



COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY TRANSPORTATION RESPONSE PLAN (CETRP)



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MDOT recognizes the dynamics associated with planning and, consequently, plan upgrading will be accomplished at least annually, and in the ultimate will be an ongoing process with the objective of assuring for the safety and continuing operability of the State Transportation System.

By virtue of the authority vested in me, by the Mississippi Transportation Commission, I hereby promulgate and issue the CETRP as the official guidance of all concerned. (The following signatures are on file at the MDOT, Emergency Services Director, Office of Enforcement.)

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FOREWORD

This **Comprehensive Emergency Transportation Response Plan (CETRP)** is based on the concept that the functions of the various governmental agencies, commissions and departments of the state, county and municipal levels during emergencies will parallel generally their normal day-to-day functions employing as far as possible the same personnel and material resources in both cases. The operational concepts upon which this plan is based are applicable to both natural and man-made disasters. This plan is predicated upon some basic principles of planning. First, it evolves from the operational concept in daily practice throughout the Mississippi Department of Transportation for normal operations. That is, every effort is made to solve a problem at the lowest level. When a problem exceeds the capabilities at a particular echelon, an area headquarters, for example, then it is elevated to the next and subsequent levels until it reaches a point where sufficient resources exist which can be applied to solving the problem. The same philosophy governs emergency operations and, while intuitive, it is also fundamental to understanding the operational concepts that follow latter.

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