

PITTSYLVANIA COUNTY CODE
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State Law References: Virginia Emergency Services and Disaster Law
Section 44-146.13, Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended

SEC. 11-1. ESTABLISHED; COMPOSITION.

Pursuant to 44-146.19 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended, which requires each political subdivision in the commonwealth to establish an agency of emergency services, there is hereby established an agency of emergency services which shall be known as the office of emergency management, which shall consist of the director of emergency management, who shall be the Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, a deputy director of emergency management, who shall be the County Administrator, a coordinator of emergency management appointed by the deputy director with the consent of the Board of Supervisors, and such officers and employees, organized into branches, sections or other units, as may be provided by ordinance or by orders or directives of the county administrator consistent therewith.

SEC. 11-2. RESPONSIBILITIES.

The office of emergency management shall be specifically responsible for:

- (1) Overall comprehensive coordination and management (including mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery) of declared or undeclared emergencies and disasters affecting the County, in order to protect public health and safety, and to preserve the lives, property and economy of the County and its citizens.
- (2) Preparation and maintenance of the County's emergency operations plan in coordination with various county departments and agencies.
- (3) Designation, availability, preparation and maintenance of the County's primary, alternate and mobile emergency operations centers.
- (4) Assist the Sheriff's Office with the coordination of search and rescue operations.
- (5) Participate as the County's emergency coordinator for the Pittsylvania County Local Emergency Planning Committee.
- (6) Public education on emergencies and disasters, including family emergency preparedness.

- (7) Coordination with local organizations, businesses and industries to develop and maintain emergency and disaster contingency plans.
- (8) Emergency management training and exercises for the County.
- (9) Create and direct the volunteers of citizens that comprise the Pittsylvania County Community Emergency Response Teams.

SEC. 11-3. POWERS AND DUTIES OF CORRINATOR OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT.

The coordinator of emergency management shall manage the daily operations of the office of emergency management, as assigned by the deputy director of emergency management, and shall have direct general management and control of the personnel and several branches, sections or other units of the office.

SEC. 11-4. OATH OF OFFICE.

The director of emergency management and all personnel of the Office of Emergency Management shall take an oath of office as required by Section 44-146.25 of the Code of Virginia, 1950, as amended.

This ordinance was presented and adopted at the adjourned meeting of the Pittsylvania County Board of Supervisors held on Tuesday, February 21, 2006 in the General District Courtroom in Chatham, Virginia. The effective date of this re-codified ordinance is February 21, 2006.