



# Roles

## **The Mayor**

*Role:* Makes decisions, communicates with the public, and issues emergency orders. Responsible for making the request to the Governor for a disaster declaration

*Priorities:* Continuance of local government. This is an election year, and the mayor's popularity has recently plummeted due a decision to reduce funding for emergency services.

## **Director of Transportation**

*Role:* Responsible for protecting transportation units, designating and developing evacuation routes, providing up-to-date information on the status of roads, and providing evacuation means for those citizens without cars

*Priorities:* Must come up with the best route for evacuation, if necessary. Make sure there are alternative evacuation routes in case one becomes blocked. Have multiple requests for vehicle assistance (school, hospital, public health center and mayor's office) but limited number of cars to dispatch. Determine which groups are in most desperate need of transportation units for assistance.

## **Director of Public Health**

*Role:* Responsible for ensuring the effective coordination and evaluation of the emergency medical services systems. Responsible for evaluating the threat of the zombie virus and best means for protecting citizens.

*Priorities:* The recent reduction of funding for emergency services has had a direct impact on research funding, personnel and labs. People need to know how to avoid infection, safe places to go, what to do with those who have become infected. Number one issue is where to send people that are sick.

## **Public Facilities Director**

*Role:* Communicates with utility providers to coordinate continuation of services. Provides info on building infrastructure, maps, and construction descriptions. Surveys utility and building damage. Identifies, evaluates, and monitors presence of hazardous materials

*Priorities:* Sewage facilities are located in the northern section of town, gas to the east, electric to the south, and water to the west. Main priority is to make sure that none of these services will be lost. Opposes any plan that will divert zombies into areas that would compromise the four main utility services. Must weigh which services are the most important and convince others the importance of keeping utilities running.

## **Fire Chief**

*Role:* Responsible for fire prevention and suppression, medical response, and property protection.

*Priorities:* Angry at mayor for reducing emergency response funding. There were four firehouses, but the firehouse had to be shut down on the west side of town due to funding.

## **Police Chief**

*Role:* Responsible for public safety, crime prevention, traffic control, and evacuation.

*Priorities:* Lost 25% of staff with budget cut. Concerned about abandoning the northern end of town and the possibility of looters and violence.

## **Public Affairs**

*Role:* Coordinates and provides information about emergency and response to the general public.

Provides regular information updates to the media

*Priorities:* People have lost trust in the government officials after they showed a lack of interest in

emergency response funding. Wants basic, clear information on the zombie attack to relay to the citizens. Information should include what areas to avoid, the health risk, and the state of the city.

### **City Council Representatives**

*Role:* Surveys impacted areas of the city, liason with government agencies, develops short-term policy resolution to address curfews, and identifies community needs. Maintains all records related to the disaster.

*Priorities:* The money taken from the emergency response fund was invested in a brand new factory on the west side of town, the council wishes to preserve this factory if possible because the town would suffer tremendous financial loss and be unable to recover if it was destroyed. Determine a plan of action to protect your most valuable assets to the city.

### **Red Cross Representative**

*Role:* Provide Red Cross emergency assistance (food, clothing, shelter). Sets up an emergency headquarters and organizes volunteers. Coordinates with ranking public officials and authorities.

*Priorities:* Just wants to help! Needs to know where to set up a shelter, start distributing food, and how to get volunteers. Finding and assembling volunteers during an evacuation is tough, so Red Cross wants a clear plan on how the city will proceed.

### **School Superintendent**

*Role:* Responsible for protecting students and school personnel. Coordinates with the Director of Emergency Management to close a school in a disastrous situation. Informs school personnel to remain in schools and on duty if even a warning is sounded while school is in session.

*Priorities:* News of the zombie situation broke late last night and school buses are already on route to pick up students for school. Come up with a plan to determine and communicate the closing of schools and where to direct school buses that already have students on board.

### **Public Works Director**

*Role:* Evaluates situation, conducts damage assessment (buildings, roads, bridges) for safety, determines restoration priorities. Assists Public Facilities Director in restoring services. Has the equipment and manpower available to use in an emergency response. Clears debris from roads, bridges, and public facilities. Ensures potable water in an emergency. Provides sanitation services and protects water/sewage facilities from damage. Work with the public transportation director to help ensure the determined evacuation routes remain useable.

*Priorities:* The sewage facility located in the north side is old and in need of some upgrades. The public workers have been on strike boycotting budget cuts and have not completed the construction that was supposed to bring the facility up to date. To prevent exposure, making sure toxins from the facility do not seep into the water supply is extremely important.

IN ATTENDANCE:

### **Incident Commander**

*Role:* Activates emergency response team and can request additional resources. First to evaluate the situation (safety, severity, impact, need for protective equipment)

*Priorities:* Has seen the situation to the north, and cannot stress enough how important it is that the city managers choose evacuation. Is resolute that the zombies be diverted to one particular area if possible and to evacuate the citizens in the opposite direction. Sees no point in shelters. Has no vote, only a voice.