

AN ORDINANCE CREATING A CIVIL EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS TEAM

BE IT ORDAINED by the electors of the Town of Chaplin at a duly warned Town Meeting on May 13, 2013:

The "Civil Preparedness Agency" Ordinance adopted by the Town Meeting on June 17, 1976 is hereby repealed in its entirety, rescinded and replaced by this enactment as follows:

1. The Chief Executive Officer (CEO) of the Town of Chaplin, now its First Selectman, shall assume complete command of local Government functions and facilities including public school facilities and personnel in the event of a declared emergency/disaster. All available local resources will be brought to bear on the event (disaster) in an effort to protect and preserve human life and property of the Town and community, to the greatest extent possible.
2. The authority of the CEO of the Town of Chaplin shall be limited only by the Governor of the State of Connecticut in state-declared emergencies, or the President of the United States of America in a declared National Emergency. In all other circumstances, the CEO of the Town of Chaplin (First Selectman) shall have the authority to declare a local emergency or disaster and have the authority to convene the Local Emergency Planning Team.
3. There shall be created an Agency of Town Government to be known as the Local Emergency Planning Team (LEPT). The LEPT will be under the direction of the CEO of the Town of Chaplin. Membership to the LEPT includes the Chief Executive Officer (CEO), Emergency Management Director (EMD), Deputy Emergency Management Director (DEMD), Fire Chief, Police Department Officer (currently the Resident State Trooper), Superintendent of Schools, Fire Marshal and Highway Foreman.
4. The LEPT shall meet at least once annually and at other times as deemed necessary by the CEO or the EMD.
5. The EMD and the DEMD shall be appointed by the Board of Selectmen. The EMD shall assume authority over the LEPT and act as staff, reporting directly to the CEO of the Town of Chaplin. The EMD will advise the CEO on matters pertaining to emergency operations. The EMD shall perform duties in accordance with the directives outlined in the Emergency Operating Procedures (EOP) as recommended by the State Department of Homeland Security and as approved by the Chief Executive Officer.
6. The EMD shall perform such other related functions as may, from time to time, be assigned to him or her by the Chief Executive Officer of the Town of Chaplin.
7. The EMD shall receive such compensation for performance of his or her duties as may be determined by the Board of Selectmen.

This Ordinance shall supersede any and all prior Ordinances pertaining to Civil Preparedness within the Town of Chaplin

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This Ordinance shall take effect fifteen (15) days after publication in accordance with General Statutes section 7-157 as set forth below..

Per Connecticut General Statutes section 7-157(b), if enacted by the Town Meeting, in lieu of the entire proposed Ordinance, a summary of this Ordinance may be published in full accordance with Connecticut General Statutes section 7-157(a) and 7-157(b).

Dated at Chaplin, Connecticut this ____ day of _____, 2013.