

On those occasions when the Governor shall have formally declared the threat or existence of a State emergency, the Director shall coordinate the activities of all organizations for emergency management operations within the State. He shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with emergency management [and civil defense] agencies and organizations of other states and of the federal government.

5.

(a) There is an Emergency Management Advisory Council. The Council shall be composed of such members as the Governor shall deem appropriate and designate, including fair and reasonable representation for local government and representation for organizations representing volunteer fire fighters and rescue squads AND REPRESENTATION FROM MANUFACTURING, UTILITIES, AND COMMUNICATION INDUSTRIES.

(b) The Council shall advise the Governor on all matters pertaining to State emergency management [and 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 [State] MARYLAND Emergency Management [and Civil Defense] Agency, and shall be responsible for the carrying out of the provisions of this subtitle. In the event of the occurrence or threat of an emergency beyond local control, the Governor may assume direct operational control over all or any part of any emergency management function created or authorized by this article. The Governor may delegate such powers as he may see fit to the [Secretary of Public Safety and Correctional Services] ADJUTANT GENERAL or the Director.

(b) In performing his duties under this subtitle, the Governor:

(1) May cooperate with the federal government, with other states, and with private agencies in all matters pertaining to the emergency management operations of this State and of the nation;

(2) May issue orders, rules and regulations necessary or desirable to carry out the provisions of this subtitle, to prepare and revise, as necessary, a comprehensive plan and program for the emergency management operations of this State, to integrate such plan and program with the emergency management operations plans of the federal government and other states, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for emergency