

PREPAREDNESS functions.

(b) It is further declared to be the purpose of this subtitle and the policy of the State of Maryland that all civil defense AND DISASTER RELATED functions of this State be coordinated to the maximum extent possible with the comparable functions of the federal government, other states and localities, and of private agencies of every type, to the end that the most effective preparation and use may be made of the resources and facilities available for dealing with any disaster that may occur.

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As used in this subtitle:

(a) ["Civil defense" shall mean] "CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS" MEANS the preparation for and carrying out of all emergency functions other than functions for which military forces are primarily responsible, to SAVE LIVES AND TO minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters [[caused by enemy attacks, sabotage or other hostile action, or by fire, flood, earthquake, or other natural causes]].

(b) ["Local organization for civil defense" shall mean] "LOCAL ORGANIZATION FOR CIVIL DEFENSE AND DISASTER PREPAREDNESS" MEANS an organization created in accordance with the provisions of this subtitle by city, town, county, or other local authority as authorized by the Governor under the State plan.

(c) "Political subdivision" [shall mean] MEANS any county, municipal corporation, town, village or district.

(d) "EMERGENCY" MEANS THE THREAT OF AN ENEMY ATTACK OR ANY HURRICANE, TORNADO, STORM, FLOOD, HIGH-WATER, WIND-DRIVEN WATER, TIDAL WAVE, LANDSLIDE, MUDSLIDE, SNOWSTORM, DROUGHT, FIRE, EXPLOSION, OR OTHER CATASTROPHE IN ANY PART OF THE STATE WHICH REQUIRES EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE TO SUPPLEMENT LOCAL EFFORTS IN ORDER TO SAVE LIVES AND PROTECT PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY, OR TO AVERT OR LESSEN THE THREAT OF A MAJOR DISASTER.

(e) "MAJOR DISASTER" MEANS AN ENEMY ATTACK ON THE UNITED STATES THREATENING OR CAUSING DAMAGE IN THE STATE AND ANY HURRICANE, TORNADO, STORM, FLOOD, HIGH-WATER, WIND-DRIVEN WATER, TIDAL WAVE, LANDSLIDE, MUDSLIDE, SNOWSTORM, DROUGHT, FIRE, EXPLOSION OR OTHER CATASTROPHE IN ANY PART OF THE STATE WHICH, IN THE DETERMINATION OF THE GOVERNOR, CAUSES DAMAGE OF SUFFICIENT SEVERITY AND MAGNITUDE TO WARRANT A REQUEST FOR ASSISTANCE FROM THE FEDERAL GOVERNMENT, ABOVE AND BEYOND EMERGENCY SERVICES