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STATE OF MAINE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Augusta

**Executive Order—No. 7**

By virtue of the authority vested in me by section I of Chapter 305 of the Public Laws of 1941, and in order to provide for security, health and welfare of the people of the State of Maine, Executive Order No. 4 is hereby amended to read as follows:—

“The sale or use of fireworks in the State of Maine is hereby prohibited for the duration of this Act, except that fireworks may be sold for use at public exhibitions in connection with fairs, carnivals and other public celebrations, provided an expert is secured to fire them, and provided further, that written permission to display such fireworks is received from the Chief of the Fire Department, or in towns where there is no Fire Department, from the Board of Selectmen.

No public exhibition of fireworks shall be made under the terms of this regulation except between the hours of seven P. M. to twelve midnight, Eastern Standard Time.”

SUMNER SEWALL,  
Governor of Maine.

April 10, 1942.

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STATE OF MAINE  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT  
Augusta

**Executive Order—No. 8**

Whereas, under authority of Section 1, Chapter 305, of the Public laws of 1941, approved January 21, 1942, the Governor is empowered and directed to provide for the security, health and welfare of the people of the State, including the Civilian Defense of the State, and

Whereas, the proper coordination of the several law enforcement groups with the Civilian Defense organization is a necessary and essential part of the organization of the people of this State;

Now, therefore, I, Sumner Sewall, Governor of Maine, by virtue of this authority vested in me, do hereby issue this executive order prescribing the basic duties of these groups.

### 1. COUNTY SHERIFFS AND DEPUTIES

The County Sheriff shall be the coordinator of law enforcement forces in the county as a whole. In towns not provided with qualified law enforcement officers he shall make available to the municipal heads and their Chief Air Raid Wardens, a head Deputy to be in charge of law enforcement personnel, including auxiliary police in such towns, or shall make available sufficient deputies to supplement existing police or deputies where local forces are inadequate. These Deputies shall be under the direction of the Municipal Chairman during an emergency.

He shall maintain a reservoir of Deputies at his headquarters or other convenient localities, during an emergency, which will be available to assist cities or towns in the county requesting help, and to cope with fifth columnists, riot or panic which cannot be handled by local police forces.

### 2. MUNICIPAL POLICE FORCES

Officers in charge of municipal police shall maintain sufficient trained and qualified police and auxiliaries to provide adequate police protection for their municipalities and to provide adequate traffic control during raids and blackouts. In addition, officers in charge of municipal police shall provide each Chief Warden's Post with sufficient auxiliary police so that the Wardens will be relieved from police duties in their Sectors.

In towns not having qualified law enforcement officers, municipal heads shall apply to the county sheriff for the services of a Deputy Sheriff to act as police chief under their authority and such other Deputies as may be required. Should sufficient Deputies not be available, the municipal head shall cause additional auxiliaries, as constables or special police, to be trained so that an adequate police force will be available for Air Raid Precautions Service.

### 3. THE STATE GUARD

The State Guard, under the direction of the Adjutant General, will constitute a reserve force for use especially in the event of raid, insurrection, sabotage, or other subversive activity, and to carry out such other duties as the Governor may direct. In the event of an air raid alarm, the several companies of the State Guard will be assembled at the armories under their commanding officers and shall furnish such assistance consistent with orders from their superior officers as is requested by local authorities.

And I further direct that any persons authorized by the Governor to carry out a regulation or order under authority of Chapter 305, Public Laws of 1941, may call upon any Sheriff, Deputy Sheriff, Constable or Police Officer for assistance in its enforcement.

SUMNER SEWALL,  
Governor of Maine.

April 16, 1942.