

CHAPTER 7
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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

7.00 For purposes of this chapter the Public Safety Committee of the Brown County Board of Supervisors shall serve as the statutorily mandated Emergency Government Committee.

7.01 POLICY AND PURPOSE. (1) Emergency Management includes Homeland Security and means all measures undertaken by or on behalf of Brown County and its political subdivisions to prepare for and carry out all emergency functions, in order to minimize and repair injury, acts of terrorism, or other natural or man-made disasters.

(2) By reason of the increasing possibility of disaster of unprecedented size and destruction and the frequent occurrences of natural disasters, and to insure that plans and organizations shall be adequate to cope with such disasters and to provide for the common defense, to protect the public peace, health, safety, and general welfare, and economic stability, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of Brown County, it is hereby declared necessary:

(a) To establish a county emergency management ordinance as provided for by Chapter 166 and changes thereto, of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(b) To provide for the exercise of necessary powers during all hazards.

(c) To provide for an office of Emergency Management in Brown County, which shall consist of Brown County and all its political subdivisions adopting this chapter.

7.02 DUTIES OF THE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES COMMITTEE. The Emergency Management Services Committee shall be the policy-making and rule-making committee for the establishment and development of all programs and plans necessary for an effective office of Emergency Management in and for Brown County. The Public Safety Committee is hereby designated as the County Emergency Management Services Committee.

7.03 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT SERVICES DIRECTOR. (1) Appointment. The office of the Director of Emergency Management Services for Brown County is hereby established as the supervisor of County Emergency Management Services. The Director of Emergency Management Services shall organizationally be part of the Public Safety Communications and, for day-to-day operations, shall be supervised by the Public Safety Communications Director. Overall management direction, mission statement and goal setting for the Emergency Management Services Director shall be jointly established by the County Executive and the Public Safety Communications Director. An appointee as the Emergency Management Services Director under this subsection may be removed at the pleasure of the County Executive in the same fashion that department heads may be removed by the County Executive pursuant to Sec. 59.17(2)(br), Stats., as amended from time to time. The Director shall be appointed by the Brown County Executive, subject to the confirmation of the Brown County Board.

7.04 DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF A COUNTY EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT. The Director shall:

(1) Assume all duties and responsibilities of the head of County Emergency Management as set forth in Section 166.03(5) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(2) Develop and promulgate an Emergency Operations Plan for Brown County consistent with the "State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Plan."

(3) Direct a Brown County Disaster Plan to include all political subdivisions having adopted this chapter.

(4) Direct the Brown County Emergency Management program and the programs of all political subdivisions adopting this ordinance (Chapter 7) under the supervision of the County Executive pursuant to policies of the Emergency Management Committee.

(5) Direct county-wide emergency management training programs and test exercises.

(6) Advise the State Administrator of the Division of Emergency Management on all planning in and for Brown County and render such reports to the state as may be required.

(7) In cooperation with the Brown County Executive, or his designated agent or successor, direct the County Emergency Management activities, in the event an emergency is proclaimed by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Brown County Executive, or the executive head of a political subdivision adopting this chapter.

Employ personnel as may be authorized by the Emergency Management Committee and the Brown County Board.

In the absence or incapacity of the Emergency Management Director, the Deputy Director or, if none, the person designated by the County Executive, shall assume full responsibilities and authority of the Director.

7.05 UTILIZATION OF EXISTING SERVICES AND FACILITIES. In preparing and executing the Brown County Disaster Plan, the Director shall utilize the services, equipment, supplies and facilities of the existing department and agencies of the county and its political subdivisions to the extent practicable, and the officers and personnel of such departments and agencies are directed to provide such services, facilities, and equipment as may be required, subject to any determination of the government head of said political subdivisions as set forth in Section 7.04(7).

7.07 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS. Whenever necessary to meet a duly proclaimed emergency, the Brown County Emergency Management Director may cause to be enforced such orders, rules and regulations as shall be deemed necessary to protect the public peace, health, and safety, preservation of lives and property, preserve economic stability, insure cooperation, and regulate the conduct of the public.

Such rules, regulations and orders shall be posted in three public places and may be changed, rescinded, or amended at any time by legislative action or executive order.

7.08 MUTUAL AID AGREEMENTS. The Brown County Emergency Management Director may, subject to the approval of the Emergency Management Committee and the Brown County Board, enter into mutual aid agreements with other political subdivisions within the State of Wisconsin, pursuant to Wisconsin Statutes and the State of Wisconsin Emergency Operations Plan.

Copies of such agreements shall be duly filed with the State Administrator of the Division of Emergency Management.

7.10 DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY. Upon receipt, in Brown County, of an attack warning or upon declaration of an emergency by the President of the United States, the Governor of the State of Wisconsin, the Brown County Executive, or the executive head of any political subdivision adopting this chapter the Brown County Emergency Management Director shall see that all proclamations have been issued and disseminated with reference to the state of emergency and shall cause such emergency plans and operations to be placed into effect as are deemed necessary to cope with the situation.

No such declaration of emergency issued by a local authority shall extend beyond a 60 days as to emergencies resulting from enemy action or 30 days as to emergencies resulting from natural or man-made disasters unless by appropriate legislative action.

7.11 VIOLATIONS; OBSTRUCTING ENFORCEMENT. It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully obstruct, hinder, or delay any member of Emergency Management in the enforcement of any order, rule, or regulation or plan issued pursuant to this chapter or do any act forbidden by an order, rule, regulation or plan issued pursuant to the authority contained in this chapter.

7.12 PENALTIES. For violation of any of the provisions of this chapter such person shall forfeit not less than \$100 nor more than \$500 and in default of payment thereof, shall be imprisoned in the County Jail for a period not exceeding 90 days, or until such forfeiture shall have been paid.