Frank Keating
Governor

EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

EXECUTIVE ORDER 98-32

I, Frank Keating, Governor of the State of Oklahoma, pursuant to the powers vested in me by Article VI, Sections 1 and 2 of the Oklahoma, hereby establish the State of Oklahoma Emergency Standard Operating Procedures as the standard integrated emergency operational and response program for use by all State Agencies and Employees.

The bombing of the Alfred P. Murrah Federal Building, April 19, 1995, graphically demonstrated to the People of Oklahoma and to the Nation the vulnerability of public institutions to a major disaster. It also served to demonstrate the effects, in the loss of life and destruction of property and the resulting consequences of confusion, disruption of public services, and psychological trauma that can be expected to accompany any type of major disaster. The occurrence of most disaster situations cannot be prevented. However, it is possible to mitigate the effects of a disaster through a comprehensive program of emergency preparedness procedures. The program to establish standard operating procedures in the event of an emergency, as established by this order, will provide a comprehensive system for management and response to any type of natural or man-made disaster that could pose a threat to State of Oklahoma employees or to the provision of essential government services to the public.

The procedures established in this Executive Order, along with the attendant organizational structure, and administrative and operational requirements constituting the program, shall be implemented by all State of Oklahoma Officers, Agencies, Board, Commissions, Departments, Offices, and Employees.

1. The Oklahoma Department of Civil Emergency Management shall have primary responsibility for program administration, oversight, and review. An annual report to the Executive and Legislative Departments of government shall be made regarding the status of program implementation, compliance, and any recommendations for program improvement.
2. The chief administrative officers of State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions are charged with the implementation, operation, and management of the program within their organization as prescribed by the Emergency Standard Operating Procedures Planning Document.

3. All employees of the State are responsible for assisting and following the directions of assigned emergency management personnel within their departments during exercises, training, and emergency situations.

4. All emergency management personnel are encouraged to provide comments or recommendations for the further improvement of the standard operating procedures program to the Director of Civil Emergency Management for consideration and possible implementation.

Copies of this executive order shall be forwarded to the Secretary of State for distribution to all members of the Cabinet, and to all State Agencies, Boards, and Commissions for distribution, and to the Director of Civil Emergency Management who shall cause the provisions of this order to be implemented by all appropriate agencies of state government.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have set my hand and caused the Great Seal of the State of Oklahoma to be affixed at Oklahoma City, this 11th day of November, 1998.

BY THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF OKLAHOMA

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Attest:

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Secretary of State