

(c) The Director shall be the executive head of the State Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency and shall be responsible to the Governor and the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services for carrying out the program for civil defense for the State of Maryland. He shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for civil defense within the State and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with civil defense agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government.

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There is hereby created a Civil Defense Advisory Council, consisting of such number of persons as the [Governor] Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services shall determine, all of whom shall be appointed by the Secretary with the approval of the Governor and shall serve during [his] the Secretary's pleasure. The Council shall advise the Governor, the Secretary and the Director on all matters pertaining to civil defense. The members of the Council shall serve without compensation, but may be reimbursed for their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in the performance of their duties.

6.

(a) The Governor shall have general direction and control of the Civil Defense and Emergency Planning Agency, and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this subtitle. In the event of disaster beyond local control, the Governor may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the civil defense functions within the State. The Governor is authorized to delegate such powers as he may see fit to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services, and the Secretary may in turn delegate such powers to the Director.

(b) In performing his duties under this subtitle, the Governor is authorized to cooperate with the federal government, with other states, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the civil defense of this State and of the nation. The Governor is authorized to make, amend and rescind the necessary orders, rules and regulations to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, and to prepare a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense of this State; to integrate such plan and program with the civil defense plans of the federal government and other states to the fullest possible extent, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for civil defense by the political subdivisions of this State. The Governor is authorized to procure supplies and equipment and to institute training programs and public information programs and to take all other preparatory steps in advance of actual disaster. The Governor is authorized to make such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this State as may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the State for civil defense and [to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof] to prepare plans for the emergency management of resources in accordance with the National Plan for Emergency Preparedness. The Governor is authorized to appoint, in cooperation with local authorities, directors for the political subdivisions of the State and may delegate to them any administrative authority vested in him under this subtitle, and to provide for the subdelegation of any such authority. The Governor is authorized to delegate his authority under this subsection to the Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services.