

Executive Order
Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
Governor's Office

Subject:
Commonwealth Continuity of Government

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By Direction of: Tom Corbett, Governor

Date: April 30, 2012

WHEREAS, the functions and services of the government of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania are essential to the well being of all of Pennsylvania's citizens; and

WHEREAS, the safety and well being of all commonwealth employees and citizens are of the highest priority; and

WHEREAS, commonwealth investment in natural and personnel resources, systems, equipment and other assets is extensive and is the valued property of all Pennsylvanians; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to prevent, prepare for, rapidly respond to, and recover from emergency situations, whether resulting from natural causes or intentional acts; and

WHEREAS, there is a need to have an integrated approach for emergencies, including prevention, preparation, response, and recovery, among all commonwealth agencies; and

WHEREAS, all commonwealth agencies, as well as the legislature and the judiciary, must provide a well coordinated and prepared approach to ensure the effective continuation of government operations and the safety of individuals; and

WHEREAS, the Continuity of Government Office (Office) and the Commonwealth Continuity of Government Steering Committee (Steering Committee) shall work together to provide guidelines, oversight, and policy direction for improving Pennsylvania's continuity of government and operations.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws of the commonwealth, do hereby establish the Office and the Steering Committee, as set forth in this Executive Order, whose primary objectives are to coordinate and maintain commonwealth operations during emergencies and disruptions, by providing enterprise-wide guidelines, oversight, and policy direction.

- 1. Mission.** The mission of the Steering Committee shall be to ensure the ability of the commonwealth to continue to provide essential services during an emergency through its support of the Office.
- 2. Responsibilities.** The responsibilities of the Steering Committee shall be to:
 - a. Assess the level of continuity of government preparedness among commonwealth agencies;
 - b. Assess the ability of the executive, judicial and legislative branches to coordinate and continue the effective functioning of government during an emergency;
 - c. Approve and promote the annual priorities of the Office for ensuring the coordination and maintenance of commonwealth operations during emergencies and disruptions; and
 - d. Provide guidelines, oversight, and policy direction for improving continuity of government and operations by the Office.
- 3. Composition.** The Secretary of Administration shall serve as Chairperson and other members of the Steering Committee shall consist of the:
 - a. Secretary of General Services;
 - b. Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency;
 - c. Commissioner of the Pennsylvania State Police;
 - d. Director of the Office;
 - e. Chief Information Officer, Office of Administration; and
 - f. Other members as appointed by the Governor.
- 4. Relationship with Other Agencies.** All commonwealth agencies, boards, and commissions under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate fully with the Secretary of Administration, Director of the Office, and the Steering Committee on the implementation of this order.
- 5. Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
- 6. Rescission.** *Executive Order 2006-1*, dated January 10, 2006, is rescinded immediately.