

STATE OF MINNESOTA
OFFICE OF THE GOVERNOR
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 31
DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY

WHEREAS extremely heavy snowfall throughout much of the State of Minnesota during the months of December and January, causing undue hardship to persons, livestock, and governmental agencies; and

WHEREAS severe economic losses are being experienced by a large segment of the agricultural community; and

WHEREAS the resources of local, county, and State governments have been unable to maintain open roads resulting in danger to lives of both residents and travellers; and

WHEREAS the months of February and March are historically the heavy snowfall months in Minnesota;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Harold LeVander, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority invested in me, do hereby declare a State of Emergency to exist, and direct the agencies of the State, in cooperation with appropriate Federal agencies, to provide such aid to stricken areas as provided for under existing State and Federal statutory authority. I hereby further direct Mr. Phillip A. Iverson, State Civil Defense Director, to coordinate emergency operational actions and request that the county Civil Defense Directors serve as the coordinating agents for the political subdivisions of each county.

Dated January 29, 1969

/s/ Harold LeVander

ATTEST:

/s/ Joseph L. Donovan

Joseph L. Donovan
Secretary of State

Harold LeVander
GOVERNOR

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF STATE
FILED JANUARY 29, 1969
/s/ JOSEPH L. DONOVAN
SECRETARY OF STATE

STATE OF MINNESOTA
DEPARTMENT OF CIVIL DEFENSE
Veterans Service Building
St. Paul, Minnesota 55101

BULLETIN

INSTRUCTIONS TO BE FOLLOWED BY TOWNSHIPS, MUNICIPALITIES, OR COUNTIES IN
REQUESTING AID OR ASSISTANCE UNDER THE GOVERNOR'S EXECUTIVE ORDER
NO. 31, DECLARATION OF EMERGENCY, DATED JANUARY 29, 1969

REQUEST FOR EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE FOR SAVING OF LIVES

Persons requesting assistance in an emergency situation involving human life should call the person or number designated by local authority or the municipal Civil Defense Director, or Chief of Police, or the County Civil Defense Director, or County Sheriff. In requesting aid, provide the following information--nature of the emergency, type of aid required, including type of equipment or personnel, and location of the emergency.

REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT

The following procedure should be followed by any political jurisdiction requesting equipment. In case of a township, the Town Board Supervisor, and in case of a municipality, the Mayor, should submit the request to the County Engineer or the County Civil Defense Director, indicating type of equipment needed, the purpose for which it is being requested, and the length of time the equipment will be needed. The request should be specific, itemizing the type of equipment--road patrols, snow blowers, caterpillars, etc. The County Engineer or County Director receiving this request will contact the Minnesota Highway District Maintenance Engineer, relaying the information if the request cannot be accommodated at the county level. The Minnesota District Highway Maintenance Engineer, if unable to satisfy the request, will contact the State Highway Department Emergency Operations Coordinator.

REQUEST FOR NATIONAL GUARD

Should it be necessary to request National Guard equipment or personnel, the following procedure will be followed. The Chairman of County Board of Commissioners, the Mayor, the Sheriff, or the County Civil Defense Director may request of the Governor, National Guard equipment and personnel to assist local authorities in maintaining law and order, protection of property, evacuation of people, or other services, as necessary to alleviate suffering and prevent starvation, where local resources are inadequate. The request for National Guard assistance should be made directly to the Governor's office. The request should indicate the nature of emergency and the nature of assistance required. Normally a request for military assistance will not be made until it has been determined that resources of local, county, and area agencies are not adequate.

REQUEST FOR FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

Townships, municipalities, or counties requesting financial assistance to alleviate effects of a disaster should be submitted to the Disaster Relief

Coordinator (the Adjutant General), Major General Chester Moeglein, Department of Military Affairs, Veterans Service Building, St. Paul 55101, Telephone No. 612 221-2812. Requests for financial assistance will be made in writing and supported by resolution of the governing body. The request for assistance will specify each project, explaining work to be done and estimated costs thereof. The request must be accompanied by a financial statement, showing the financial condition of the government agency involved. The request will also show the amount of money spent by the government agency for this and similar emergencies during the current fiscal year, the amount of the current tax levy, and other information that will assist the Executive Council in determining whether the local government has made full effort to meet the emergency from its own resources. In case of a township, the request will be accompanied by a resolution levying the five mill emergency tax authorized by Minnesota Statutes or a statement that the levy has been made.