Larimer County Community Lifeline Annexes

Larimer County Office of Emergency Management















Community Lifelines Defined

A lifeline enables the continuous operation of **critical government and business functions** and is **essential to human health and safety or economic security**.



Lifelines are designed to highlight priority areas and interdependencies, focus attention on actions being taken, communicate coordination efforts towards stabilization, and integrate information. Each lifeline is comprised of multiple components and sub-components that provide lifeline services to the community.

Community Lifeline Components















Multiple components and sub-components establish the parameters of the lifeline; component-level analysis is required to determine if each lifeline is stable.

1. Safety and Security

- Law Enforcement/Security
- Government Services
- Community Safety
- Fire Services
- Search and Rescue

2. Food, Water, Shelter

- Food
- Water
- Shelter
- Agriculture

3. Health and Medical

- Medical Care
- Public Health
- Patient Movement
- Fatality Management
- Medical Supply Chain

4. Energy

- Power
- Fuel

5. Communications

- Infrastructure
- Alerts, Warnings, Messages
- 911 and Dispatch
- Financial Services
- Responder Communications

6. Transportation

- Highway/Roadway
- Mass Transit
- Railway
- Maritime
- Aviation

7. Hazardous Material

- Facilities
- Non-Fixed Sites

Assessment		
Status	"What?"	
Impact	"So What?"	
Actions	"Now What?"	
Limiting Factors	"What's the Gap?"	



Safety and Security

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

From law enforcement to firefighting services, this lifeline ensures our communities remain safe and secure.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Law Enforcement and Security

- Police Stations
- Law Enforcement
- Site Security
- Correctional Facilities

Fire Services

- Fire Stations
- Firefighting Resources

Search and Rescue

- Wildness Search and Rescue
- Urban Search and Rescue

Government Services

- Emergency Operations Centers
- Essential Government Functions
- Schools
- Government Offices
- Public Records
- Historic and Cultural Resources

Community Safety

- Flood Control (e.g. dams, levees, reservoirs)
- Other Hazards
- Protective Actions (e.g. evacuations, shelter-in-place)

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Sheriff's Office, Municipal Police Departments, Fire Agencies, Search and Rescue Teams, Larimer County Office of Emergency Management, Municipal OEMs, School Districts, Larimer Board of County Commissioners



Food, Water, Shelter

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

This lifeline is all about the basics—access to food, potable water, and emergency shelters to keep everyone nourished and safe.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Food

- Commercial food distribution
- Commercial food supply chain

Agriculture

- Crop Production
- Animal Production

Water

- Water supply systems
- Wastewater systems
- Water quality
- Watershed protection and ecological health

Shelter

- Housing (e.g. homes, shelters)
- Commercial facilities (e.g. hotels)

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Office of Emergency Management, Human Services, Agriculture Providers, Water and Wastewater Providers, Community Watershed Coalitions, American Red Cross, Salvation Army, Larimer County Food Bank, Food Distribution Centers.



Health and Medical

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

Hospitals, medical facilities, and pharmacies fall under this category, ensuring everyone gets the care they need when they need it.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Medical Care

- Hospitals
- Nursing Facilities
- Dialysis & Burn Treatment
- Pharmacies
- Long-Term/Alternative Care Facilities
- VA Health System Resources
- Veterinary Services

Patient Movement

Emergency Medical Services

Fatality Management

Mortuary and post-mortuary services

Public Health

- Health Surveillance
- Human Services
- Behavioral Health
- Vector Control

Medical Supply Chain

- Blood / Blood Products
- Manufacturing
 - Pharmaceutical
 - Device
 - Medical Gases
- Distribution
- Critical Clinical Research
- Sterilization
- Raw Materials

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Department of Health and Environment, Larimer County Coroner, Larimer County Human Services, Emergency Medical Services Agencies, Behavioral Health Agencies, UCHealth, Banner Health, Colorado State University.



