

(7) PROVIDE, TO THE EXTENT AUTHORIZED BY LAW, FOR TEMPORARY SUSPENSION OF ANY STATUTES OR ORDINANCES THAT RESTRICT THE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE ABOVE RESPONSIBILITIES.

(B) THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF A PARTY STATE MAY REQUEST ASSISTANCE OF ANOTHER PARTY STATE BY CONTACTING THE AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE OF THAT STATE. THE PROVISIONS OF THIS COMPACT SHALL APPLY ONLY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE MADE BY AND TO AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVES. REQUESTS MAY BE VERBAL OR IN WRITING. IF VERBAL, THE REQUEST SHALL BE CONFIRMED IN WRITING WITHIN 30 DAYS OF THE VERBAL REQUEST. REQUESTS SHALL PROVIDE THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION:

(1) A DESCRIPTION OF THE EMERGENCY SERVICE FUNCTION FOR WHICH ASSISTANCE IS NEEDED, INCLUDING, BUT NOT LIMITED TO, FIRE SERVICES, LAW ENFORCEMENT, EMERGENCY MEDICAL, TRANSPORTATION, COMMUNICATIONS, PUBLIC WORKS AND ENGINEERING, BUILDING INSPECTION, PLANNING AND INFORMATION ASSISTANCE, MASS CARE, RESOURCE SUPPORT, HEALTH AND MEDICAL SERVICES, AND SEARCH AND RESCUE.

(2) THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF PERSONNEL, EQUIPMENT, MATERIALS AND SUPPLIES NEEDED, AND A REASONABLE ESTIMATE OF THE LENGTH OF TIME THEY WILL BE NEEDED.

(3) THE SPECIFIC PLACE AND TIME FOR STAGING OF THE ASSISTING PARTY'S RESPONSE AND A POINT OF CONTACT AT THAT LOCATION.

(C) THERE SHALL BE FREQUENT CONSULTATION BETWEEN STATE OFFICIALS WHO HAVE ASSIGNED EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESPONSIBILITIES AND OTHER APPROPRIATE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE PARTY STATES WITH AFFECTED JURISDICTIONS AND THE UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT, WITH FREE EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION, PLANS, AND RESOURCE RECORDS RELATING TO EMERGENCY CAPABILITIES.

#### ARTICLE IV

#### LIMITATIONS

ANY PARTY STATE REQUESTED TO RENDER MUTUAL AID OR CONDUCT EXERCISES AND TRAINING FOR MUTUAL AID SHALL TAKE SUCH ACTION AS IS NECESSARY TO PROVIDE AND MAKE AVAILABLE THE RESOURCES COVERED BY THIS COMPACT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE TERMS HEREOF; PROVIDED THAT IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THE STATE RENDERING AID MAY WITHHOLD RESOURCES TO THE EXTENT NECESSARY TO PROVIDE REASONABLE PROTECTION FOR SUCH STATE.

EACH PARTY STATE SHALL AFFORD TO THE EMERGENCY FORCES OF ANY PARTY STATE, WHILE OPERATING WITHIN ITS STATE LIMITS UNDER THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS OF THIS COMPACT, THE SAME POWERS, EXCEPT THAT OF ARREST UNLESS SPECIFICALLY AUTHORIZED BY THE RECEIVING STATE, DUTIES, RIGHTS, AND PRIVILEGES AS ARE AFFORDED FORCES OF THE STATE IN WHICH THEY ARE PERFORMING EMERGENCY SERVICES. EMERGENCY FORCES WILL CONTINUE UNDER THE COMMAND AND CONTROL OF THEIR REGULAR LEADERS, BUT THE