section of Cabarrus County. It is immediately west and parallel to I-85. The facility has two runways, one 7400 feet and the other 7000 feet long.
- There are also several small private airfields in Cabarrus County.

2. Charlotte Motor Speedway and Drag Strip

- During events at the Speedway, the area can become home to over 120,000 people for upwards of two weeks (May race weeks). Refer to the Speedway Emergency Action Plan managed by the City of Concord Fire and Life Safety for more detailed information.

3. Concord Mills Mall

- Concord Mills Mall is often the most visited tourist attraction in the state. During weekends before holidays, the mall can have upwards of 110,000 visitors per day. Bruton Smith Blvd., running between the Speedway and Concord Mills is also one of the most heavily traveled roads in the state.

4. McGuire Nuclear Plant

- Cabarrus County is a host County for the reception and sheltering of evacuees from two sectors within the McGuire Nuclear Plant emergency planning zone. Refer to the McGuire Nuclear Station Emergency Plan for more detailed information.

5. The City of Charlotte

- Any large-scale incident or event in the City of Charlotte will also likely impact Cabarrus County.
- Refer inquiries for additional information to Charlotte-Mecklenburg Emergency Management.

6. Cabarrus Arena and Events Center – County Fair

- The Cabarrus Arena and Events Center is one of the largest and most adaptable facilities in the County. The complex consists of a main Arena, Event Center A and B, Gold Halls 1 and 2, and the Cabarrus Rooms. The complex hosts hundreds of concerts, trade and consumer shows, local, regional and national sporting events, meetings and special events every year including the Cabarrus County Fair. The Cabarrus County Fair has up to 50,000 visitors per year.
- Additional information on the Cabarrus Arena and Events Center is listed in Annex P – Donated Goods Management.

B. Assumptions

1. Special events and facilities pose a unique threat within Cabarrus County and in some cases may be more susceptible to an emergency.
2. Operational response information for special events and facilities is located in the corresponding annexes dependent on the event, facility, and/or incident.
3. Tactical response information for special events and facilities is located in departmental plans, policies, and procedures dependent on the event, facility, and/or incident.

III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. General

1. The concept of operations for special events and facilities is dependent on the type of incident or event. In some cases a supplemental plan identifies the concept of operations (e.g. the Speedway Emergency Action Plan for events/incidents at the speedway), while others are determined by the type of emergency that has occurred and the concept of operations is identified in a functional annex (e.g. a terrorist attack at Concord Mills would require activation of Annex Q – Terrorism Response).

B. Organization and Staffing.

1. Organization and staffing for special events and facilities is dependent on the type of incident or event.

IV. DIRECTION AND CONTROL

- A. During the preparedness phase, Emergency Management identifies and coordinates planning efforts in consideration of special events and facilities within Cabarrus County.
- B. In some cases, Emergency Management plays a support role in planning efforts of special events or facilities that are located outside of the County's jurisdiction, but could impact the County.
- C. During the response phase, the department or agency with command and control responsibilities for the special event or facility determines direction and control. In many cases, the response will require Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activation. For detailed information on direction and control when the EOC is activated refer to Annex A – Direction and Control.

V. CONTINUITY OF GOVERNMENT

- A. Orders of succession for departments and agencies that play a role in responding to an incident at one of the identified special events or facilities are in accordance with their internal standard operating procedures.