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**State of Colorado**  
EXECUTIVE CHAMBERS  
DENVER

RICHARD D. LAMM  
Governor



EXECUTIVE ORDER

COLORADO NATURAL DISASTER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado may be subjected to a variety of disasters or emergencies; and

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of each county to maintain a disaster emergency plan and response agency, and of each political subdivision to be within the jurisdiction of such an agency, (Colorado Disaster Act of 1973); and

WHEREAS, the State of Colorado should be prepared to respond to the effects of such emergencies and disasters; and

WHEREAS, the effects of such emergencies and disasters may be mitigated by effective planning and operations; and

WHEREAS, this plan represents an initial step in what must necessarily become a continuous planning process; and

WHEREAS, such planning and operations should be a coordinated effort of all state departments and agencies; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated effort may best be obtained through the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, Department of Military Affairs; and

WHEREAS, the coordinated effort may include functions which cut across normal departmental or agency lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, BY THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR, IT IS HEREBY PROMULGATED AND ISSUED:

that the State of Colorado Disaster Emergency Operations Plan shall specify the response tasks of state government in support of local agencies and foster interagency continuity of response in the protection of life and property;

AND IT IS FURTHER ORDERED:

- 1) that each department or agency assigned tasks within this plan will prepare a departmental internal plan and standard operation procedures (SOP's) and provisions for carrying out the various emergency functions, and supporting documents on a current basis;

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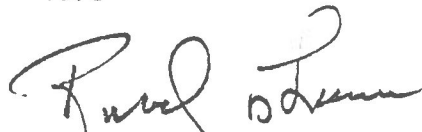
- 2) that departmental internal plans be completed and submitted to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services for review and revision by June 1, 1978;
- 3) that upon completion of review by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, internal plans shall be returned to their respective departments where approval of the department head, designated by his signature, shall constitute adoption;
- 4) that all adopted departmental internal plans shall be filed and maintained by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services;
- 5) that following the receipt of all departmental internal plans, the Division of Disaster Emergency Services shall develop an operational field document which shall delineate a statewide initial notification and communications network;
- 6) that all other departments or agencies not charged specifically in this plan with a role in emergency or disaster operations will carry out whatever functions the Governor shall specify;
- 7) that every state department or agency will appoint a department or agency disaster coordinator and furnish that name to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, along with a copy of its internal department plans and SOP's;
- 8) that in the event the Governor declares a state of emergency or disaster, the Colorado State Patrol, assisted by other law enforcement departments or agencies, including the Colorado National Guard, will, at the direction of the Governor, be empowered to assist or aid any Sheriff, or other peace officer, in the performance of his duties upon his request or the request of other local officials having jurisdiction;
- 9) that the Division of Disaster Emergency Services be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the development of local disaster emergency preparedness planning;
- 10) that the Division of Disaster Emergency Services submit periodic reports to the Governor, outlining the condition of Colorado's disaster emergency response system highlighting the deficiencies and problems so that they may be addressed as needed;

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- 11) that any Executive Order in conflict with this order is hereby rescinded.



GIVEN under my hand and the  
Executive Seal of the State  
of Colorado, this twenty-  
first day of April, A.D.,  
1978

  
Richard D. Lamm  
Governor