CHAPTER 4

NATURAL DISASTERS

EARTHQUAKE

Refer to HPM 50.1, *Emergency Incident Management Planning and Operations Manual,* Chapter 4, Hazard Specific Plans.

Beat Officer

Time

❑ _____ Stand by for roll-call and instructions.

❑ _____ Broadcast emergency communications only.

❑ _____ Make a beat damage assessment.
- Check structures (bridges, overpasses, etc.).
- Check for blockage, impassable roads.
- Check for disabled vehicles, traffic collisions or injuries.
- Assess alternate routes.

❑ _____ Check for fires, hazardous leaks, utility failures, etc.

❑ _____ Provide traffic control as required/directed.

❑ _____ Initiate necessary Highway Emergency/Weather Advisory Bulletin (HEWAB) through the communications center.

Ranking On-Duty Officer/Supervisor

Time

❑ _____ Conduct a roll-call of on-duty personnel.

❑ _____ Assess communications.

❑ _____ Obtain a highway damage survey from beat officers.
- Establish logs on damage.
- Establish alternate routes.
- Request aircraft assistance as needed.
- Ensure Area office is checked for damage.

Facility Inspection

Time

❑ _____ Assess utilities (see command's Emergency Action Plan).

- Water.
- Gas.
- Electric (emergency power).
- Facility communications equipment.

Post-Earthquake Requirements

Time

❑ _____ **Activate the Incident Command System (Chapter 7 of this manual).**

- In those instances where the CHP has a support role, it is the responsibility of the on-scene supervisor to facilitate proper integration into the system being set up, ensuring that unity of CHP command and mission acceptance concepts are utilized within the appropriate sections of the responsible agency's organizational structure. (Refer to HPM 50.1, *Emergency Incident Management Planning, and Operations Manual*).

❑ _____ If possible, ensure all available off-duty personnel are alerted.

❑ _____ Establish traffic control on evacuation routes.

❑ _____ Ascertain the status of families of on-duty personnel. Provide their status to the communications center for relay to on-duty personnel.

❑ _____ Determine the availability of fuel and equipment.

❑ _____ Monitor civilian radio/television for bulletins.

❑ _____ Evaluate removal of patrol vehicles and emergency supplies from damaged buildings, carports, and/or garages.

❑ _____ Be aware of potential dangers from aftershocks.

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FLOODING/DAM FAILURE

Refer to HPM 50.1, *Emergency Incident Management Planning and Operations Manual,* Chapter 4, Hazard Specific Plans.

Time

❑ _____ Respond/conduct roll-call.

❑ **Activate the Incident Command System (Chapter 7 of this guide).**

- Locate the local authorities' command post and participate in a unified command.

❑ _____ Conduct a damage survey (beat officer/aircraft).

- CHP facility.
- Highway system.
- Critical structures.
- Facilities housing hazardous materials.

❑ _____Coordinate with local law enforcement.

- Perimeter control.
- Evacuation.

❑ _____ Have non-essential personnel ascertain the status of families of on-duty personnel and report their status to the communications center for relay to on-duty personnel.

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WILDLAND FIRES

Refer to HPM 50.1, *Emergency Incident Management Planning and Operations Manual*, Chapter 4, Hazard Specific Plans.

Time

❑ _____ Locate the responsible agency's command post and participate, or provide a representative, in a unified command.

❑ _____ Upon request from the Fire Incident Commander, a Department representative should respond to the command post to coordinate departmental activities with fire personnel.

- CHP personnel assigned to fire emergencies should limit their activities to areas of departmental responsibilities; e.g., freeways, state highways and unincorporated roadways, unless mutual aid assistance is requested through proper channels. Lifesaving efforts, organizational survival, and traffic control hold the highest priorities with law enforcement being secondary.

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