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OFFICE OF
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 04 FY 99/00
DATE May 31, 2000

**AN ORDER ESTABLISHING
A STATE OF MAINE EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAM
AS A PART OF MAINTAINING A COMPREHENSIVE
STATE EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS PLAN**

WHEREAS, prevention of damage, injury, loss of life or property is among the highest priorities of state government; and

WHEREAS, several state agencies typically share responsibility for state emergency preparedness and response; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine, pursuant to 37B MRSA Chapters 13, 15, 17, 19 and 21, is required to have emergency preparedness plans for all potential hazards, natural and technical; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to 37B MRSA Chapter 13, the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management is charged with the responsibility of preparing and keeping a comprehensive State Emergency Preparedness Plan; and

WHEREAS, the State of Maine comprehensive emergency preparedness plans describe the responsibilities and participation of appropriate state agencies;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Angus S. King, Jr., Governor of the State of Maine, do hereby establish the State Emergency Response Team.

PURPOSE

The State Emergency Response Team is charged to: 1) assist in the preparation of a comprehensive State Emergency Preparedness Plan; 2) respond to area or statewide emergencies by reporting to the State Emergency Operations Center in order to coordinate the efforts of respective state agencies; and 3) assist in appropriate recovery efforts.

MEMBERSHIP

The State Emergency Response Team shall consist of the Commissioner, Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management; the Commissioner of Transportation or designee; the Commissioner of Public Safety or designee; the Commissioner of Environmental Protection or designee; the Commissioner of Agriculture or designee; the Commissioner of Conservation or designee; the Commissioner of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife or designee; the Commissioner of Marine Resources or designee; and the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services or designee.

OFFICERS

The Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management or his designee will serve as Chair of the State Emergency Response Team.

FUNCTIONS AND DUTIES

All members of the State Emergency Response Team shall be designated in writing to the Chair no later than June 15, 2000.

As requested by the Chair, each team member shall:

1. provide assistance and information to prepare portions of the plan applicable to that team member's agency as part of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan;
2. assist in evaluation of the initial and final drafts of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan;
3. participate in tests of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan;
4. respond, to actual implementation of the State Emergency Preparedness Plan as emergency conditions dictate.

The Chair, with the advice and consent of the Governor, may appoint ad hoc members to the State Emergency Response Team depending on the type of emergency.

ADMINISTRATION

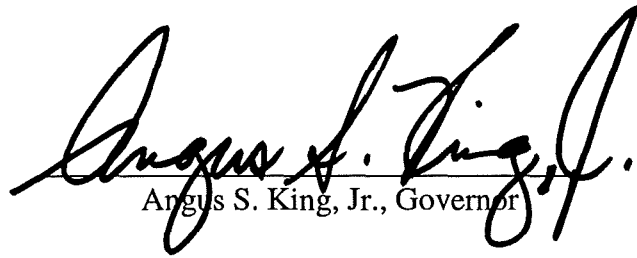
The Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management will provide and maintain the necessary administrative and technical staff to carry out this order.

COMPENSATION

All necessary expenditures incurred by members while in the performance of their duties on the State Emergency Response Team which are authorized by Maine State Law and current union contracts shall be borne by their affiliated agencies.

EFFECTIVE DATE

The effective date of this order is May 31, 2000. This Executive Order supercedes Executive Order #1 88/89 dated July 6, 1988.



Angus S. King, Jr., Governor