

## STATE OF COLORADO

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Roy Romer  
 Governor

E X E C U T I V E    O R D E RCOLORADO DISASTER EMERGENCY OPERATIONS PLAN

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

WHEREAS, it is the statutory responsibility of each county to maintain a disaster emergency plan and response agency, and for each political subdivision within each county to be within the jurisdiction of such an agency, 24-33.5-700 C.R.S.;

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

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

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.;

WHEREAS, this plan requires a continuous planning process;

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

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

NOW THEREFORE, under and pursuant to the authority vested in me by the constitution and laws of the State of Colorado, I, Roy Romer, Governor of the State of Colorado, DO HEREBY ORDER that:

1. The State of Colorado Emergency Operations Plan shall specify the response tasks of state government and foster interagency cooperation in the protection of life and property;
2. Each department or agency assigned tasks within this plan will develop, maintain and test an internal plan and standard operational procedures (SOPs) with provisions for carrying out these emergency functions;
3. Departmental or agency internal plans shall be updated and submitted to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services for review annually, -prior to the end of the calendar year;

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4. Upon review and approval by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services, updated internal plans shall be returned to their respective departments for signature of the department head, whereupon such plans shall be formally adopted;
5. A copy of all updated departmental internal plans shall be filed and maintained by the Division of Disaster Emergency Services;
6. The Director of 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 will carry out whatever functions the Governor shall specify;
8. Every state department or agency shall appoint a department or agency emergency 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;
10. The Division of Disaster Emergency Services will be responsible for overseeing and coordinating the development of local emergency operations plans, reviewing and filing these plans, and recommending changes to local governments.
11. Local emergency operations plans shall be forwarded to the Division of Disaster Emergency Services for review whenever significant updating has been completed;
12. The Division of Disaster Emergency Services will 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;

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13. The State Emergency Operations Plan, including its annexes, supporting departmental/agency internal plans, SOPs and other written rules, regulations, policies, and procedures adopted in support of the 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;
14. 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 Emergency Operations 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;
15. 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 19th day of  
December, 1988.



Roy Roper  
Governor

