



1 programs promulgated under this sub-subdivision shall be reviewed  
2 by the Division of Emergency Management at least biannually and  
3 updated as necessary.

- 4 d. Development and presentation of training programs and public  
5 information programs to insure the furnishing of adequately trained  
6 personnel and an informed public in time of need.
- 7 e. Making of such studies and surveys of the resources in this State as  
8 may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the State for  
9 emergency management, maintaining data on these resources, and  
10 planning for the most efficient use thereof.
- 11 f. Coordination of the use of any private facilities, services, and  
12 property.
- 13 g. Preparation for issuance by the Governor of executive orders,  
14 proclamations, and regulations as necessary or appropriate.
- 15 h. Cooperation and maintenance of liaison with the other states, federal  
16 government and any public or private agency or entity in achieving  
17 any purpose of this Article and in implementing programs for  
18 emergency, disaster or war prevention, preparation, response, and  
19 recovery.
- 20 i. Making recommendations, as appropriate, for zoning, building and  
21 other land-use controls, and safety measures for securing mobile  
22 homes or other nonpermanent or semipermanent works designed to  
23 protect against or mitigate the effects of a disaster.
- 24 j. Coordination of the use of existing means of communications and  
25 supplementing communications resources and integrating them into a  
26 comprehensive State or State-federal telecommunications or other  
27 communications system or network."

28 **SECTION 2.** G.S. 166A-7 reads as rewritten:

29 **"§ 166A-7. County and municipal emergency management.**

30 (a) The governing body of each county is responsible for emergency management, as  
31 defined in G.S. 166A-4, within the geographical limits of such county. All emergency  
32 management efforts within the county will be coordinated by the county, including activities of  
33 the municipalities within the county.

- 34 (1) The governing body of each county is hereby authorized to establish and  
35 maintain an emergency management agency for the purposes contained in  
36 G.S. 166A-2.
- 37 (2) The governing body of each county which establishes an emergency  
38 management agency pursuant to this authorization will appoint a coordinator  
39 who will have a direct responsibility for the organization, administration and  
40 operation of the county program and will be subject to the direction and  
41 guidance of such governing body.
- 42 (3) In the event any county fails to establish an emergency management agency,  
43 and the Governor, in his discretion, determines that a need exists for such an  
44 emergency management agency, then the Governor is hereby empowered to  
45 establish an emergency management agency within said county.

46 (b) All incorporated municipalities are authorized to establish and maintain emergency  
47 management agencies subject to coordination by the county. ~~Joint agencies composed of a~~  
48 ~~county and one or more municipalities within its borders may be formed.~~

49 (b1) Counties and incorporated municipalities are authorized to form joint emergency  
50 management agencies composed of a county and one or more municipalities within the county's

1 borders, between two or more counties, or between two or more counties and one or more  
2 municipalities within the borders of those counties.

3 (c) Each county and incorporated municipality in this State is authorized to make  
4 appropriations for the purposes of this Article and to fund them by levy of property taxes  
5 pursuant to G.S. 153A-149 and G.S. 160A-209 and by the allocation of other revenues, whose  
6 use is not otherwise restricted by law.

7 (d) In carrying out the provisions of this Article each political subdivision is authorized:

8 (1) To appropriate and expend funds, make contracts, obtain and distribute  
9 equipment, materials, and supplies for emergency management purposes and  
10 to provide for the health and safety of persons and property, including  
11 emergency assistance, consistent with this Article;

12 (2) To direct and coordinate the development of emergency management plans  
13 and programs in accordance with the policies and standards set by the  
14 State; Division of Emergency Management, consistent with federal and State  
15 laws and regulations;

16 (3) To assign and make available all available resources for emergency  
17 management purposes for service within or outside of the physical limits of  
18 the subdivision; and

19 (4) To delegate powers in a local state of emergency under G.S. 166A-8 to an  
20 appropriate official.

21 (e) Each county which establishes an emergency management agency pursuant to State  
22 standards and which meets requirements for local plans and programs may be eligible to  
23 receive State and federal financial assistance, including State and federal funding  
24 appropriated for emergency management planning and preparedness, and for the maintenance  
25 and operation of a county emergency management program. Such financial assistance for the  
26 maintenance and operation of a county emergency management program will not exceed one  
27 thousand dollars (\$1,000) for any fiscal year and is subject to an appropriation being made for  
28 this purpose. Eligibility of each county will be determined annually by the State. Where the  
29 appropriation does not allocate appropriated funds among counties, the amount allocated to  
30 each county shall be determined annually by the Division of Emergency Management. The size  
31 of this allocation shall be based in part on the degree to which local plans and programs meet  
32 State standards and requirements promulgated by the Division, including those relating to  
33 professional competencies of local emergency management personnel. However, in making an  
34 allocation determination, the Division shall, where appropriate, take into account the fact that a  
35 particular county may lack sufficient resources to meet the standards and requirements  
36 promulgated by the Division."

37 **SECTION 3.** This act becomes effective October 1, 2009.