



North Carolina Department of Public Safety

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Roy Cooper, Governor

Erik A. Hooks, Secretary

April 13, 2017

To Whom It May Concern:

The Governor of North Carolina, Roy Cooper, appointed me as Secretary of Public Safety on January 5, 2017, and based upon the authority provided in N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.10(3), delegated the authority to carry out the responsibility to exercise general direction and control of the State Emergency Management Program. I am further granted the authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 166A-19.11(4) to sub-delegate this responsibility to any appropriate member of the Department of Public Safety. I am also granted authority pursuant to N.C.G.S. § 143B-600 to determine the direction and control of the Divisions within the Department of Public Safety.

Mr. Michael Sprayberry is the Director of the Division of North Carolina Emergency Management. With that appointment, Mr. Sprayberry has been delegated, subject to my supervision and direction, the authority to carry out the Emergency Management functions as outlined in Article 1A, Part 2, State Emergency Management, of North Carolina General Statute Chapter 166A. These duties and authorities include but are not limited to the following:

North Carolina Emergency Management shall have the following powers and duties as delegated by the Governor and Secretary of Public Safety:

- (1) Coordination of the activities of all State agencies for emergency management within the State, including planning, organizing, staffing, equipping, training, testing, and activating and managing the State Emergency Response Team and emergency management programs.
- (2) Preparation and maintenance of State plans for emergencies. The State plans or any parts thereof may be incorporated into department regulations and into executive orders of the Governor.
- (3) Coordination with the State Health Director to amend or revise the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan regarding public health matters.
- (4) Establishment of a voluntary model registry for use by political subdivisions in identifying functionally and medically fragile persons in need of assistance during an emergency.

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- (5) Promulgation of standards and requirements for local plans and programs consistent with federal and State laws and regulations, determination of eligibility for State financial assistance provided for in G.S. 166A-19.15, and provision of technical assistance to local governments. Standards and requirements for local plans and programs promulgated under this subdivision shall be reviewed by North Carolina Emergency Management at least biennially and updated as necessary.
- (6) Development and presentation of training programs, including the Emergency Management Certification Program established under Article 5 of this Chapter, and public information programs to insure the furnishing of adequately trained personnel and an informed public in time of need.
- (7) Making of such studies and surveys of the resources in this State as may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the State for emergency management, maintaining data on these resources, and planning for the most efficient use thereof.
- (8) Coordination of the use of any private facilities, services, and property.
- (9) Preparation for issuance by the Governor of executive orders, declarations, and regulations as necessary or appropriate.
- (10) Cooperation and maintenance of liaison with the other states, the federal government, and any public or private agency or entity in achieving any purpose of this Article and in implementing programs for emergency or war prevention, preparation, response, and recovery.
- (11) Making recommendations, as appropriate, for zoning, building, and other land-use controls, and safety measures for securing mobile homes or other nonpermanent or semi-permanent works designed to protect against or mitigate the effects of an emergency.
- (12) Coordination of the use of existing means of communications and supplementing communications resources and integrating them into a comprehensive State or State-federal telecommunications or other communications system or network.
- (13) Administration of federal and State grant funds provided for emergency management purposes, including those funds provided for planning and preparedness activities by emergency management agencies.
- (14) Serving as the lead State agency for the coordination of information and resources for hazard risk management.

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- (15) Utilizing and maintaining technology that enables efficient and effective communication and management of resources between political subdivisions, State agencies, and other governmental entities involved in emergency management activities.
- (16) Establishing and operating a 24-hour Operations Center to serve as a single point of contact for local governments to report the occurrence of emergency and disaster events and to coordinate local and State response assets.
- (17) Developing, maintaining, and implementing plans for response to any emergency occurring at a fixed nuclear power generating facility located in or near the borders of the State of North Carolina.
- (18) Maintaining the State Emergency Operations Center as the facility to house the State Emergency Response Team whenever it is activated for disaster response.
- (19) Serving as the agency responsible for the management of intrastate and interstate mutual aid planning, implementation, and resource procurement necessary for supporting emergency response and recovery.
- (20) Coordination with the Commissioner of Agriculture, or the Commissioner's designee, to amend or revise the North Carolina Emergency Operations Plan regarding agricultural matters.

Mr. Sprayberry has the authority to carry out all duties outlined above as long as he serves in the capacity of Director of North Carolina Emergency Management or until such time that the delegation of these authorities and duties are rescinded by the Governor of North Carolina or the Secretary of the Department of Public Safety.

Sincerely,



Erik A. Hooks
Secretary
Department of Public Safety