

EXECUTIVE ORDER No. 144

January 11, 2011

PROCESS FOR RESPONDING TO WINTER WEATHER EMERGENCIES

WHEREAS, a severe snow storm may constitute an imminent peril to the public health and safety; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of a clear decision making process for responding to winter weather emergencies will ensure a coordinated response among City agencies; and

WHEREAS, New York City Charter § 497(c) and (d) authorize the New York City Office of Emergency Management to coordinate and prepare plans for responding to emergency conditions and potential incidents.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the power vested in me as the Mayor of the City of New York, it is hereby ordered:

Section 1. OEM shall monitor winter weather forecasts and if snow, a blizzard or other similar extreme winter weather event is forecast, the OEM Commissioner shall immediately organize an inter-agency call, which shall include the Commissioners of the Department of Transportation, Department of Sanitation, Police Department, Fire Department, any other relevant agency head, and may include the Deputy Mayor for Operations, to evaluate the forecasted conditions.

§ 2. OEM shall lead the discussion on whether or not the forecast conditions warrant recommendation of any formal order, declaration, warning, advisory, or other action. The participants on the inter-agency call shall propose warnings and restrictions, if any, to be communicated to or imposed on the public.

§ 3. If the Deputy Mayor for Operations did not participate in the call, it shall be the responsibility of the OEM Commissioner to immediately advise him or her of the recommendation.

§ 4. Once the Deputy Mayor for Operations reviews and approves the recommendation, he or she, in conjunction with any other appropriate agency head, shall

advise the Mayor. Based on the recommendation and underlying factors, the Mayor shall make the final determination as to appropriate actions to be taken.

§ 5. The Deputy Mayor for Operations, and the OEM, Police, Transportation, and Sanitation Commissioners are hereby ordered to exercise all appropriate legal authority, including the declaration of a snow emergency, and take all other steps necessary, to implement the Mayor's final determination.

§ 6. This Order shall take effect immediately.

Michael R. Bloomberg
Mayor