

# **FAX —**

**DATE:** December 22, 2008

**TO:** State of Oregon  
OERS  
503-373-7833

**FROM:** Multnomah County Emergency Management  
-- by Bob Grist, Ph.D., CEM

**SUBJECT:** Declaration of State of Emergency

See attached.

**SPECIFIC NEEDS:** Include at this time:

1. High-clearance vehicles to assist with the transport of personnel in otherwise inaccessible areas requiring medical assistance.
2. Assistance in clearing roadways into medical clinics and other facilities.

**MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON****EXECUTIVE RULE NO. 315****Declaration of Emergency**

- a. WHEREAS, Multnomah County is authorized under ORS 401.305 to act as an emergency management agency, including authority to establish policies and protocols for defining and directing responsibilities during time of emergency;
- b. WHEREAS, Multnomah County has enacted a local ordinance (Multnomah County Code § 27.301 et seq.), pursuant to the authority granted by ORS Chapter 401 and the Multnomah County Charter, that provides for executive responsibility in times of emergency and specifically delegates authority to declare a state of emergency to the County Chair, the most senior member of the Board (if the Chair is unavailable), the Sheriff (if the most senior member of the Board is unavailable), the Chair's designated interim (if the Sheriff is unavailable), and the Sherriff's designated interim (if the Chair's designated interim is unavailable);
- c. WHEREAS, the Chair is authorized Pursuant to Multnomah County Code § 7.007, to adopt Executive Rules to implement and enforce provisions of the Multnomah County Code and to carry out the Chair's duties under the Charter;
- d. WHEREAS, the following conditions have resulted in the need for a state of emergency declaration:

Recent snow and ice storms have made a significant number of roads in Multnomah County, including roads in the Cities of Gresham, Wood Village, and Troutdale, inaccessible to emergency vehicles or emergency-related vehicles and the County has not been able to obtain equipment locally to remove the snow and ice from the roadways.

- e. WHEREAS, the following damage to lives and property can be expected from the above conditions:

There are immediate, life, health, and safety issues caused by the inability of emergency vehicles and emergency-related vehicles to access people who are suffering from serious medical conditions.

f. WHEREAS, an emergency is declared for the following area(s) (check one):

☒ The entire County is in a state of emergency; or

☐ The following portion of Multnomah County is in a state of emergency: \_\_\_\_\_

NOW, THEREFORE, the following Executive Rule is adopted:

1. IT IS ORDERED that Bob Skipper, Multnomah County Sheriff, formally declares a state of emergency for Multnomah County, effective on this 22nd day of December, 2008 at 2:00 p.m. for the area described above;
2. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Director of the Multnomah County Department of Emergency Management shall take all necessary steps authorized by law to coordinate response and recovery from this emergency, including, but not limited to, requesting assistance from the State of Oregon; and
3. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that this declaration of emergency shall expire on January 5, 2009.

Dated this 22<sup>nd</sup> day of December, 2008.

FOR THE MULTNOMAH COUNTY CHAIR

By:

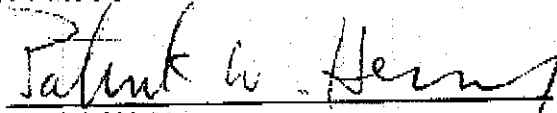


Bob Skipper  
Multnomah County Sheriff

REVIEWED:

COUNTY ATTORNEY FOR MULTNOMAH COUNTY, OREGON:

By:



Patrick W. Henry  
Assistant County Attorney