Executive Orders
WPC-11, as Amended September 14, 1981

Executive Order WPC-11 is amended as follows and shall be known as WPC-11, as Amended September 14, 1981.

Establishing the Emergency Management Council.

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes its responsibilities to provide services to meet the needs of its citizens in case of disaster; and

WHEREAS, advance planning for coordination of activities relating to disaster prevention, preparedness, response, and recovery is necessary to meet those needs; and

WHEREAS, the governor is authorized to appoint the director of the Division of Emergency Management; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Disaster Act of 1975 (Acts, 1975, 64th Legislature), as amended, authorizes the governor to establish an Emergency Management Council to advise and assist him in all matters relating to disaster preparedness, emergency services, energy emergencies, and disaster recovery.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, under the authority vested in me do hereby create and establish the Emergency Management Council, hereinafter referred to as council.

The director of the Department of Public Safety shall serve as director of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management and as chairman of the council. The director of the Division of Emergency Management shall serve as the governor's designated agent in the administration and supervision of the provisions of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, and may exercise the powers granted to the governor therein. The director of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management may accept from the federal government, any public or private agency, and any individual any offer of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds as gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes of civil defense or disaster relief and may dispense such gifts, grants, or loans for the purpose for which they were made.

The council shall be comprised of the chief executive officers of the following state agencies, boards, commissions, and representatives of organized volunteer groups. Additional chief executive officers of state agencies may be added to the membership of the council as deemed necessary by the governor.

- The Adjutant General's Department
  - Texas Aeronautics Commission
  - Texas Department of Agriculture
  - Texas Air Control Board
  - Attorney General
  - State Auditor
  - The Banking Department of Texas
  - Comptroller of Public Accounts
  - State Purchasing and General Services Commission
  - Texas Education Agency
  - Texas Employment Commission
  - Texas Energy and Natural Resources Advisory Council
  - Texas Department of Health
  - State Department of Highways and Public Transportation
  - General Land Office
  - State Board of Insurance
  - Texas Industrial Commission
  - Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
  - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department
  - Department of Public Safety
  - Public Utility Commission of Texas
  - Texas Department of Human Resources
  - Railroad Commission of Texas
  - Texas Department of Water Resources
  - Texas Forest Service
  - Governor's Division of Emergency Management
  - Texas Department of Community Affairs
  - American Red Cross
  - Texas Engineering Extension Service

The duties and responsibilities of each agency or group represented shall be delineated in the State Emergency Management Plan and annexes thereto. The chief executive officer of each designated state agency, board, commission, and organized volunteer group, may delegate a member of his staff to represent him on the council.

The Division of Emergency Management shall establish emergency operations areas to be known as disaster districts which shall correspond to the boundaries of the Texas Highway Patrol districts and subdistricts and shall arrange for a district disaster committee for each disaster district to be composed of representatives of each state agency, board, or commission having membership on the council. The highway patrol commanding officer of each highway patrol district or subdistrict shall serve as chairman of the district disaster committee and report to the director on matters relating to disasters and emergencies. The chairman shall be assisted...
by the Division of Emergency Management representatives assigned to that district who shall provide guidance, counsel, and administrative support as may be required.

The council is hereby authorized to issue such directives as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, as amended, and is further authorized and empowered to exercise the specific powers enumerated in the Act.

In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, §8, as amended, and because of the disaster vulnerability of all areas of the state, I, William P. Clements, Jr., Governor of Texas, hereby designate the mayor of each municipal corporation, and the county judge of each county as the emergency management director for their respective political subdivision. This authority may be delegated to an emergency management coordinator who shall serve as an assistant to the presiding officer of the political subdivision for emergency management purposes.

In accordance with the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, §412; and §8(10), as amended, a municipality or municipalities and the county in which they are sited may establish, by ordinance and commissioner's court order, an interjurisdictional agency.

In all instances, and in accordance with §8(10) of the Act, the presiding officer of the political subdivision shall promptly notify the Division of Emergency Management of the person named to head the program.

This executive order is effective immediately and shall remain in full force and effect until modified, amended, or rescinded by me.

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