

City of Snyder/ Scurry County Evacuation Plan

2025

Approval and Implementation

This plan is hereby approved for implementation and supersedes all previous editions.

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Record of Changes

The City of Snyder/ Scurry County Scurry County Office of Emergency Management authorizes and issues changes to this document until such time as it is superseded. This document and all attachments are living documents. City/ County departments are responsible for participating in plan reviews and are required to provide information concerning changes that impact their continuity of operations. The Office of Emergency Management coordinates the plan-updating process and maintains the plan after receiving feedback and updates from partnering departments.

Use the table below to record the following information:

- Change number, in sequence, beginning with 1
- Date change was made to the document
- Description of change and rationale if applicable
- Initials of person who made the change

Number	Date	Description	Initials
1	10/2025	Developed Plan	JC

Purpose/ Scope

This plan establishes the framework for the safe, timely, and coordinated evacuation of residents, businesses, and visitors within the City of Snyder, Texas, and within the County of Scurry, Texas in response to major emergencies or disasters. It provides guidance for decision-makers, emergency response agencies, and supporting organizations to ensure that evacuation operations are carried out in an orderly manner that prioritizes the protection of life, property, and community stability.

The plan applies to incidents that pose an immediate or escalating threat to public safety, including but not limited to wildfires, hazardous material releases, flooding, and prolonged power outages. It outlines roles and responsibilities, operational procedures, and communication protocols necessary to support effective evacuation efforts.

This document is intended to complement the City of Snyder's Emergency Operations Plan (EOP) and is consistent with the National Incident Management System (NIMS) and the Incident Command System (ICS). It serves as a guiding policy for coordinated action by local government, public safety agencies, volunteer organizations, and regional partners to ensure a unified and effective evacuation strategy.

Authority

The authority to order an evacuation within the jurisdiction of the City of Snyder rests with the Mayor of Snyder or, when applicable, the Scurry County Judge. These officials are empowered under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Texas Governmental Code 418.00, and local emergency management ordinances to direct protective actions, including mandatory or voluntary evacuations, when conditions pose a threat to public safety.

The Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC), acting under the direction of the Mayor or County Judge, is responsible for coordinating evacuation planning, resource allocation, interagency coordination, and operational response activities. The EMC shall ensure that evacuation operations are consistent with the City of Snyder Emergency Operations Plan and are implemented in accordance with the National Incident Management System (NIMS).

Hazard Triggers

Evacuation decisions will be based on the nature and severity of the incident, the potential threat to life safety, and the recommendations of responsible officials and subject-matter experts. The following criteria establish general conditions under which evacuation actions may be ordered:

- **Wildfire:** An evacuation may be ordered when a wildfire approaches within populated areas, or upon the determination of the Fire Chief and/or the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) that conditions present an immediate threat to public safety.
- **Gas Plant or Hazardous Materials Incident:** An evacuation shall be initiated if a chemical release, explosion, or other hazardous materials incident poses a risk to community air quality, public health, or falls within an established safety or protective action zone as determined by the EMC in coordination with the Fire Chief and public safety agencies.
- **Flooding:** An evacuation may be ordered when rising water levels threatens residential or commercial areas, critical infrastructure, or when forecasts and river gauge data indicate an imminent risk to life safety.
- **Extended Power Outage:** Evacuation or relocation of vulnerable populations (including elderly individuals, persons with medical dependencies, and other at-risk groups) may be directed if the outage exceeds creates conditions that threaten health or safety.
- **Severe Weather (Pre-Event):** Precautionary evacuation or sheltering actions may be initiated prior to the expected impact of severe weather events such as tornadoes, hurricanes, or extreme winter storms when forecasts indicate a high likelihood of life-threatening conditions or prolonged utility disruption.
- **Severe Weather (Post-Event):** Evacuation may be required following a severe weather event if widespread damage, infrastructure failure, or hazardous debris creates unsafe living conditions, limits access to critical services or presents ongoing threats to public health and safety.

Population at Risk

- Total population: ~11,500 for Snyder.
~16,300 Scurry County.
- Special groups:
 - Nursing homes & assisted living facilities.
 - Snyder ISD Schools (approx. 2,500 students & staff).
 - Western Texas College (approx. 1,700 students & staff).
 - Hermleigh ISD (approx. 315 students & staff).
 - Ira ISD (approx. 350 students & staff).
 - Snyder Christin School (approx. 55 students & staff).
 - Day Cares (approx. 350 students & staff).
 - Hospital & clinics (patients requiring transport).
 - Residents without vehicles.

