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PA State Essential Functions

The following PA State Essential Functions are overarching responsibilities that shall be the primary focus of the leadership during and in the aftermath of a catastrophic emergency and must be supported through response, continuity and recovery. They are listed in priority order.

- 1. Maintain Continuity of Government.** Ensure the continued functioning of critical government leadership elements, including: succession to key offices; organizational communications; leadership and management operations; situational awareness; personnel accountability; and functional and judicial organizations (as necessary). Each Commonwealth agency should identify the various subordinate mission essential functions necessary to accomplish this overarching mission.
 - *Administration, All agency heads, General Counsel, Governor's Office, Lt Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency*

- 2. Provide Visible Leadership.** Visible demonstration of leaders effectively dealing with the crisis and leading the response efforts: this assists in providing and monitoring the threat and confidence of established government organizations and the public.
 - *Governor's Office, Lt Governor's Office, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency*

- 3. Maintain Law and Order.** Maintain civil order and public safety (protecting people and property, and the rule of law); ensuring basic civil rights, preventing crime, and protecting critical infrastructure. This includes calling up of National Guard units to support these efforts.
 - *Agriculture, Corrections, Fish and Boat Game Commission, General Services, Inspector General, Military and Veteran's Affairs, State Police*

- 4. Provide Emergency Services.** Provide critical emergency services, including emergency management, police, fire, ambulance, medical, search and rescue, hazmat, shelters, emergency food services, recovery operations, etc.
 - *Fire Commissioner, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Primary and support agencies responsible for emergency support functions (through emergency operations plans)*

5. Provide Basic Essential Services. Ensure provision of basic services, including water, power, healthcare, communications, transportation services, sanitation services, environmental protection, commerce, etc. These are services that must continue or be restored quickly to provide for basic needs. Other less critical services (recreation, education) may be delayed or deferred at the discretion of the State government; the focus is on providing those critical services necessary to sustain the population and facilitate the return to normalcy.

- *Agriculture, Environmental Protection, Health, Insurance, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, Public Utility Commission, Public Welfare, Transportation*

6. Maintain Effective Relationships with Neighbors and Partners. Maintain external relationships and agreements with a wide variety of entities; this may vary considerably across the various States, territories and tribes. This includes communications and interactions, as necessary during a crisis, with critical partners and organizations, including the Federal Government; other State, territorial and tribal governments, private sector and non-profit organizations; and may include foreign governments and organizations in some cases. (It is recognized that the primary foreign relations responsibility lies with the Federal government.)

- *Community and Economic Development, Governor's Office, Lt Governor's Office Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, State*

7. Maintain Economic Stability. Manage the overall economy of the State government. While the Federal government is responsible for protecting and stabilizing the National economy and regulating the currency, State, territorial, and tribal governments have a responsibility to manage their jurisdiction's finances and ensure solvency. During a crisis affecting the economy, maintaining confidence in economic and financial institutions is critical at every level of government.

- *Banking and Securities, Budget, Community and Economic Development, Labor and Industry, Revenue, Treasury*