

BEFORE THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS
OF THE COUNTY OF LARIMER, STATE OF COLORADO

WHEREAS, the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, as amended, requires counties to establish agencies responsible for disaster preparedness and coordination of response, section 24-33.5-701 C.R.S; and

WHEREAS, the Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado, established the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management in 1988 by Resolution R88-157g, and desires to update such resolution; and

WHEREAS, the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety requires such formal action by local governments under the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of County Commissioners of Larimer County, Colorado, that the Emergency Management Resolution of Larimer County, which is attached hereto and incorporated by reference herein, be and is hereby adopted;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a copy of said resolution be forwarded by the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management and to the Colorado Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

DONE this 31st day of July, 2018.

Steve Johnson

Chairman of the Board
Larimer County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Michelle C. Dennis
County Clerk



DATE: 7/27/18
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

[Signature]
COUNTY ATTORNEY

**EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT RESOLUTION
LARIMER COUNTY, COLORADO**

1. PURPOSES

The purposes of the Emergency Management Resolution of Larimer County, Colorado (hereinafter referred to as "the Resolution") are to provide for the basic government functions of maintaining the public peace, health and safety during an emergency or disaster, including preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery. It is the purpose and intent of the Resolution to ensure Larimer County, Colorado, is in full compliance with the appropriate sections of the Colorado Disaster Emergency Act, part 7 of the article 33.5 of title 24, C.R.S, as amended.

2. DEFINITIONS

The following definitions shall apply to terms used in the Resolution:

- A. *Disaster* means an occurrence or imminent threat of widespread or severe damage, injury, or loss of life or property resulting from any natural or manmade cause, including, but not limited to, fire, plague, spill, or any water contamination requiring emergency action to avert danger or damage, epidemic, air contamination, blight, drought, infestation, explosion, civil disturbance or hostile military or paramilitary action.
- B. *Emergency* means an unexpected event that places life or property in danger and requires an immediate response through the use of state and community resources and procedures.
- C. *Emergency management* means the actions taken to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters and mitigate against current and future risk.
- D. *Mitigation* means the sustained action to reduce or eliminate risk to people and property from hazards and their effects.
- E. *Preparedness* means the development of plans, the stockpiling and inventory of critical resources, the organization and training of response personnel, and the exercise of plans.
- F. *Recovery* means the short, intermediate, and long-term actions taken to restore community functions, services, vital resources, facilities, programs, continuity of local government services and functions, and infrastructure to the affected area.
- G. *Resiliency* means the ability of communities to rebound, positively adapt to, or thrive amidst changing conditions or challenges, including human-caused and natural

disasters and the effects of climate change, and to maintain quality of life, healthy growth, durable systems, economic vitality, and conservation of resources for present and future generations.

- H. *Response* means the activities that address the short-term, direct effects of an incident and includes immediate actions to save lives, protect property, and meet basic human needs. Response also includes the execution of emergency operations plans.

3. ORGANIZATION

The Emergency Management Program for Larimer County shall be organized as follows:

- A. The board of county commissioners, by Resolution R88-157g, hereby created an organization for emergency management in 1988 known as the Larimer County Office of Emergency Management (hereinafter referred to as "OEM"). OEM has such professional, technical, secretarial and clerical employees as are deemed necessary by the board of county commissioners for the proper functioning of the organization.
- B. The Board of County Commissioners shall maintain a Director of Emergency Management as an appointed position who shall be the executive head of the OEM. The Director is responsible for the administration, organization and operations of the county OEM. The Sheriff shall participate in the selection process when the Board selects the Director.
- C. The Sheriff's Office shall designate an Emergency Operations Director who shall work for the Sheriff's Office but whose primary duties will be response and coordination, Sheriff's Office emergency management duties and will coordinate with the Office of Emergency Management
- D. The Director of Emergency Management shall designate and appoint deputy directors to assume the emergency duties of the Director in the event of his or her absence or inability to act.

4. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE DIRECTOR

The Director is hereby empowered to:

- A. Prepare and keep current a plan to be known as the county Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP). The CEMP will address all phases of emergency management, continuity of government and continuity of operations. The CEMP will conform to the standards and requirements for such plans as promulgated by the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management of the state.

- B. Prepare and present to the Board of County Commissioners for approval the CEMP, and prepare and present to the Board of County Commissioners for approval updates to such plan.
- C. Represent OEM in all dealings with public or private agencies pertaining to emergency management and disasters.
- D. Direct coordination and cooperation between the divisions, services and staff of the county OEM, and resolve questions of authority and responsibility that may arise between such divisions, services and staff.
- E. Prepare an annual budget for the county OEM and submit such budget to the Board of County Commissioners for consideration.
- F. Receive on behalf of Larimer County from any duly constituted governmental agency or any approved private person or agency, any services, equipment, supplies, materials or funds, by way of gift, grant or loan, for emergency or disaster purposes.
- G. Negotiate on behalf of Larimer County with other duly constituted governmental agencies for the establishment of such mutual aid agreements as may be deemed necessary by the Board of County Commissioners and such other governmental agencies. The scope of such mutual aid agreements may encompass all facets of emergency management and the CEMP, and may pledge the assistance and cooperation of the county to all emergency and disaster situations in return for similar pledges from such other governmental agencies.
- H. In the event of a declared disaster or emergency, act under the direction of the Board of County Commissioners, or its designated representative Commissioners, in the interests of mitigation, response and recovery from such disaster or emergency. This may include the activation and management of the county Emergency Operations Center, including, but not limited to, providing situational awareness, public information management, resource management, financial management and policy direction.

5. DUTIES AND POWERS OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

The duties and powers of the Board of County Commissioners shall be as follows:

- A. It shall be the duty of the Chairman of the Board of County Commissioners to declare that a disaster or emergency exists within the county pursuant to §24-33.5-709, C.R.S. Such declaration shall continue for a period not to exceed seven days. Such declaration may be continued or renewed for a period in excess of seven days with the consent of a majority of the members of the Board of County Commissioners.

- B. Any order or proclamation declaring, continuing or terminating a disaster or emergency shall be filed promptly with the Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management within the Department of Public Safety of the state, and with the Clerk and Recorder of Larimer County. Such order or proclamation shall be promptly distributed to the appropriate representatives of the news media.

- C. The Board of County Commissioners may delegate the emergency management duties and powers as they deem appropriate to any member of the Board of Commissioners, the County Manager, or to the Director.

6. DECLARATION OF DISASTER OR EMERGENCY

The effect of a declaration of an emergency or a disaster shall be to activate the response and recovery aspects of all applicable disaster or emergency plans of the county. Such a declaration shall also authorize the furnishing of all aid and assistance provided for under such plans.

Steve Johnson

Chairman of the Board
Larimer County Commissioners

ATTEST:

Michelle C. Surin
County Clerk