Evacuation Routes

- **Primary Routes:**
 - US Hwy 84 (North/South).
 - US Hwy 180 (East/West).
 - State Hwy 350.
 - US Hwy 208 (North/ South)
- **Secondary Routes:**
 - Local streets feeding highways (Ave A, Ave E, Ave V, Houston Ave, 13th, 30th, 37th, 42, Towle Park RD, Memorial Ways). Please note these routes may change depending on the event.
- **Traffic Control Points:**
 - Snyder Police & Scurry County Sheriff will manage key intersections.
 - Public Works, Road and Bridge, and TxDOT to assist with barricades and signage.

Transportation/ Evacuation Support

Transportation resources will be coordinated to ensure that all residents, including those without access to personal vehicles and individuals with special transportation needs, are provided with safe and timely evacuation assistance. The following measures will be implemented:

- **General Population:** School buses and mutual aid transportation partners will be mobilized to assist residents who do not have access to private vehicles.
- **Pickup Points:** Designated public facilities, including schools, community centers, and major churches (to be listed at the end of this document), will serve as assembly and pickup points for residents requiring transportation assistance.
- **Medical and Vulnerable Populations:** Nursing homes, assisted living facilities, and hospitals will activate pre-established contracts for ambulance services, paratransit providers, and specialized medical transport to evacuate patients and residents with medical dependencies.

Transportation operations will be coordinated by the Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC) in conjunction with the Transportation Branch of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), ensuring alignment with mutual aid agreements and regional evacuation protocols.

Sheltering

- **In-County Shelters:**
 - Towle Park Armory (Also serves as medical shelter if need arises)
 - Snyder High School Gymnasium
 - Coliseum (Pet friendly shelter)
 - Local School Gymnasiums (Through established MOU's)
- **Out-of-County Shelters** (if local capacity exceeded):
 - Abilene, Lubbock, or Sweetwater Red Cross shelters.
- **Special Needs Shelters:** arrangements for medical needs and pet-friendly shelters.

Public Warning and Notification

Effective and timely public warning is essential to ensure the safe and orderly evacuation of residents, businesses, and visitors. Multiple, redundant communication methods will be employed to maximize reach and accessibility.

- **Emergency Alerts:** The City of Snyder and Scurry County will issue evacuation warnings and orders through the Regroup Mass Notification System and the Integrated Public Alert and Warning System (IPAWS).
- **Broadcast and Digital Media:** Public information will be disseminated via local radio stations (including KSNY and other area broadcasters), official City and County Facebook pages, and the City/County websites to ensure timely updates to the community.
- **Door-to-Door Notifications:** In circumstances where electronic communication methods are unavailable, impaired, or insufficient, Police, Fire, Public Works, and EMS personnel will conduct door-to-door notifications to ensure that residents receive evacuation instructions.

All public messaging will be coordinated through the Joint Information System (JIS) and Joint Information Center (JIC), when activated, to ensure accuracy, consistency, and clarity of information provided to the public.

Roles & Responsibilities

The successful execution of evacuation operations requires coordinated actions across all levels of government and supporting agencies. The following entities are assigned primary roles and responsibilities:

- **Mayor of Snyder / Scurry County Judge:** Authorized to declare evacuation orders under the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 and applicable local ordinances. Provide executive direction and ensure coordination with state authorities as required.
- **Emergency Management Coordinator (EMC):** Responsible for coordinating overall evacuation operations, activating mutual aid agreements, allocating resources, and ensuring alignment with the City of Snyder Emergency Operations Plan (EOP).
- **Police Department and Sheriff's Office:** Provide traffic control and enforcement along evacuation routes; secure evacuated areas to prevent unauthorized entry; and assist with door-to-door notifications when required.
- **Fire Department:** Conduct hazard monitoring, provide technical guidance on evacuation zone boundaries, and support protective action recommendations related to fire, hazardous materials, and other life-safety threats.
- **Public Works, Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), and County Road and Bridge:** Provide logistical support including barricades, fuel supply, traffic control devices, and heavy equipment for debris clearance or route maintenance.

- **School Districts:** Provide school buses and personnel to assist with the transportation of students and residents lacking private transportation.
- **Healthcare Providers and Medical Facilities:** Coordinate the evacuation of patients and individuals with medical dependencies through contracted ambulance services, paratransit resources, and specialized medical transport providers.