Energy

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

Keeping the lights on and our vehicles running, this lifeline powers everything from homes to critical infrastructure.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Power

- Generation Systems
- Transmission Systems
- Distribution Systems

Fuel

- Refineries / Fuel Processing
- Fuel Storage
- Commercial Distribution (e.g. gas stations)
- Public Safety Distribution

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Utilities Providers, Fuel Storage agencies, Commercial Fuel Stations, Public Utilities Commission



Communications

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

In a world where staying connected is vital, this lifeline covers telecommunications, internet services, and broadcasting.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Infrastructure

- Wireless
- Wireline
- Cable / Internet
- Radio
- Satellite
- Data Centers

Financial Services

- Banking Services
- Electronic Payment Processing

Alerts, Warnings, Messages

- Local authority / warning ability
- Access to IPAWS:
 - Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA)
 - Emergency Alert System (EAS)
- National Warning System (NAWAS)
- Terminals

911 and Dispatch

Public Safety Answering Points

Responder Communications

- Land Mobile Radio Networks
- FirstNet

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer Emergency Telephone Authority, Public Safety Answering Points, Communications Providers



Transportation

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

Whether it's roads, railways, or airports, this lifeline ensures that people and goods can move freely and efficiently.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Highway/Roadway

- Roads
- Bridges

Mass Transit

- Bus
- Rail
- Ferry

Railway

- Freight
- Passenger

Maritime

- Waterways
- Ports / Port Facilities

Aviation

- Commercial (e.g. Cargo / Passenger)
- General
- Military

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Road and Bridge, Public Works Departments, Northern Colorado Regional Airport, Union Pacific/BNSF Railway, CO National Guard.



Hazardous Material

COMPONENTS AND SUB-COMPONENTS

PURPOSE:

This lifeline manages the safe handling and disposal of hazardous materials to prevent any additional risk during emergencies.

SUMMARY OF LIFELINE COMPONENTS & SUBCOMPONENTS:

Facilities

- Oil and hazardous material facilities (e.g. chemical facilities, nuclear power plants)
- Oil, hazardous material / toxic release incidents from facilities

Non-Fixed Sites

- Oil, hazardous material/toxic release incidents from non-fixed sites
- Radiological or nuclear incidents

LEAD AND SUPPORT AGENCIES:

Larimer County Solid Waste, Hazardous Materials Teams, Colorado State University, Tier II Facilities

Determining Lifeline Status

During an incident, the health of each Lifeline and Component is determined by integrating situational awareness reports and impact assessments from local, state, regional, federal, private sector, and non-profit or community partners

Applying the following questions and understanding the incident is critical in determining the status of a Lifeline and Components:

- Did the incident disrupt services to survivors provided by component capabilities?
- What is the extent of the disruption and impact on response and survivors?
- Has a solution to the disruption been identified?
- Has that solution been converted into a plan of action?
- Has that plan of action been resourced?
- Are there limiting factors that are preventing stabilization? To what extent are they limiting services?
- Have the services to survivors been stabilized? If not, how long to reach stabilization?
- Are there contingency solutions enabling stabilization? How long will these services be provided to sustain stabilization?
- Have circumstances changed since the Lifeline/Component was last assessed?

Community Lifeline Status















Each lifeline and its components will be evaluated based upon impact using the following color-coded system to establish priorities for response and restoration activities.

SIGNIFICANT IMPACT: RED	MODERATE IMPACT: YELLOW	MINIMAL IMPACT: GREEN	ADMINISTRATIVE: BLUE	UNKNOWN: GREY
Indicates there are severe	Indicates that there are	Indicates that the lifeline is	Does not indicate all	Indicates the extent of
challenges and obstacles	disruptions or limitations	functioning well, with only	operational status or condition;	disruption and impacts to the
hindering the provision of	affecting the delivery of	minor disruptions or limitations.	used for administrative	lifeline services is unknown.
essential services and	services and resources, albeit	The community's essential	purposes such as presentations	
resources associated with that	to a lesser extent. While the	services and resources	and briefings.	
lifeline. Immediate attention	situation is not as critical, it	associated with that lifeline are		
and resources are required to	still requires attention and	being adequately provided.		
address the situation and	proactive measures to prevent	Ongoing monitoring and		
restore functionality.	further deterioration and ensure	maintenance is necessary to		
	community needs are met.	sustain this level or		
		functionality.		

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