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AN ORDER

ESTABLISHING A TASK FORCE TO REVISE THE STATE OF MAINE AIR SEARCH AND RESCUE PLAN

WHEREAS, Air Search and Rescue is a vital public safety function; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies and private organizations typically share responsibilities for Air Search and Rescue; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, pursuant to 6 MRSA Section 303, is required to have an Air Search and Rescue Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine Air Search and Rescue plan was last updated in 1980;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, JOHN R. MCKERNAN, JR., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the Task Force to Revise the State of Maine Air Search and Rescue Plan.

Purpose

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The purpose of the Task Force is to prepare a revised Air Search and Rescue Plan for the State of Maine as required by statute.

Membership

The Task Force shall consist of the Commissioner of Transportation or his designee who shall be chair, the Commissioner of Public Safety or his designee, the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or his designee, the Commissioner of Finance or her designee, the Commissioner of Defense and Veterans Services or his designee, the Commissioner of Marine Resources or his designee, the Commissioner of Conservation or his designee, Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency or his designee, The Commander of the Maine Wing Civil Air Patrol or his designee, one member of the Maine Pilots Association, one member of the Maine Airport Association, two members of the Senate, one each to be appointed by the President of the Senate and the Senate Minority Leader, and two members of the House of Representatives, one each to be appointed by the Speaker of the House and the House Minority Leader.

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Officers

The Governor shall appoint a Chair to serve for the term described below.

Functions and Duties

- 1. Review the laws and procedures relative to air search and rescue.
- 2. Develop a comprehensive plan to ensure the best possible emergency response.
- 3. Draft legislation, as may be appropriate, to be submitted to the First Regular Session of the 114th Legislature no later than February 1, 1989.

Meetings

The Task Force will meet at the call of the Chair.

Administration

The Department of Transportation will provide or retain the necessary technical staff to carry out the purpose of this order.

Terms of Membership

Members shall serve at the pleasure of the Governor for a term of six months.

Compensation

Members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation.

Legislative members may receive per diem.

All necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the Task Force which are allowed by state law shall be borne by their affiliated agencies.

The effective date of this Executive Order is March 1, 1988.

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