



Request for City Council Committee Action from the Department of Regulatory Services

Date: November 30, 2011

To: CM Samuels, Chair, Public Safety, Civil Rights & Health Committee

Subject: Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Recommendation: Approve 2011 Emergency Operations Plan (EOP)

Previous Directives:

*City Council approval of Hennepin County All-Hazards Mitigation Plan-November 19, 2010

*City Council approval of the Continuity of Operations Annex to the Emergency Operations Plan – October 30, 2009

*City Council approval of the Emergency Operations Plan – February 1, 2008

*City Council approval Revised EOP to include Terrorism Annex-April 2, 2004

*City Council approval EOP-September 27, 1996

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Reviews

- Permanent Review Committee (PRC): Approval ____ Date _____
- Policy Review Group (PRG): Approval ____ Date _____

Financial Impact

- No financial impact
- Action requires an appropriation increase to the ____ Capital Budget or ____ Operating Budget
- Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase
- Action requires use of contingency or reserves
- Action is within the Business Plan
- Action requires a change to the Business Plan
- Other financial impact
- Request provided to the Finance Department when provided to the Committee Coordinator

Community Impact

- Neighborhood Notification--NA
- City Goals
- Comprehensive Plan-NA
- Zoning Code-NA
- Other

Supporting Information

The primary purpose of this plan is to provide a guideline for emergency operations in the City of Minneapolis. It is intended to assist key city officials and emergency organizations to carry out their responsibilities for the protection of life and property under a wide range of emergency conditions.

Although an organization may have the foresight to plan for anticipated situations, such planning is of little value if the planning is not documented in written form. Personnel familiar with unwritten plans may be unavailable at the very time it becomes necessary to implement them. A written plan will furnish a documentary record that can be referred to as needed. The documentary record will serve to refresh the knowledge of key individuals and can be used to inform any persons who become the responsible parties in their absence.

Reason for the Plan

Tornadoes, floods, blizzards and other natural disasters can affect the City of Minneapolis. In addition, major disasters such as transportation accidents, explosions, accidental releases of hazardous materials and national security emergencies pose a potential threat to public health and safety in Minneapolis. Terrorist events involving Weapons of Mass Destruction (WMD) are also a threat. An emergency plan is needed to insure the protection of the public from the effects of these hazards.

Purpose of the Plan

The City has many capabilities and resources that could be used in the response to any major disaster. These include the facilities, equipment, personnel and skills of both government and non-government professions and groups. The purpose of this plan is to promote the effective, coordinated use of these resources to:

- Maximize the protection of life and property;
- Ensure the continuity of government; and,
- Provide support to all areas of the city which require assistance.

The actions outlined in this emergency operations plan constitute the existing policy of the City of Minneapolis in response to a disastrous emergency.

