

As used in this subtitle:

(a) "Emergency management [and civil defense]" means the preparation for and carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to save lives and to minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from emergencies beyond the capability of local authorities.

(b) "Local organization for emergency management [and civil defense]" means an organization created in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle by city, town, county, or other local authority as authorized by the Governor under the State plan.

(c) "Political subdivision" means any county, municipal corporation, town, village or district.

(d) "Emergency" means the threat or occurrence of an enemy attack or any hurricane, tornado, storm, flood, high water, wind-driven water, tidal wave, earthquake, landslide, mudslide, snowstorm, drought, fire, explosion, act of terrorism or other catastrophe in any part of the State which requires State emergency assistance to supplement local efforts in order to save lives and protect public health and safety.

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(a) There is a [State] MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] Agency. The [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL shall, with the approval of the Governor, appoint a Director of [State] THE MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] Agency who shall be the executive head of the Agency. The [State] MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] Agency shall be part of the [Department of Public Safety and Correctional Services] MILITARY DEPARTMENT. The Director shall hold office during the pleasure of the [Secretary] ADJUTANT GENERAL, and shall receive such salary as is provided in the budget.

(b) Subject to the authority of the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL, the Director may employ professional, technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel within the appropriations and (except as to the position of Director) subject to the conditions and limitations contained in Article 64A of the Annotated Code of Maryland [(1957 Edition, as amended from time to time)], and the Director may make such expenditures within the appropriations, or from other funds made available to him for purposes of emergency management, as may be necessary, to carry out the purposes of this subtitle.

(c) The Director is responsible to the Governor and the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL for carrying out the State emergency management program.