

Intro Res. No. 1533-2010

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Introduced by Presiding Officer Lindsay and Legislators Muratore, Cooper, Barraga, Stern, Losquadro, Schneiderman

**RESOLUTION NO. 635 -2010, ESTABLISHING A
SUFFOLK COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS
COORDINATION COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Suffolk County is committed to protecting its communities and residents when emergency situations occur; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County's location on an island and its close proximity to New York City, a high value potential terror target, make emergency preparedness and response coordination between municipal, state and federal governments particularly important; and

WHEREAS, natural disasters such as hurricanes and blizzards can potentially overwhelm Long Island and Suffolk County must continually prepare to help our residents weather such storms safely; and

WHEREAS, Suffolk County also needs to be ready with a regional coordinated response in the event a terrorist attack occurs in our metro area, so that necessary services are provided quickly, cooperatively and efficiently throughout the region; and

WHEREAS, when an emergency arises, Suffolk County coordinates its Departmental responses to use its resources as effectively as possible; and

WHEREAS, coordinating Suffolk County's response to regional emergencies with the responses of villages, towns, Nassau County, New York City, New York State, the federal government and the private sector will provide a more efficient and cooperative use of resources; and

WHEREAS, establishing a permanent emergency preparedness coordination council will require Suffolk County to continually plan with other municipal, state and federal governments, as well as private sector partners, before an emergency occurs, ensuring a well-organized response when it is needed; now, therefore be it

1st RESOLVED, that the Suffolk County Emergency Preparedness Coordination Council is hereby created to communicate and share Suffolk County's response plans, inventories of the County's heavy equipment, shelter, medical supplies, and other pertinent emergency response information among County departments and with local, state and federal governments; to outline emergency scenarios, their consequences and develop potential response plans; to review current policies, laws and intermunicipal agreements relating to emergency preparedness and make recommendations to improve the efficiency of such policies; to consider and outline the role of private sector businesses in emergency response situations; to collaborate on grant seeking efforts; and provide important information to the public regarding responses to various emergency situations; and be it further

2nd RESOLVED, that the Council shall consist of the following nine (9) members:

- 1.) the Commissioner of the Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services, or his or her designee, who shall serve as Chairman of the Council;
- 2.) the Commissioner of the Suffolk County Police Department, or his or her designee;
- 3.) the Sheriff, or his or her designee;
- 4.) the Commissioner of the Parks Department for the Park Police, or his or her designee;
- 5.) the Commissioner of the Department of Health Services, or his or her designee;
- 6.) the Commissioner of the Department of Public Works, or his or her designee;
- 7.) the Commissioner of the Department of Information Technology, or his or her designee;
- 8.) the County Executive, or his or her designee; and
- 9.) the Presiding Officer of the Suffolk County Legislature, or his or her designee;

and be it further

3rd **RESOLVED**, that the members of said Council shall serve without compensation and shall serve at the pleasure of their respective appointing authorities; and be it further

4th **RESOLVED**, that the Council shall hold regular meetings, at minimum on a quarterly basis, and the Chairman shall be responsible for scheduling meetings; and be it further

5th **RESOLVED**, that the Council, and/or its Chair, should communicate and/or coordinate with representatives from the following offices and organizations regularly:

- 1.) the Suffolk County Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services Commission;
- 2.) the Suffolk County Regional Emergency Medical Services Council;
- 3.) the Fire Chief's Council of Suffolk County;
- 4.) the Suffolk County Ambulance Chief's Association;
- 5.) the United States Department of Homeland Security;
- 6.) the New York State Governor's Office;
- 7.) the New York State Emergency Management Office;
- 8.) the City of New York Mayor's Office;
- 9.) the Nassau County Executive's Office;
- 10.) the Suffolk County Town Supervisors Association;
- 11.) the Suffolk County Village Officials Association;
- 12.) the Suffolk County School Superintendents Association;
- 13.) the Long Island Railroad;
- 14.) the Long Island Power Authority;
- 15.) the Suffolk County Water Authority;

- 16.) the Long Island Association;
- 17.) the Long Island Regional Planning Council;
- 18.) the Executive Director of the Suffolk County Red Cross;
- 19.) the Long Island Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster and
- 20.) other appropriate agency representatives or government officials;

and be it further

6th **RESOLVED**, that clerical services involving the month-to-month operation of this Council, as well as supplies and postage as necessary, will be provided by the staff of the County Department of Fire, Rescue and Emergency Services; and be it further

7th **RESOLVED**, that the Council shall report annually to the County Executive and the County Legislature; and be it further

8th **RESOLVED**, that the Council shall annually file with the Clerk of the Legislature a written report containing the previous year's activities, findings, recommendations, inventories and other pertinent information; and be it further

9th **RESOLVED**, that this Legislature, being the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) lead agency, hereby finds and determines that this resolution constitutes a Type II action pursuant to Section 617.5(c)(20), (21), and (27) of Title 6 of the NEW YORK CODE OF RULES AND REGULATIONS (6 NYCRR) and within the meaning of Section 8-0109(2) of the NEW YORK ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION LAW as a promulgation of regulations, rules, policies, procedures, and legislative decisions in connection with continuing agency administration, management and information collection, and the Suffolk County Council on Environmental Quality (CEQ) is hereby directed to circulate any appropriate SEQRA notices of determination of non-applicability or non-significance in accordance with this resolution.

DATED: June 22, 2010

APPROVED BY:

/s/ Steve Levy
County Executive of Suffolk County

Date: July 2, 2010