

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-19  
PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO  
THE STEARNS COUNTY SHERIFF**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, on December 11, 1998, at 11:40 a.m. a natural gas explosion obliterated the southeast corner of First Street and Ninth Avenue in downtown St. Cloud; and

WHEREAS, the blast killed 4 citizens, injured 14, destroyed 3 buildings and damaged many others; and

WHEREAS, a six-block area of downtown St. Cloud has been evacuated while rescue workers search for victims and clear debris; and

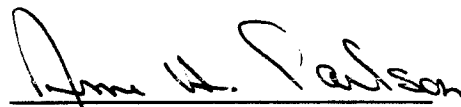
WHEREAS, the Stearns County Sheriff's Department and local authorities do not have adequate resources to sustain perimeter security;

NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:


1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to active duty on or after December 11, 1998, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to provide perimeter security in downtown St. Cloud.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to purchase, lease or contract goods or services necessary to accomplish the mission.
3. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 1998, sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.51, and 192.52.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1998, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this sixteenth day of December, 1998.

  
ARNE H. CARLSON  
Governor

Filed According to Law:

  
JOAN ANDERSON GROWE  
Secretary of State

