

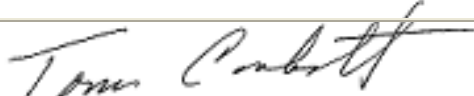
Executive Order

Commonwealth of Pennsylvania

Governor's Office

Subject:
Pennsylvania Homeland Security

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2012-03


By Direction of: Tom Corbett, Governor

Date: February 22, 2012

WHEREAS, in response to the September 11, 2001, terrorist attacks on the United States and its people, the President of the United States, George W. Bush, called upon all Americans to be vigilant to the threat of terrorism and to defend our nation against additional and future terrorist attacks; and

WHEREAS, terrorist attacks may result in mass casualties to civilian populations and disruption of critical government functions, which would jeopardize the national economy and the delivery of services upon which the welfare of citizens and the economic vitality of the nation depend; and

WHEREAS, the commonwealth must take necessary steps to protect its citizens from these threats and be prepared to act should these events occur; and

WHEREAS, preparedness involves a continuous cycle of activity to develop the elements necessary to maximize the capability to prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, especially major events that require coordination among an appropriate combination of federal, state, local, private sector, and non-governmental entities, in order to minimize the potentially adverse impact on lives, property, and the economy; and

WHEREAS, the United States Department of Homeland Security requires an all-crimes, all-hazards approach to preparedness requiring the commonwealth to have an efficient and comprehensive approach to prevent, protect, respond, and recover from an incident or event of national significance that necessitates coordination between federal, state, and local entities.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Tom Corbett, Governor of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, by the virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and other laws, do formally establish the **Governor's Office of Homeland Security** within the Office of the Governor, and do order and direct as follows:

- 1. Purpose.** To prepare for, prevent, respond and recover from acts of terrorism.

- 2. Responsibilities.** The responsibilities of the Office of Homeland Security shall be to:
 - a. Secure the commonwealth from acts of terrorism.
 - b. Reduce the vulnerability of critical infrastructure and key resources to terrorist attacks.
 - c. Partner with the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, and local agencies in matters related to homeland security.
 - d. Work with the Primary State Fusion Center to develop the process of information fusion for the gathering, processing, analyzing, and disseminating of information related to homeland security
 - e. Cooperate with the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency in matters relating to emergency management planning, preparedness, and response.
 - f. Participate, in concert with the private sector and other federal, state, and local agencies, in a coordinated effort to prepare for, prevent, respond, and recover from acts of terrorism.
- 3. Composition.** The Office of Homeland Security shall consist of the following members:
 - a. Homeland Security Advisor.** The head of the Office of Homeland Security shall be the Homeland Security Advisor, as appointed by the Governor. The Homeland Security Advisor shall serve as the commonwealth's primary point of contact with the United States Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state, and local agencies in matters related to homeland security. The Homeland Security Advisor shall advise and report to the Governor.
 - b. Homeland Security Director.** The Office of Homeland Security shall be managed by a Director, appointed by the Governor. The Director shall report to the Homeland Security Advisor and to the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety. The Director shall be assisted by personnel deemed necessary to allow the Office of Homeland Security to carry out its responsibilities.
- 4. Staffing and Location.** The Homeland Security Director is authorized to select, appoint, and employ such employees as may be necessary to carry out the functions of the Office of Homeland Security, in accordance with the procedures of the Governor's Office of Administration. The Office of Homeland Security shall be located at Pennsylvania State Police Departmental Headquarters. All personnel assigned to the Office of Homeland Security shall be classified as authorized employees of the Pennsylvania State Police.

- 5. Designation of State Administrative Agency.** The Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency is designated as the State Administrative Agency for the commonwealth and shall be responsible for the administration and audit functions of all federal grants relating to homeland security. The distribution awards of federal grant money under the Homeland Security Grant Program and the Urban Areas Security Initiative Grant Program will be made by the Governor's Office, in consultation with the Homeland Security Advisor and the Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, in accordance with the federal guidelines related to the National Homeland Security Strategy and Federal Grant Guidance as promulgated by United States Department of Homeland Security and Federal Emergency Management Agency for the respective grant years.
- 6. Cooperation by State Agencies.** All agencies under the Governor's jurisdiction shall cooperate with and provide assistance and support as needed by the Office of Homeland Security and the Governor's Deputy Chief of Staff for Public Safety to carry out its functions effectively.
- 7. Effective Date.** This Executive Order shall take effect immediately.
- 8. Termination Date.** This Executive Order shall remain in effect unless revised or rescinded by the Governor.
- 9. Rescission.** Effective immediately, *Executive Order 2007-10, Pennsylvania Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness Organizational Structure* is hereby rescinded.