Support Agencies:

The following organizations provide critical support to evacuation operations and continuity of care for displaced populations:

- **American Red Cross:** Manage shelter operations, provide mass care services, and assist with family reunification.
- **Volunteer and Faith-Based Organizations:** Provide food, water, clothing, counseling, and other essential support services to evacuees.
- **Private Sector Partners:** Support logistical operations including fuel supply, transportation, lodging, and critical infrastructure restoration.
- **Regional and State Agencies:** Provide mutual aid resources, technical expertise, and additional assets to support large-scale evacuation efforts.
- **Local and Area Food Banks:** Supply food and essential household items to displaced residents and support feeding operations at shelters and community centers.

Logistics & Support

- **Staging areas** for buses and responders at predetermined locations. (list is provided at end of this)
- **Fuel & Supplies** pre-staged at city public works yard. (MOU's pre-established)
- **Security:** Police patrols of evacuated zones to deter looting.

Training & Exercise

- Annual **tabletop exercise** with city/county officials.
- Biennial **full-scale evacuation drill** (starting with schools or nursing facilities).
- After-action reviews to identify improvements.

Plan Maintenance

This Evacuation Plan is a living document and shall be maintained to ensure accuracy, relevance, and effectiveness.

- The Emergency Management Office is responsible for reviewing this plan on an annual basis to confirm compliance with applicable laws, regulations, and best practices.
- The plan should be revised and updated as necessary to reflect changes in hazards, infrastructure, demographics, population, or lessons learned from exercises and real-world incidents.
- All revisions will be formally documented, approved by the City Mayor, County Judge, and the Emergency Management Coordinator and distributed to partner agencies and stakeholders.
- A complete record of updates and amendments shall be maintained in the Emergency Management Office to ensure accountability and continuity.

Appendix

Bus List (10/2025)

Snyder ISD updates

18- 50-person bus

3- 37-person Handicap w/ lift

3- 15-person bus

2- charter

8- 8 person vehicles

Hermleigh ISD

1- 48-person bus

1-40-person bus

2- 60-person bus

2-72-person bus

1-46-person bus

1- 15-person van

Ira ISD

3- 70 -person bus

3- 29 - person bus

1-15 person vehicles

2-8- Seat SUV

Western Texas College

1-42-person bus

1-35-person bus

4-15-person van

1-12-person van

Staging Locations

WTC Coliseum 900 E Coliseum Dr.

WTC Campus 6200 College Ave.

Towle Park Barn 3000 Towle Park Rd.

Shelter Location

RECEPTION AND CARE FACILITIES LISTING						
NAME/ADDRESS	EST. CAP.	EST. FEEDING CAPACITY	# OF TOILETS	# OF SHOWERS	GENERATOR	SHELTER AGREEMENT
(STORM SHELTER) Scurry County Courthouse Basement 1806 25th Street Dan Hicks 325-436-9982	40	N/A	5 Stalls 2 Urinals	None	No	No
(STORM SHELTER) IRA Independent School 6190 W FM 1606 Safe Wing Dale Jones 432-294-1299	200	N/A	6 Stalls 3 Urinals	None	No	No
(STORM SHELTER) Hermleigh ISD 8010 Business 84 Safe Wing Coach Gibson 254-592-5208	200	N/A	4 Stalls 2 Urinals	None	No	No
(STORM SHELTER) Snyder Fire Dept 1911 27th St Meeting room 325-573-6215	30	N/A	0	None	Yes	No
(STORM SHELTER) Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church Basement 3005 Ave A Glenn Clardy 325-573-3383 Father Crawly 806-317-7925	20	20	1	None	No	No
Under construction can use in emergency if needed						
Short Term Shelters NOT FOR STORM SHELTERS						
37th Street Church of Christ Family Center 325-573-0154 Perry Westmoreland 325-575-1200	105	275	4 Stalls	None	No	No
First United Methodist Church 2700 College Ave 325-574-5416 Paul Jones 325-575-0898 Ryan Ford 325-574-5686	400	250	24 Stalls	None	No	No
Saint Elizabeth Catholic Church Family Center 3005 AVE A 325-573-8824	90	300	8 Stalls 2 Urinals	None	No	Yes
Snyder Independent School District 325-573-5401 Jeff McGinnis Office 325-574-8950 325-207-8601	3000	2100	150	50	No	No
Avenue D Baptist Church 324 30th Street 325-573-6878 Vick Miller 325-573-4814 Charles Lowery 903-436-6833	35	80	7 Stalls	None	No	Yes
Scurry County Parks Armory 3000 Towel Park Road 325-573-3313	200	200	6	2	Yes	No
Calvary Baptist Church 2405 35th Street 325-573-2191 Nathan Hines 575-1850			1 urinal 3 toilets	None	No	No

Evacuation Routes





