POSITION PAPER 8

Subject: **Emergency Management**
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Purpose Statement

The ability to successfully mitigate large-scale emergency operations requires proper planning, coordination and cataloging of resources, the ability for all affected parties to communicate in a timely and efficient manner, and the ability to trigger state and federal financial assistance and integrate its response.

Recommendation

The following is the Association's position on large-scale emergencies:

1. The Association supports the establishment of regional mutual aid, coordinated on a statewide basis by the Department of Emergency Management.

2. The Association supports the designation of the Department of Emergency Management as the agency to coordinate and plan for mitigating large-scale emergencies or disasters.

3. The Association supports adequate funding for the Department of Emergency Management to allow it to assume this role on a 24-hour basis.

4. The Association supports the implementation of the National Interagency Incident Management System as the state's Incident Command System.

5. The Association supports legislation to establish and fund an Emergency Assistance Account to assist local agencies responding out of their normal mutual aid areas.

6. The Association supports and Enhanced 911 System statewide to simplify the citizen reporting system.

7. The Association supports the concept of a statewide communication radio system for use by local and regional fire departments involved in a multi-jurisdictional emergency operation.

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