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Richard D. Lamm
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EXECUTIVE ORDER
COLORADO 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, 24-33.5-707 C.R.S.; and

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

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

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, Department of Public Safety, to maintain a state disaster emergency plan, 24-33.5-705(2) C.R.S.; and

WHEREAS, this plan represents 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 include functions that cut across normal departmental or agency lines;

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority vested in me by the statutes and Constitution of the State of Colorado, I, Richard D. Lamm, Governor of the State of Colorado, do hereby ORDER that:

1. 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;
2. each department or agency assigned tasks within this plan will prepare a departmental internal plan and standard operational procedures (SOPs) with provisions for carrying out these emergency functions;

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3. departmental internal plans be developed and submitted to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services for review biannually by a date designated by the division;
4. upon review and approval by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, internal plans shall be returned to their respective departments for signature of the department head, whereupon such plans shall be formally adopted;
5. all adopted departmental internal plans shall be filed and maintained by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services;
6. the Director of the Division of Disaster Emergency Services is designated State Coordinating Officer with the responsibility for coordinating among state departments and agencies to ensure that the State Plan and supporting plans, SOPs, and reference documents are developed and continuously maintained as new conditions warrant and as new needs are identified, and that the State Plan is implemented in an expeditious and efficient manner in event of disaster emergency;
7. all other state 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;
8. every state department or agency shall appoint a department or agency disaster response coordinator who shall act as the department/agency point of contact for all matters pertaining to comprehensive emergency management, the name to be provided to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services;
9. 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/her duties upon the Governor's request or the request of other local officials having jurisdiction;

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10. the Division of Disaster Emergency Services be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the development of local disaster emergency preparedness planning;
11. the Division of Disaster Emergency Services submit periodic reports to the Governor, outlining the condition of Colorado's comprehensive emergency management program with special emphasis on the disaster emergency response system, highlighting deficiencies and problems so that they may be addressed as needed;
12. the State Plan, including its annexes, supporting departmental/agency internal plans, SOPs, and other written rules, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted in support of the State Plan and approved by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, shall have the force and effect of law when implemented under disaster emergency conditions upon proclamation of the Governor;
13. the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, on behalf of the State, is empowered to enter into mutual aid agreements with federal agencies, private relief agencies, volunteer organizations, and others in support of the State Plan and further that state departments and agencies are empowered to do likewise to carry out their responsibilities under the plan, with the concurrence of the Division of Disaster Emergency Services; and
14. 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-second day
of October, A.D. 1986.


Richard D. Lamm
Governor