

CHAPTER 13

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13.01 RESPONSIBILITIES OF HEAD OF EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT

- (a) **AUTHORITY.** The Head of Emergency Government Services shall be the executive head of the Village emergency government organization and shall have direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the organization, subject to the direction and control of the Village President and the Village Board.
- (b) **GENERAL DUTIES.** The Head of Emergency Government shall develop and promulgate emergency government plans consistent with state and county plans, direct the emergency government program of the Village, and perform such other duties related to emergency government as are required by the Village Board. The Head of Emergency Government services shall further direct local civil defense and emergency government training programs and exercises, direct participation in emergency government programs and exercises ordered by the county head of emergency government services, and advise the county head of emergency government services on local emergency government programs and submit to him or her such reports as he or she requires.
- (c) **ADDITIONAL DUTIES.** In addition to such powers and responsibilities as may be imposed on him from time to time by the Village Board, he shall have the authority and it shall be his duty to:
- (1) Coordinate all activities for civil defense within the Village.
 - (2) Maintain liaison and cooperate with civil defense agencies and organizations of other political subdivisions and of the State and federal government.
 - (3) Participate in county and State civil defense activities upon request as set forth in the Brown County Civil Defense Ordinance.

- (4) Prepare a comprehensive general plan for the civil defense of the Village and present such plan to the Village Board for approval.
- (5) Subject to the approval of the Village Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions and file copies of any such agreements with the State Director of Civil Defense.
- (6) Upon the declaration of an emergency, issue all necessary proclamations as to the existence of such state of emergency and such disaster warnings or alerts as shall be required in the civil defense plan.

State Law Reference: Section 166.03(5), Wis. Stats.

13.02 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES

In preparing and executing the emergency government and civil defense plan, the Head of Emergency Government Services shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing departments and agencies of the Village to the maximum extent practicable. When the Village Board has approved the plan, it shall be the duty of all municipal agencies and departments of the Village to perform the duties and functions assigned by the approved plan.

13.03 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCIES

The emergency government organization shall take action in accordance with the civil defense and emergency government plan only after the declaration of an emergency and issuance of official disaster warnings. Declaration of emergency shall be made by the Governor, the Village Board, the Village President or, in his absence, by the Head of Emergency Government Services. Such state of emergency shall continue until terminated by the issuing authority, provided that any declaration not issued by the Governor may be terminated by the Village Board.

13.04 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Whenever necessary to meet a civil defense emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Village Board, the Village President and, in his absence, the Head of Emergency Government Services, may proclaim, promulgate and enforce orders, rules and regulations relating to the conduct of persons and the use of property which are necessary to protect the public peace, health and safety, and preserve lives and property, and to insure cooperation in civil defense and emergency government activities. Such

proclamations shall be posted in three (3) public places and may be rescinded by resolution of the Village Board at any time.

13.05 EMERGENCY GOVERNMENT DEFINED

(a) **DEFINITIONS.**

- (1) **"Emergency Government"** includes "civil defense" and means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the Village:
 - a. To prepare for or minimize the effect of enemy action and natural or man-made disaster upon the civilian population;
 - b. To effectuate emergency repairs to, or the emergency restoration of, vital public utilities and facilities destroyed or damaged by such action or disaster.
- (2) **"Civil Defense"** means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of the State and its subdivisions to prepare for and minimize the effect of enemy action upon the civilian population.

State Law Reference: Section 166.02, Wis. Stats.