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SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

The attached Disaster Plan for City of Chicago has been revised, and additional information incorporated.

A separate map showing all Hospitals within the corporate limits of the City of Chicago, in addition to all Hospitals in Cook, Lake, Kane, DuPage, and Will Counties in Illinois, also, Lake County in Indiana, is enclosed.

This map also shows the correct address, telephone number, heliports, type of hospital and the number of beds available.

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DISASTER PLAN
for
CITY OF CHICAGO

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Since there are so many kinds of disastrous emergencies which can strike a community and since there are wide variations in the details of similar types of situations, no definite, hard and fast rules of action can be laid down. This is especially true where statutes prescribe and regulate the functions, duties and responsibilities of various agencies and public officials. The successful solution of such involved problems is necessarily based upon a high degree of cooperation of the various officials and their respective agencies.

An Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Chicago on April 25, 1947 for emergencies resulting from natural disasters.

"Mayor designated Coordinator Ex-Officio of Activities in cases of Emergency Arising from Fires, Explosions, Riots, etc.

A proposed Ordinance reading as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Chapter 3 of the municipal code of Chicago is amended by adding thereto Section 3-11 as follows:

3-11 - The Mayor shall be ex-officio coordinator of activities in cases of emergency resulting from any explosion, fire, flood, riot, storm or other cause requiring concerted measures for the maintenance of public peace and order, the preservation of life and property and the relief of suffering, or for any of these purposes. He shall formulate, and, as

occasion therefore arises, he shall execute plans for the prevention of such emergencies is obligatory upon all departments and heads of departments and upon all other officers and employees of the City of Chicago. The Fire Commissioner shall be Deputy Coordinator of such activities under supervision of the Mayor as Coordinator. In the absence or inability to act of the Fire Commissioner, his powers and responsibilities shall be vested in an Acting Deputy Coordinator appointed by the Fire Commissioner."

BASIC PLAN OF OPERATION

In emergencies involving numerous casualties and fatalities, a central communications and central station should be set up in a suitable space, conveniently near the scene of the disaster. These stations should be easily identified so that hospital medical teams will know where to report. Injured persons are brought to the location for such immediate first-aid treatment as may be necessary or available. After treatment, those persons in need of further medical care are removed to the nearest hospitals having the necessary facilities and space available. Where considerable numbers of persons are involved, the Fire Alarm Office is requested to alert nearby hospital officials and ascertain the number of persons which can be taken in for treatment. This information is relayed to the person in charge of ambulance facilities at the scene of the emergency.

So that overcrowding does not occur, critically injured patients should be taken to nearest appropriate hospitals and ambulatory patients distributed to other appropriate hospitals. Likewise, when a number of dead persons are involved in the emergency, a temporary morgue is set up by direction of the County Coroner, usually in close proximity to the first-aid station. Here such identification as is possible is made and personal effects, if any, are impounded by the police. When transportation

facilities are available, victims are removed to the County Morgue. In every emergency, resulting in loss of life, the Cook County Coroner's Office must be notified and permission obtained before bodies can be removed from the scene.

Such other agencies and organizations, having services or equipment of kinds and types which may be of value at the disaster, are summoned when and as they may be required.

The successful operation of any Disaster Plan depends on immediate mobilization of a sufficient number of persons trained in handling emergency conditions and situations without delay. The organization must be available instantly, at all hours, day and night, on week days and Sundays and holidays as well.

Equipment, materials and supplies must be equally available to promptly meet the conditions of the emergency. Delay of any sort at the beginning phases of the emergency will definitely increase the severity and extent of damage and destruction through lack of restrictive action.

To minimize the costly delays in getting any emergency action under way, it can be seen that the Fire Department Officer, the first to arrive on the scene, must make an intelligent survey, sizing up the situation and reporting to the Fire Alarm Office to initiate the plan of mobilization procedures immediately.

It is the established practice of the Fire Alarm Office to maintain listings of all cooperating agencies, either public or private, and to notify key personnel of the existing emergency and to request assistance as

may be required. Hospitals, specifically, should be notified initially if it is known that there are live casualties.

The following is a list of emergency groups that can be activated in Disaster and the functions of each agency:

FIRE DEPARTMENT:

To save lives - control and extinguishment of fires - rescue work - ambulance and airlift service, as well as such other emergency duties as may be required.

POLICE DEPARTMENT:

Preserve law and order, traffic control, crowd control, set up a cordon as the situation warrants, transport victims of disaster when necessary, also transport hospital and medical personnel as may be required.

BOARD OF HEALTH:

Supervise and coordinate all emergency medical service. Mobilize a staff of physicians and nurses, with medical supplies, and arrange for hospitalization at hospitals to care for victims requiring such treatment, control transportation of victims.

CHICAGO CIVIL DEFENSE CORPS:

Mobilize their manpower and special equipment.

AMERICAN RED CROSS:

Activate their Disaster Units as may be necessary, transportation of injured persons, First-Aid Corps, Doctors and Nurses, Emergency Shelter, food and clothing, medical supplies and equipment.

HOSPITALS:

To provide such facilities and services as hospital treatment, surgery, blood plasma, medical and nursing assistance as may be needed at the disaster scene and in the hospital.

METROPOLITAN AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION:

To supply emergency ambulance vehicles to transport injured persons.

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS:

Bureau of Water: To increase pumping volume and pressure when required for large fires.

BUREAU OF SEWERS:

To open sewers and drains to drain off surface water and prevent flooding of basements of buildings and subways.

CONSTRUCTION DIVISION:

To provide cranes, bulldozers and similar equipment to remove rubble and other materials.

BUREAU OF STREETS:

To provide such personnel and equipment as may be required to close off streets, remove debris, etc.

DEPARTMENT OF BUILDINGS:

To provide such technical assistance as may be required to determine safety and stability of buildings and other structures.

COOK COUNTY CORONER:

Establish temporary morgue and casualty clearing stations, to identify dead and to impound personal effects of victims.

