

29C.8 Powers and duties of administrator.

1. The homeland security and emergency management division shall be under the management of an administrator appointed by the governor.
2. The administrator shall be vested with the authority to administer emergency management and homeland security affairs in this state and shall be responsible for preparing and executing the emergency management and homeland security programs of this state subject to the direction of the adjutant general.
3. The administrator, upon the direction of the governor and supervisory control of the director of the department of public defense, shall:
 - a.* Prepare a comprehensive plan and emergency management program for homeland security, disaster preparedness, response, recovery, mitigation, emergency operation, and emergency resource management of this state. The plan and program shall be integrated into and coordinated with the homeland security and emergency plans of the federal government and of other states to the fullest possible extent and coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for emergency management of the political subdivisions and various state departments of this state. The plans shall be integrated into and coordinated with a comprehensive state homeland security and emergency program for this state as coordinated by the administrator of the homeland security and emergency management division to the fullest possible extent.
 - b.* Make such studies and surveys of the industries, resources, and facilities in this state as may be necessary to ascertain the vulnerabilities of critical state infrastructure and assets to attack and the capabilities of the state for disaster recovery, disaster planning and operations, and emergency resource management, and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.
 - c.* Provide technical assistance to any local emergency commission or joint commission requiring the assistance in the development of an emergency management or homeland security program.
 - d.* Implement planning and training for emergency response teams as mandated by the federal government under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986, 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq.
 - e.* Prepare a critical asset protection plan that contains an inventory of infrastructure, facilities, systems, other critical assets, and symbolic landmarks; an assessment of the criticality, vulnerability, and level of threat to the assets; and information pertaining to the mobilization, deployment, and tactical operations involved in responding to or protecting the assets.
 - f.* (1) Approve and support the development and ongoing operations of an urban search and rescue team to be deployed as a resource to supplement and enhance emergency and disaster operations.

(2) A member of an urban search and rescue team acting under the authority of the administrator or pursuant to a governor's disaster proclamation as provided in section 29C.6 shall be considered an employee of the state under chapter 669 and shall be afforded protection as an employee of the state under section 669.21. Disability, workers' compensation, and death benefits for team members working under the authority of the administrator or pursuant to the provisions of section 29C.6 shall be paid by the state in a manner consistent with the provisions of chapter 85, 410, or 411 as appropriate, depending on the status of the member.
 - g.* Develop, implement, and support a uniform incident command system to be used by state agencies to facilitate efficient and effective assistance to those affected by emergencies and disasters. This system shall be consistent with the requirements of the United States occupational safety and health administration and a national incident management system.

4. The administrator, with the approval of the governor and upon recommendation of the adjutant general, may employ a deputy administrator and such technical, clerical, stenographic, and other personnel and make such expenditures within the appropriation or from other funds made available to the department of public defense for purposes of emergency management, as may be necessary to administer this chapter.

5. The homeland security and emergency management division may charge fees for the repair, calibration, or maintenance of radiological detection equipment and may expend funds in addition to funds budgeted for the servicing of the radiological detection equipment. The division shall adopt rules pursuant to chapter 17A providing for the establishment and collection of fees for radiological detection equipment repair, calibration, or maintenance services and for entering into agreements with other public and private entities to provide the services. Fees collected for repair, calibration, or maintenance services shall be treated as repayment receipts as defined in section 8.2 and shall be used for the operation of the division's radiological maintenance facility or radiation incident response training.

[C62, § 28A.4, 28A.5; C66, 71, 73, 75, § 29C.4, 29C.5; C77, 79, 81, § 29C.8]

88 Acts, ch 1190, § 1; 92 Acts, ch 1139, § 68; 99 Acts, ch 86, §2; 2001 Acts, 2nd Ex, ch 1, §23, 24, 28; 2002 Acts, ch 1117, §54, 56; 2003 Acts, ch 179, §104, 157