

Executive Order
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office

Subject: Pennsylvania All-Hazard Incident Management (PA-IMT3)

Number: 2008-04



By Direction of: Edward G. Rendell, Governor

Date: May 13, 2008

WHEREAS, all-hazard incidents may overwhelm local resources, leaving citizens of the Commonwealth vulnerable; and

WHEREAS, all-hazard incidents may be caused by natural or manmade disasters as well as planned events; and

WHEREAS, the need to promote and protect the health, safety and welfare of emergency responders, public officials and the general public from actual, or potential, natural or manmade disasters exists in this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, every agency of government has the responsibility to protect the citizens of this Commonwealth; and

WHEREAS, the National Incident Management System (NIMS) was adopted in Pennsylvania by Governor's Proclamation on December 20, 2004, to provide a consistent nationwide approach for governments to work together effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from all-hazard incidents; and

WHEREAS, Pennsylvania Act 227 of 2002 authorizes the creation of specialized Statewide response teams; and

WHEREAS, Homeland Security Presidential Directives 5 and 8 require the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania to establish and maintain, at full readiness, an All-Hazard Incident Management Team(s);

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved that I, Edward G. Rendell, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do hereby establish an **All-Hazard Incident Management Team (PA-IMT3)** and order and direct as follows:

1. The Pennsylvania All-Hazard Incident Management Team (PA-IMT3)

- a. There is hereby established the PA-IMT3, an all-hazard incident management team consisting of personnel from different agencies, departments, boards

and commissions within the Commonwealth who have trained together to function as a team to manage all-hazard incidents. The PA-IMT3 shall be coordinated by the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner. PA-IMT3 members shall be approved by the State Fire Commissioner and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency.

- b. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner shall be the lead agencies responsible for implementing this Executive Order. The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency will provide administrative oversight. The Office of the State Fire Commissioner will coordinate operational issues related to the implementation of this Executive Order.
- c. All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall:
 - (1) fully support the PA-IMT3;
 - (2) cooperate with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the Office of the State Fire Commissioner by providing personnel, equipment, and technical assistance and information, as necessary, to carry out the functions and responsibilities of the PA-IMT3;
 - (3) accommodate their respective PA-IMT3 members' participation in training, drills, exercises, activations and deployments; and
 - (4) execute a Memorandum of Understanding with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, which provides the terms under which this Executive Order will be implemented.

2. The PA-IMT3 Interagency Committee

- a. There is hereby established a PA-IMT3 Interagency Committee which shall be advisory in nature and recommend policy and procedures for the PA-IMT3. The Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency and the State Fire Commissioner shall co-chair the PA-IMT3 Interagency Committee. The Secretary or Head of each of the following agencies or offices shall designate a representative from their agency or office to serve on the PA-IMT3 Interagency Committee:
 - (1) Governor's Office
 - (2) Office of the Budget
 - (3) Pennsylvania State Police
 - (4) Department of Agriculture
 - (5) Department of Conservation and Natural Resources
 - (6) Department of Environmental Protection
 - (7) Department of General Services
 - (8) Department of Health
 - (9) Department of Labor and Industry
 - (10) Department of Public Welfare
 - (11) Department of Transportation

3. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.