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Definitions

1 In this Regulation,

- (a) “Agency” means the Alberta Emergency Management Agency;
- (b) “Alberta Emergency Plan” means the plan referred to in section 2(1)(c);
- (c) “business continuity plan” means, with respect to a business disruption, a plan through which
 - (i) essential services will be prioritized,
 - (ii) mitigation measures are employed, and
 - (iii) continuity of service strategies are co-ordinated and implemented;
- (d) “consequence management plan” means a plan that sets out actions to be taken,
 - (i) for mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery with regard to emergencies, except human-induced intentional threats, and
 - (ii) for response and recovery in respect of human-induced intentional acts;

- (e) “crisis management plan” means a plan that sets out actions to be taken for mitigation and preparedness in respect of human-induced intentional threats;
- (f) “department” means
 - (i) a department of the Government established under the *Government Organization Act*,
 - (ii) the office of the Public Service Commission, and
 - (iii) the Agency;
- (g) “department plans” means business continuity plans and consequence management plans and any additional plans required by a responsible Minister under section 2(1)(f)(i);
- (h) “deputy head” means
 - (i) the deputy minister of a department referred to in clause (f)(i),
 - (ii) the Public Service Commissioner, and
 - (iii) the Managing Director of the Agency;
- (i) “emergency management” means the management of emergencies concerning all hazards, including all activities and risk management measures related to prevention and mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery;
- (j) “emergency management partners” means those persons or organizations that have a role in Alberta’s emergency management system;
- (k) “emergency management system” means the elements required for effective emergency management, including legislative, regulatory and policy frameworks, emergency plans and procedures and the involvement of emergency management partners;
- (l) “emergency plans” means the following plans:
 - (i) Government plans;
 - (ii) department plans;
 - (iii) municipal plans;
- (m) “Government” means the Government of Alberta;

- (n) “Government plans” means the following plans:
 - (i) the Alberta Emergency Plan;
 - (ii) hazard-specific plans;
 - (iii) the Government of Alberta Business Continuity Plan referred to in section 2(1)(d);
 - (iv) the Alberta Counter Terrorism Crisis Management Plan;
- (o) “hazard” means a potentially damaging physical event, phenomenon or human activity that may cause the loss of life or injury, property damage, social and economic disruption or environmental degradation;
- (p) “hazard-specific plan” means a plan that sets out actions for mitigation of a specific hazard and preparedness, response and recovery activities with regard to an emergency caused by that hazard;
- (q) “municipal plans” means plans referred to in sections 10 and 11 of the Act;
- (r) “responsible Minister” means
 - (i) the Minister responsible for this Regulation, and
 - (ii) the Minister responsible for the plan referred to in section 2(1)(g).

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Responsibilities of the Alberta Emergency Management Agency

2(1) The Agency shall

- (a) be the co-ordinating agency for, and provide strategic policy direction and leadership to the Government and its emergency management partners,
- (b) develop, implement, manage and maintain the Alberta emergency management system as described in the Alberta Emergency Plan,
- (c) in consultation with departments and emergency management partners, develop, implement and maintain a comprehensive plan to be known as the “Alberta Emergency Plan”, which shall include

- (i) a description of the Alberta emergency management system,
- (ii) the Government of Alberta Business Continuity Plan and any hazard-specific plan required under clause (e),
- (iii) the roles and responsibilities of departments and emergency management partners,
 - (A) generally in the Alberta emergency management system, and
 - (B) specifically in the preparation, implementation and maintenance of plans required by departments and local authorities,

and

- (iv) the procedures for the co-ordination of emergencies,
- (d) in consultation with departments, develop, implement and maintain a business continuity plan to be known as the Government of Alberta Business Continuity Plan,
- (e) in consultation with one or more departments, co-ordinate the development of hazard-specific plans to be implemented and maintained under the responsibility of one or more of those departments,
- (f) require departments, in consultation with the Agency,
 - (i) to prepare, implement and maintain, in accordance with the Government plans, consequence management plans, business continuity plans and any other plans required by a responsible Minister,
 - (ii) to review the effectiveness of the plans referred to in subclause (i) based on
 - (A) identified exercise objectives for a simulated emergency, or
 - (B) the lessons learned evaluation criteria established for a real emergency,

and

- (iii) to carry out other functions and responsibilities set out in the Alberta Emergency Plan,

- (g) liaise with the Department responsible for the preparation, implementation and maintenance of a crisis management plan relating to counter terrorism to be known as the Alberta Counter Terrorism Crisis Management Plan,
- (h) establish mutual aid arrangements and maintain liaison with
 - (i) the departments, agencies, boards, commissions and Crown corporations of the governments of the provinces and territories and of Canada,
 - (ii) the State of Montana and its agencies, and
 - (iii) other provincial, national, international or regional organizations involved in emergency management,
- (i) assist local authorities in the preparation, implementation and maintenance of their municipal plans, and
- (j) conduct or facilitate training for employees of the Government or of municipalities or for other persons who have functions and responsibilities under this Regulation.

(2) Nothing in subsection (1) affects the responsibilities that local authorities, departments or agencies, boards, commissions and Crown corporations may have in respect of emergency plans under other legislation.

Departmental responsibilities

3(1) The functions and responsibilities of departments in respect of emergency management are those set out in this Regulation and the Alberta Emergency Plan.

(2) Each department must prepare, implement and maintain plans, including reviewing the effectiveness of the plans, as required by the Agency under section 2 and the Alberta Emergency Plan.

(3) A department may require an agency, board, commission or Crown corporation that reports to the Minister of that department to prepare, implement and maintain emergency plans for that agency, board, commission or Crown corporation.

Responsibilities of deputy head

4 The deputy head of a department is responsible for ensuring that the department's functions and responsibilities under this Regulation and the Alberta Emergency Plan are properly carried out, including

- (a) the appointing of appropriate persons in accordance with the Alberta Emergency Plan, and
- (b) approving the plans referred to in section 3(2) and the Alberta Emergency Plan.

Repeal

5 The *Government Emergency Planning Regulation* (AR 62/2000) is repealed.

Expiry

6 For the purpose of ensuring that this Regulation is reviewed for ongoing relevancy and necessity, with the option that it may be repassed in its present or an amended form following a review, this Regulation expires on November 30, 2017.

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Coming into force

7 This Regulation comes into force on January 1, 2008.



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