



THE STATE OF GEORGIA

EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR:

WHEREAS: On January 28, 2014, the State of Georgia and, in particular, the Metro Atlanta area experienced significant winter weather causing major snowfall and ice buildup on roads, bridges and other thoroughfares; and

WHEREAS: This significant winter weather caused major problems in the area of public safety and traffic congestion; and

WHEREAS: There is a necessity to review and assess the State of Georgia's response to this major winter weather event, as well as prior events, to determine how the State and local governments may be better prepared for and respond during significant winter weather events; and

WHEREAS: Task Force representatives encompass individuals from a diverse background (both public and private) with expertise in predicting, preparing for and working through severe weather situations which may lead to loss of life or harm to individuals or impact personal property; and

WHEREAS: The purpose of the Task Force is to better prepare the state, its communities and resources, for severe weather. It will specifically examine information gathering and weather predictions and how that information is used and implemented during severe weather events. The Task Force will identify measures for:

- Preparing for Emergency situations (long term and on-going preparations)
- Severe weather warnings and predictions
- Communications and coordinating around severe weather
- Actions needed once the warnings occur
- Actions occurring during the weather event
- Standing down after weather events

NOW, THEREFORE, BY VIRTUE OF THE POWER VESTED IN ME AS GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF GEORGIA, IT IS HEREBY

ORDERED: That the Governor's Severe Winter Weather Warning and Preparedness Task Force be assembled.

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED: That Bart Gobeil, Chief Operating Officer, be appointed as chair of the Governor's Severe Winter Weather Warning and Preparedness Task Force.

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ORDERED: That the following individuals are hereby appointed as members to the Governor's Severe Winter Weather Warning and Preparedness Task Force:

- Keith Golden, Commissioner – Georgia Department of Transportation
- Mark Williams, Commissioner – Georgia Department of Natural Resources
- Colonel Mark McDonough, Commissioner – Georgia Department of Public Safety
- Major General Jim Butterworth, The Adjutant General – Georgia Department of Defense
- Jannine Miller, Executive Director – Georgia Regional Transportation Authority
- Christopher Tomlinson, Executive Director – State Road and Tollway Authority
- Charley English, Executive Director – Georgia Emergency Management Agency
- Glenn Burns, Chief Meteorologist – WSB Channel 2
- Markina Brown, Chief Meteorologist – CBS Channel 46
- Ken Cook, Chief Meteorologist – FOX 5
- Chesley McNeil, Meteorologist – 11Alive
- Robert Avossa, Superintendent - Fulton County Schools
- Emily Lembeck, Superintendent – Marietta City Schools
- Michael Thurmond, Superintendent – DeKalb County Schools
- Keith Parker, General Manager/CEO – MARTA
- Ed Crowell, President and CEO – Georgia Motor Trucking
- Jeffrey Parker, Vice President – HNTB Corp. (former Connecticut DOT commissioner)
- Anthony Wilson, Executive VP, Customer Service and Operations – Georgia Power
- Jerry Donovan, President and CEO – Georgia Transmission Corporation
- Hala Moddemog, President - Metro Atlanta Chamber
- Gil West, Senior VP, Airport Customer Service and TechOps – Delta
- Steve Thompson, District 33 – Georgia State Senate
- Steve Gooch, District 51 – Georgia State Senate
- Jay Roberts, District 155 – Georgia House of Representatives
- Mike Glanton, District 75 – Georgia House of Representatives
- Kelvin Cochran, Fire Chief – City of Atlanta
- George Turner, Chief of Police – Atlanta Police Department
- William Wright, 911 Emergency Communications Director – Barrow County
- Keith Stellman, Meteorologist-in-Charge – National Weather Service

- Judy Agerton, Regional VP/External Affairs – AT&T
- Eric Adams, Director of Operations – Verizon
- Gary George, Director of Public Safety and Emergency Management
Director – City of Alpharetta

IT IS FURTHER

ORDERED:

That the Severe Winter Weather Warning and Preparedness Task Force shall meet in a timely manner at the call of the chair and deliver a report to the Governor with their findings within 60 days of the first called meeting of the Task Force.

This 4th day of February, 2014.



GOVERNOR