

## Chapter 7

### EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

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#### Section 7-1 Definitions.

As used in this chapter, the term "emergency management" shall mean the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency and disaster functions other than those functions for which military forces or other state and federal agencies are primarily responsible to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from emergencies or disasters of manmade or natural origin. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services, police services, medical and health services, rescue, engineering, warning services, communication, defense from radiological, chemical and other special weapons, evacuation of persons from stricken areas, emergency welfare services, emergency transportation, plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services, and other functions related to civilian population, together with all other activities necessary or incidental to total emergency and disaster preparedness for carrying out the foregoing functions.

(Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)

#### Section 7-2 Office of emergency management director.

In agreement with the governing officials of cities and/or towns within the county, there is hereby established the Thomasville-Thomas County Emergency Management Agency. The city council, with concurrence of county officials and municipalities within the county, shall nominate for appointment by the governor, a director of emergency management for the entire county. The emergency management director shall be charged with the following duties:

- (1) To inform and coordinate the governing officials of the county and municipalities therein on matters pertaining to emergency management.
- (2) To assist city and county officials in organizing city and county departments for emergency operations.
- (3) To develop, in conjunction with city and county departments and agencies the Thomasville-Thomas County Plan for emergency functions set forth in this chapter. Such plan will be in consonance with the state natural disaster operations plan and nuclear emergency operation and submitted to the governing officials of the county and the cities and/or towns therein for approval and thence submitted to the state emergency management agency for approval.
- (4) To maintain the emergency management agency and carry out the day-to-day administration of the city and county emergency management program, including the submission of required reports to the state emergency management agency.
- (5) To submit reports as required by governing officials in keeping with good management practices, e.g., financial, daily activity, etc.
- (6) To procure, with the authority of governing officials, a facility to be used as the Thomasville-Thomas County Emergency Operating Center.
- (7) To coordinate the activities of the city emergency operating center staff during periods of a declared emergency under the supervision of city governing officials. (Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)

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Section 7-3 Emergency management agency.

(a) The Thomasville-Thomas County Emergency Management Agency shall be established around existing city and county departments and agencies and the emergency functions listed in section 7-2 are assigned as follows:

<i>Department</i>	<i>Emergency Functions</i>
(1) Executive: (City and county elected officials)	Direction and control Public information Supply-finance
(2) Police: County sheriff's office City police department	Security Movement Search Communication Warning
(3) Fire control	Fire control Rescue*
(4) Public works and engineering	Utilities and public services restoration Hazard analysis
(5) Human resources, including: a. Division of family and children b. Division of physical health c. Hospital services d. Ambulance services	Human needs, including: Welfare Health control Medical and mortuary services Casualty transport
(6) Emergency management	Shelter Radiological protection Rescue Assistance in industrial and institutional emergency planning Evacuation planning Emergency transportation Damage assessment

\*As appropriate to local organization, function can be assigned to an existing department or may be separate.

(b) Heads of departments listed above are responsible for developing the plan for their assigned emergency function. Such plans will be submitted through the emergency management director to the city council and other governing officials for approval.

(Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)

Section 7-4 Emergency powers.

In the event of manmade or natural disasters, actual enemy attack upon the United States, or any other emergency which may affect the lives and property of the citizens of the city, the mayor jointly with the chairman of the county commissioners and the mayors of the cities of Meigs, Ochlochnee, Coolidge,

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Pavo, Barwick, and Boston or in their absence a legally appointed successor may declare that a state of emergency exists and thereafter shall have and may exercise for such period as such state of emergency exists or continues, the following emergency powers:

- (1) To enforce all rules, laws, and regulations relating to emergency management and to assume direct operational control over all emergency management resources;
- (2) To seize, take for temporary use, or condemn any private property for the protection of the public;
- (3) To sell, lend, give or distribute all or any such property or supplies among the inhabitants of the county; to maintain a strict accounting of property or supplies distributed and funds received for such property or supplies;
- (4) To perform and exercise such other functions and duties, and take such emergency actions as may be necessary to prepare and secure the safety, protection and well-being of the inhabitants of the county.

(Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)

Section 7-5 Volunteers.

All persons, other than officers and employees of the cities, towns, and county, performing emergency functions pursuant to this chapter, shall serve with or without compensation. While engaged in such emergency functions, duly assigned volunteers shall have the same immunities as city officers and employees.

(Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)

Section 7-6 Penalties.

Any person violating any provision of this chapter or any rule, order, or regulation made pursuant to this chapter, shall, upon conviction thereof, be punishable in the municipal or county court having jurisdiction.

(Ord. of 8-24-87, § I)