

HUNT COUNTY

COMMISSIONERS COURT ORDER NO. 4764 _ _ _

BY THE COMMISSIDNERS COURT OF HUNT _____ COUNTY, TEXAS,
ESTABLISHING A PROGRAM INCLUDING MITIGATION, PREPAREDNESS, RESPONSE AND
RECOVERY PHASES OF COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT; ACKNOWLEDGING THE
OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DIRECTOR; AUTHORIZING THE APPOINTMENT OF
AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT COORDINATOR; AND PROVIDING FOR THE DUTIES AND
RESPONSIBILITIES OF THOSE OFFICES; IDENTIFYING AN OPERATIONAL
ORGANIZATION; GRANTING NECESSARY POWERS TO COPE WITH ALL PHASES OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT WHICH THREATEN LIFE AND PROPERTY IN THE COUNTY OF
HUNT _____; AUTHORIZING COOPERATIVE AND MUTUAL AID
AGREEMENTS FOR RELIEF WORK BETWEEN THIS AND OTHER CITIES OR COUNTIES AND
FOR RELATED PURPOSES; PROHIBITING UNAUTHORIZED WARNING AND ALL-CLEAR
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WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court of the County of HUNT _____ finds
that the identification of potential hazards and the prevention or mitigation
of their effects must be an on-going concern of the County
if the lives and property of the populace are to be protected; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court declares that the preparation of a
Comprehensive Emergency Management plan, and the means for its implementation,
for the protection of lives and property in the County of
HUNT _____ from natural or man-caused disasters or threat thereof is
immediately essential; and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court further finds that in times of disasters which
may imperil the safety of the inhabitants of the County, or their property, it becomes
necessary to effectuate and place into operation the preconceived plans and
preparations with a minimum of delay;
and

WHEREAS, the Commissioners Court finds, therefore, that the preparation,
and implementation of such plans are now imperative; BE IT
ORDERED, ADJUDGED AND DECREED BY THE COMMISSIONERS COURT OF _____ HUNT _____
COUNTY, TEXAS:

Sect; on 1. ORGANIZATION

There exists the office of Emergency Management Director of the County
of HUNT _____, which shall be held by the County Judge in
accordance with state law.

- (a) An Emergency Management Coordinator may be appointed by and serve at the pleasure
of the Director;
- (b) The Director shall be responsible for a program of comprehensive emergency
management within the county and for carrying out the duties and
responsibilities set forth in this court order. He/she may
delegate authority for execution of these duties to the
Coordinator, but ultimate responsibility for such execution
shall remain with the Director.

- (c) The operational Emergency Management organization of the County of HUNT shall consist of the officers and employees of the County so designated by the Director in the emergency management plan, as well as organized volunteer groups. The functions and duties of this organization shall be distributed among such officers and employees in accordance with the terms of the emergency management plan.

Section 2. EMERGENCY HANAGEMENT DIRECTOR - POWERS AND DUTIES

The duties and responsibilities of the Emergency Management Director shall include the following:

- (a) Conduct an on-going survey of actual or potential hazards which threaten life and property within the county and an on-going program of identifying and requiring or recommending the implementation of measures which would tend to prevent the occurrence or reduce the impact of such hazards if a disaster did occur.
- (b) Supervision of the development and approval of an emergency management plan for the County of HIINT and shall recommend for adoption by the Commissioners Court all mutual aid arrangements deemed necessary for the implementation of such plan.
- (c) Authority to declare a local state of disaster. The declaration may not be continued or renewed for a period in excess of 7 days except by or with the consent of the Commissioners Court. Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local state of disaster shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly with the County Clerk.
- (d) Issuance of necessary proclamations, regulations or directives which are necessary for carrying out the purposes of this Court Order. Such proclamations, regulations, or directives shall be disseminated promptly by means calculated to bring its contents to the attention of the general public and, unless circumstances attendant on the disaster prevent or impede, promptly filed with the County Clerk.
- (e) Direction and control of the operations of the HUNT County Emergency Management organization as well as the training of Emergency Management personnel.
- (f) Determination of all questions of authority and responsibility that may arise within the Emergency Management organization of the County.
- (g) Maintenance of liaison with other municipal, county, district, state, regional or federal, Emergency Management organizations.
- (h) Marshaling of all necessary personnel, equipment or supplies from any department of the County to aid in the carrying out of the provisions of the emergency management plan.

- (i) Supervision of the drafting and execution of mutual aid agreements, in cooperation with the representatives of the state and of other local political subdivisions of the state, and the drafting and execution, if deemed desirable, of an agreement with the cities located in HUNT County for the county-wide coordination of Emergency Management efforts.
- (j) Supervision of, and final authorization for the procurement of all necessary supplies and equipment, including acceptance of private contributions which may be offered for the purpose of improving Emergency Management within the County.
- (k) Authorizing of agreements, after approval by the County Attorney, for use of private property for public shelter and other purposes.
- (l) Survey of the availability of existing personnel, equipment, supplies and services which could be used during a disaster, as provided for herein.
- (m) Other requirements as specified in the Texas Disaster Act of 1975, Vernons Texas Codes Annotated, Government Code Chapter 418.

