

Chapter 11 EMERGENCY SERVICES

11.01.00 Intent and Purpose

11.01.01 Liaison: Efficient Utilization of Resources

It is the intent and purpose of this chapter to establish the position of Local Emergency Services Coordinator for the City of Sandusky to provide liaison between the City of Sandusky and Sanilac County to insure complete and efficient utilization of all resources during periods of emergency.

11.01.02 County Coordinator

The Emergency Services Coordinator of the County, in accordance with Section 2(e) of Act 390, Public Acts of 1976, as amended, is the Coordinator of Emergency Services Activities in the political subdivisions within the county.

11.01.03 Officials not relieved of Responsibilities

The chapter shall not relieve any elected official or municipal department of the normal responsibilities or authority given by general law or ordinance, nor will it affect the work of the American Red Cross or other volunteer agencies organized for relief in natural disaster.

11.02.00 Organization for Emergency Services

11.02.01 Preparation for Community Disasters.

The Mayor, with the approval of the Council, is hereby authorized and directed to prepare for community disasters, utilizing to the fullest extent existing agencies within the municipality. The Mayor, as executive head of the City of Sandusky, shall be responsible for the organization, administration and operation of the Emergency Services and Local Coordinator for the City of Sandusky.

11.02.02 Emergency Services Forces.

The employees, equipment and facilities of all municipal departments, boards, agencies and commissions suitable for, or adaptable to emergency services activities may be designated as part of the total Emergency Services Forces of the County of Sanilac pursuant to those procedures set forth in Section 12 of Act 390, Public Acts of 1976.

11.03.00 Definitions

11.03.01 Words Defined.

For the purpose of this chapter, certain words used herein and defined as follows:

- A) “*Coordinator*” means the responsible head of the Sanilac County office of Emergency Services. As appointed by the County board of Commissioners.
- B) “*Local Coordinator*” means the person appointed to provide liaison services between the City of Sandusky and the County Office of Emergency Services.
- C) “*Disaster*” means occurrence of imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from a natural or man-made cause, including fire, flood, snow, ice, windstorm, wave action, oil spill, water contamination requiring emergency action, utility failure, hazardous peacetime radiological incident, major transportation, accident, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, or hostile military or paramilitary action riots and other civil disorders are not within the meaning of this term unless they directly result from and are an aggravating element of the disaster.
- D) “*Emergency proclamation*” means a proclamation issued by the Governor that a State of Emergency exists under the provisions of Act 392, Public Acts of 1945.
- E) “*Emergency Services*” shall have a broad meaning to include preparations for and relief from, the effects of natural and man-made disasters as defined herein.
- F) “*Disaster relief forces*” means all agencies of municipal government, equipment and facilities, private and volunteer personnel, public offices and employees, and all other persons or groups of persons having duties of responsibilities under this chapter or pursuant to a lawful order or directive authorized by this chapter or Act 390, Public Acts of 1976.
- G) “*Mayor*” shall mean the chief elected official of the City of Sandusky.