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OFFICE OF  
THE GOVERNOR

NO. 22 FY 11/12  
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**AN ORDER UPDATING THE STATE OF MAINE EMERGENCY  
RESPONSE AND DISASTER ASSISTANCE TEAMS**

**WHEREAS**, prevention of damage, injury, and loss of life or property, and providing assistance to individuals and businesses after events that cause these losses is among the highest priorities of state government;

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

**WHEREAS**, the State of Maine, pursuant to 37B MRSA, Chapter 13, 15, and 19, is required to have emergency preparedness plans for all potential hazards – natural, technological, and human-caused – and to plan for and coordinate assistance operations after disasters;

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to 37B MRSA, Chapter 13, the Maine Emergency Management Agency is charged with the responsibility of preparing and maintaining the State of Maine Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP); and

**WHEREAS**, the CEMP describes the responsibilities and participation of appropriate state agencies;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Paul R. LePage, Governor of the State of Maine, hereby order as follows:

**PART A**

1. The State Emergency Response Team (ERT) is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the ERT is to:
  - a. Assist with the preparation of the State CEMP;
  - b. Respond to area or statewide emergencies by reporting to the State Emergency Operations Center in order to coordinate the efforts of State agencies; and
  - c. Assist in appropriate response efforts.

3. The membership of the ERT shall consist of seventeen (17) persons as follows:
  - a. Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, as Chair;
  - b. Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management;
  - c. Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services;
  - d. Commissioner of the Department of Labor;
  - e. Commissioner of the Department of Public Safety;
  - f. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation;
  - g. Commissioner of the Department of Environmental Protection;
  - h. Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture;
  - i. Commissioner of the Department of Conservation;
  - j. Commissioner of the Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife;
  - k. Commissioner of the Department of Marine Resources;
  - l. Commissioner of the Department of Administrative and Financial Services;
  - m. Commissioner of the Department of Education;
  - n. Executive Director of the Maine Turnpike Authority;
  - o. Chair of the Public Utilities Commissioner;
  - p. Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross in Maine; and
  - q. Representative of the Governor's Office.

The members of the ERT may assign their duties under this Order to a designee by informing in the Chair in writing. The Chair, with the approval of the Governor, may appoint *ad hoc* members to the ERT as may be necessary.

4. The duties of each member of the ERT, at the request of the Chair, are to:
  - a. Provide assistance and information to prepare or update portions of the State CEMP and other implementing instructions applicable to that team member's agency;
  - b. Participate in exercises to test the State CEMP and the team's readiness to assist in the response to a disaster;
  - c. Respond, in the event of a disaster, to the State Emergency Operations Center or other location;
  - d. Assist in coordinating the response of State agencies in the event of a disaster or emergency.

## **PART B**

1. The State Disaster Assistance Team (DAT) is hereby established.
2. The purpose of the DAT is to:
  - a. Assist with the preparation of the State CEMP and its implementing instructions;
  - b. Report, in the event of a disaster or emergency, to the State Emergency Operations Center or other location; and

- c. Coordinate the efforts of State agencies to provide disaster assistance to individuals and businesses.
3. The membership of the DAT shall consist of sixteen (16) persons as follows:
  - a. Director of the Maine Emergency Management Agency, as Chair;
  - b. Commissioner of the Department of Defense, Veterans and Emergency Management;
  - c. Commissioner of the Department of Health and Human Services;
  - d. Commissioner of the Department of Labor;
  - e. Commissioner of the Department of Transportation;
  - f. Commissioner of the Department of Agriculture;
  - g. Commissioner of the Department of Economic and Community Development;
  - h. Director of the State Planning Office;
  - i. Director of the Maine State Housing Authority;
  - j. Superintendent of the Bureau of Insurance;
  - k. Supervisor of the Consumer Protection Division of the Attorney General's Office;
  - l. Chief Executive Officer of the Finance Authority of Maine;
  - m. Chief Executive Officer of the American Red Cross in Maine;
  - n. Representative of the Small Business Administration;
  - o. Representative of the Maine Voluntary Organizations Active in Disasters; and
  - p. Representative of the Governor's Office.

The members of the DAT may assign their duties under this Order to a designee by informing in the Chair in writing. The Chair, with the approval of the Governor, may appoint *ad hoc* members to the DAT as may be necessary.

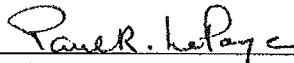
4. The duties of each member of the DAT, at the request of the Chair, are to:
  - a. Provide assistance and information to prepare or update portions of the State CEMP and other implementing instructions applicable to that team member's agency;
  - b. Participate in exercises to test the State CEMP and the team's readiness to assist in the response to a disaster; and
  - c. Respond to emergency conditions and events as necessary at the direction of the Chair.

## **PART C**

1. The Maine Emergency Management Agency shall provide and maintain the necessary administrative and technical staff to carry out this Order. All necessary expenditures incurred by the members while in performance of their duties on the ERT and the DAT authorized by Maine law and current employment contracts shall be borne by their respective agencies.

2. This Executive Order supersedes Executive Order 08 FY 06/07.

The effective date of this Executive Order is August 30, 2011.

  
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Paul R. LePage, Governor