

TOWN of ROCKY RIPPLE

**EMERGENCY
EVACUATION PLAN**



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Definitions

CERT: Community Emergency Response Team

EOC: Emergency Operations Center

ICP: Incident Command Post

RREM: Rocky Ripple Emergency Management

Purpose

The purpose of this plan is to establish standard protocols for implementing a mass evacuation from an area which, shall be within the following boundaries: Most northern part of Rocky Ripple (corner of Ripple Road and Canal Street and all areas in between to the southernmost part of Rocky Ripple (Riverview Drive). This defined area shall hereinafter be referred to as the “evacuation area.” The plan lists specific responsibilities of Rocky Ripple Emergency Management (RREM) and citizens involved in the coordinated response effort as it pertains to the evacuation. Due to the uncertainty of an actual evacuation, this plan is not a script, but rather a starting point, to be adjusted as the situation dictates and as facts replace planning assumptions.

Scope

This is strictly a White River flood response and evacuation plan written by the Rocky Ripple Emergency Management personnel with the sole purpose of giving the citizens of Rocky Ripple the most advanced and accurate flood warnings possible to allow for safe evacuation. This plan is formed in collaboration with local universities, non-government organizations (NGO) and local public safety agencies.

Maintenance

The RREM committee shall review this plan annually. Should a change be necessary, the RREM shall convene to discuss the recommended changes. It is suggested that local drills, tabletop exercises, functional exercises, and full-scale exercises periodically be performed based on the hazards faced by this jurisdiction to validate the existing evacuation plan.

Triggers and Activation

When certain weather events are projected by the local National Weather Service (NWS) that can lead to flooding of the White River, the RREM shall begin monitoring the Nora flood gauge via the [National Weather Service's Advance Hydrologic Prediction Service](#). Currently the Rocky Ripple gauge reads about 4 feet below the Nora Station. Projected Rocky Ripple levels of 8 to 12 feet (Nora Station: 12 to 16 feet) above normal shall activate Phase Yellow and be the prelude to the cascade of alerts listed below.

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Phase Yellow Projected readings of 8 to 12 feet and rising on the Rocky Ripple gauge (Nora Station: 12 to 16 feet). Yellow placards are to be placed in the town notification boxes located at the intersections of 52nd Street and Byram Avenue and 53rd Street and Sunset Avenue.

Phase Orange Projected readings of 12-15 feet and rising (Nora Station: 16 to 19 feet) and rising. Orange placards are to be placed in the town notification boxes. RREM will prepare the Town Hall for flooding by moving emergency equipment to higher ground. Rocky Ripple CERT is placed on stand-by. All RREM personnel are contacted and put on stand-by. RREM personnel shall be prepared to send out emergency alert to local authorities as well as to the residents of Rocky Ripple.

Phase Red Breach is imminent, critical status, readings of 15 feet and rising (Nora Station: 19 or more feet). Red placards shall be placed in the information boxes. The EOC shall be activated as well as the Rocky Ripple CERT. Send out alert notifications.

Phase Purple Breach is in progress. Emergency evacuation horn will be activated if possible and all residents will be notified to evacuate. Emergency evacuation notifications will be sent to residents and local authorities. The ICP will be established and the incident command system will be used in conjunction with NIMS standards until Indianapolis authorities assume control.

Agencies Contact List

Agency	Name	Contact	Role
Rocky Ripple Town Council	Jill Morris	317-408-0524	Advisory
IMPD North District	Commander Joshua Barker	3120 E 30 th St. 46208 317-327-6100	Traffic / Site Security
Butler Police Department	Chief John Conley	317-940-9396 or 911	Traffic / Site Security
IFD Station Station 14		317-924-9415	Response / Rescue / Medical
RREM	Marshal Michael Kiefer	317- 257-7962 rrem@rockyripple.co m	Incident Command / Coordination

Notifications

An emergency notification list shall be compiled by RREM consisting of street addresses, email addresses and phone numbers. In the event of an emergency evacuation, residents who have volunteered their contact information will receive notifications by phone, email, or in special circumstances, house call.

Evacuation Strategy and Traffic Control

In the event of a Phase Purple breach notification, the two inbound lanes into Rocky Ripple will be barricaded. Residents will be allowed to exit across the 52nd and 53rd Street bridges following regular traffic patterns. No residents will be allowed to return to the Town unless admitted by the Town Marshal following identification. These rules will remain in effect until such time as the agencies of the City of Indianapolis assume control.

Sheltering and Care

RREM will identify a short term sanctuary for evacuees until such time they are routed to more long-term sheltering or until suitable lodging can be obtained through personal means.

Recovery

Post-breach procedures will be determined by the agencies of the City of Indianapolis in order to provide the safest environment for the residents of Rocky Ripple. Weather forecasts along with flooding and damage levels may prevent many residents from being allowed to return safely to their homes. Once water levels begin to stabilize or recede and only after identification, will those residents with unaffected or minimally affected properties be allowed to return to their homes.

The Town of Rocky Ripple will work to ensure its residents are afforded every possibility and assistance in returning to their homes and to recover from the event.