



EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

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I. EMERGENCY POWERS OF THE COUNTY EXECUTIVE

During civil emergencies the County Executive has special powers that may give rise to additional law enforcement responsibilities. Whenever the County Executive finds that a civil emergency exists and issues a proclamation to that effect, the Police Department may be expected to enforce the following:

A. Curfew and Access to Public Areas

The County Executive may order all persons off the streets and/or to stay indoors during certain times of the day or night. In addition, he or she may restrict access to any public street or other public place.

B. Restrictions on Alcoholic Beverages

The Executive may order the closing of liquor-dispensing businesses and restrict or prohibit the sale or consumption of alcoholic beverages.

C. Flammable or Combustible Materials

The County Executive may order the discontinuance of the selling, distributing, or giving away of gasoline or other liquid flammable or combustible products in any container other than a gasoline tank properly affixed to a motor vehicle.

D. Gasoline Stations

In addition to "C", the County Executive may order the temporary closing of any or all gasoline stations and other establishments whose chief activity is the sale, distribution, or dispensing of liquid flammable or combustible materials.

E. Firearms and Ammunition

The County Executive may order the discontinuance of selling, distributing, dispensing or giving away any firearms or ammunition. He or she may also order the closure of establishments whose principal business or activity is the sale of firearms or ammunition.

F. Military Support

The County Executive has sole authority to request military support to aid in the County's response to a civil emergency. Recommendations for the need for military support will be relayed from the Incident Commander through the EOC. Upon a conclusion that such support is needed, the County Executive will make the request to the Governor. Military support that exceeds the capability of the Maryland National Guard will be coordinated through the Governor's office and the United States Department of Defense.

G. Other Measures

The County Executive is authorized to order any other measures imminently necessary for the protection of life and property within the County.

II. ENFORCEMENT OF EXECUTIVE ORDERS

A curfew or other emergency executive order of the County Executive is effective immediately on issuance and dissemination to the public by the news media. A person who violates an emergency executive order is guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction is subject to a fine not exceeding \$1,000 or imprisonment up to six months, or both. The Police Department is responsible for enforcing executive orders.

III. PROPONENT UNIT: *Chiefs Office.*

IV. CANCELLATION: This directive cancels Index Code 2302, dated 12-07-09.