

THE CITY OF NEW YORK  
OFFICE OF THE MAYOR  
NEW YORK, N. Y. 10007

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 30

March 19, 1996

ESTABLISHMENT OF MAYOR'S OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

WHEREAS, the city of New York must be prepared for and be able to coordinate rapid and effective responses to a wide range of emergency situations; and

WHEREAS, emergency management requires inter-agency and inter-governmental coordination as well as communication with the public and the press; and

WHEREAS, performance of these functions by the City is best coordinated by the Office of the Mayor;

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

Section 1. Mayor's Office of Emergency Management. The Mayor's Office of Emergency Management ("OEM") is hereby established.

§ 2. Director of OEM. OEM shall be headed by a Director who shall be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Mayor. The Director shall report to the

Mayor. The Director also shall serve as the local Director of Civil Defense, with the powers of a local Director of Civil Defense under L. 1951, Ch. 784, as amended.

§ 3. Functions.

(a) Commencing April 1, 1996, OEM shall perform the following functions:

(1) Coordinate the City's response to all emergency conditions and potential incidents which require a multi-agency response, including but not limited to severe weather, threats from natural hazards and natural disasters, power and other public service outages, labor unrest other than the keeping of the peace, water main breaks, transportation and transit incidents, hazardous substance discharges, building collapses, and acts of terrorism:

(2) Monitor all potential emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response:

(3) Coordinate and implement training programs, including emergency response drills, to prepare for emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response:

(4) Prepare plans for responding to emergency conditions and potential incidents, including but not limited to plans for the implementation of such emergency orders as may be approved by the Mayor to protect public safety and facilitate the rapid response of City agencies and resources:

(5) Make recommendations to the Mayor concerning the City's emergency response capabilities and concerning the City's capacity to address potential emergency conditions and potential incidents:

(6) Increase public awareness as to the appropriate responses by members of the public to emergency conditions and potential incidents, and review the City's systems for disseminating information to the public:

(7) Operate an emergency operations center to assist the City in managing emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response:

(8) Hold regular and frequent meetings of designated emergency response personnel of all City agencies that are determined by the OEM director to have a direct or support role in the City's management of emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response:

(9) Assist City agencies in obtaining federal and other funding for emergency management and civil defense:

(10) Coordinate with the Police Department to ensure that the City agencies develop and implement emergency response plans in connection with planning for major City events:

(11) Coordinate with state, federal and other governmental bodies to effectuate the purposes of OEM, and to implement this Order:

(12) Coordinate the operation of the local emergency planning committee, established pursuant to the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act, Title III:

(13) Coordinate New York City's Civil Defense effort in accordance with the provisions of the Defense Emergency Act of New York State and the City's Civil

Defense Emergency Operations Plan, as such plan may be amended from time to time:

(14) Carry out or delegate to other City departments responsibility for all civil defense functions mandated by the Defense Emergency Act of New York State:

(15) Perform all other functions previously performed by the former Office of Emergency Management and the Emergency Control Board; and

(16) Perform such other duties as may be directed by the Mayor.

(b) Prior to April 1, 1996, all municipal agencies and other entities with emergency management, emergency response and civil defense functions shall continue to perform such functions and, further, shall communicate and consult with the OEM Director in the performance of such functions.

(c) Commencing on the effective date of this Order, OEM shall take such steps and issue such instructions as may be necessary to assure assumption by OEM on April 1, 1996 of the emergency management functions set forth in this paragraph.

§ 4. Agency cooperation. All agencies shall cooperate with the OEM in all respects in the implementation of this Order and the transfer to OEM of emergency management functions by April 1, 1996, and further shall provide OEM promptly with all information relevant to the performance of the emergency management functions set forth in this Order, and to collect and make available any data or other information requested by OEM for use in emergency planning. All agencies further shall provide OEM with all appropriate material and equipment currently used for the emergency management functions that are being assumed by OEM pursuant to this Order.

§ 5. Emergency Command Center.

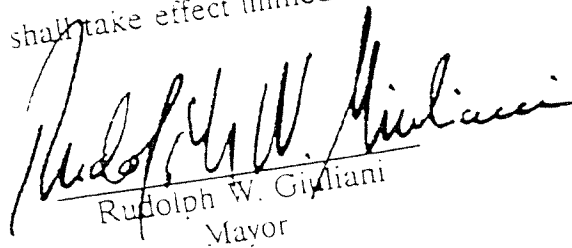
(a) Commencing April 1, 1996, OEM shall have the authority and responsibility to use the Emergency Command Center, including the Emergency Coordinating Section, (the "Command Center") presently located at Police Department headquarters, in order to manage emergency conditions and potential incidents which may require a multi-agency response.

(b) The determination to use the Command Center for OEM emergency management purposes shall be made in the discretion of the OEM Director, who shall consult with the Police Commissioner so long as the Command Center remains at Police Headquarters. The OEM Director shall have primary responsibility for the operation of the Command Center at such times as it is used for the OEM emergency management purposes set forth in this Order.

§ 6. Staff. The Director may appoint a staff within available appropriations. Employees of other City agencies may also be assigned to work at OEM in order to further OEM's emergency management efforts.

§ 7. Prior Orders Revoked. Executive Order No. 53 of 1976, Executive Order No. 83 of 1977, and Executive Order No. 107 of 1961 hereby are revoked as of April 1, 1996.

§ 8. Effective Date. This Order shall take effect immediately.

  
Rudolph W. Giuliani  
Mayor