Section 3. EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN

A comprehensive Emergency Management Plan shall be developed and maintained in a current state. The plan shall set forth the form of the organization, establish and designate divisions and functions, assign responsibilities, tasks, duties, and powers, and designate officers and employees to carry out the provisions of this order. As provided by state law, the plan shall follow the standards and criteria established by the State Division of Emergency Management of the State of Texas. Insofar as possible, the form of organization, titles and terminology shall conform to the recommendations of the State Division of Emergency Management. When approved, it shall be the duty of all departments and agencies to perform the functions assigned by the plan and to maintain their portion of the plan in a current state of readiness at all times. The emergency management plan shall be considered supplementary to this order and have the effect of law during the time of a disaster.

Section 4. INTERJURISDICTIONAL PROGRAM

The County Judge is hereby authorized to join with the mayors of the cities in HUNT County in the formation of an interjurisdictional emergency management program for HUNT. COUNTY and shall have the authority to cooperate in the preparation of an interjurisdictional emergency management plan and in the appointment of a joint Emergency Management Coordinator, as well as all powers necessary to participate in a county-wide program of emergency management insofar as said program may affect the County of HUNT

Section 5. OVERRIDE

At all times when the orders, rules, and regulations made and promulgated pursuant to this order shall be in effect they shall supersede and override all existing ordinances, orders, rules, and regulations insofar as the latter may be inconsistent therewith.

Section 6. LIABILITY

This order is an exercise by the County of its governmental functions for the protection of the public peace, health, and safety and neither the County of HUNT, the agents and representatives of said County, nor any individual, receiver, firm, partnership, corporation, association, or trustee, nor any of the agents thereof, in good faith carrying out, complying with or attempting to comply with, any order, rule, or regulation promulgated pursuant to the provisions of this order shall be liable for any damage sustained to persons as the result of said activity. Any person owning or controlling real estate or other premises who voluntarily and without compensation grants to the County of HUNT a license of privilege, or otherwise permits the County to inspect, designate and use the whole or any part or parts of such real estate or premises for the purpose of sheltering persons during an actual, impending or practice enemy attack or natural or man-made disaster shall, together with his successors in interest, if any, not be civilly liable for the death of, or injury to, any person on or about such real estate or premises under such license, privilege or other permission or for loss of, or damage to, the property of such person.

Section 7. COMMITMENT OF FUNDS

No person shall have the right to expend any public funds of the County in carrying out any Emergency Management activity authorized by this order without prior approval by the Commissioners Court, nor shall any person have any right to bind the County by contract, agreement or otherwise without prior and specific approval of the Commissioners Court unless during a declared disaster. During a declared disaster, the County Judge may expend and/or commit public funds of the County when deemed prudent and necessary for the protection of health, life, or property.

Section 8. OFFENSES; PENALTIES

- (a) It shall be unlawful for any person willfully to obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of the Emergency Management organization in the enforcement of any rule or regulation issued pursuant to this order.
- (b) It shall likewise be unlawful for any person to wear, carry or display any emblem, insignia or any other means of identification as a member of the Emergency Management organization of the County of HUNT, unless authority to do so has been granted to such person by the proper officials.
- (c) Any unauthorized person who shall operate a siren or other device so as to simulate a warning signal, or the termination of a warning, shall be deemed guilty of a violation of this order and shall be subject to the penalties imposed by this order.
- (d) Convictions for violations of the provisions of this order shall be punishable by fine not to exceed TWO HUNDRED dollars (\$ 200.00).

Section 9. SEVERABILITY

If any portion of this order shall, for any reason, be declared invalid such, invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions thereof.

Section 10. LIMITATIONS

This order shall not be construed so as to conflict with any State or Federal statute or with any military or naval order, rule, or regulation.

Section 11. REPEALER

All orders, parts of orders, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed.

ADOPTED THIS 23rd DAY OF December, 1991.

Mike Pan
County of _____, County Judge
Texas

Johnnie Lyon
_____, Commissioner, Precinct One

Henry Hensley
_____, Commissioner, Precinct Two

W. D. Coock
_____, Commissioner, Precinct Three

Chas. L. Prater
_____, Commissioner, Precinct Four

ATTEST:

J. P. Hamblin
_____, County Clerk

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JIMMY P. HAMILTON, COUNTY CLERK
HUNT COUNTY, TEXAS
BY Ulysses DEPUTY

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2c.Addressing the following as a minimum:

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- (1) Warning
- (2) Communications
- (3) EOC/Direction and Control
- (4) Shelter/Mass Care
- (5) Radiological Protection
- (6) Evacuation
- (7) Firefighting
- (8) Law Enforcement
- (9) Health/Medical
- (10) Emergency Public Information
- (11) Damage Assessment
- (12) Public Works/Engineering
- (13) Utilities
- (14) Resource Management
- (15) Human Services
- (16) Transportation
- (17) Legal
- (18) Rescue
- (19) Hazard Mitigation

2d.Requiring that standing operating procedures (SOPs) are developed and maintained by responsible agencies and organizations.

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