



COMMONWEALTH of VIRGINIA
Department of Emergency Management

MICHAEL M. CLINE
State Coordinator

JANET L. CLEMENTS
Deputy Coordinator

JAMES W. KECK
Deputy Coordinator

10501 Trade Court
Richmond, Virginia 23236-3713
(804) 897-6500
(TDD) 674-2417
FAX (804) 897-6506

January 9, 2006

Memorandum

To: The Honorable Mark R. Warner
Members of the General Assembly

From: Michael M. Cline

Subject: § 44-146.18 - Status of State and Local Emergency Operations Plans

The Commonwealth of Virginia Emergency Operations Plan (COVEOP) is currently under revision to conform to the organizational structure of the National Response Plan (NRP). The Commonwealth functions under the operational concept of the National Incident Management System (NIMS). The COVEOP was promulgated in April 2004. Volumes IV and VIII have been consolidated into one volume—Volume IV - Hazardous Materials and Terrorism Consequence Management Plan. The Commonwealth's Emergency Management program has received full accreditation through the national Emergency Management Accreditation Program (EMAP).

Of the 140 jurisdictions responsible for an emergency management program, 115, or 82.14%, maintain a current Emergency Operations Plan (EOP). This is an approximate 20% increase since 2003. The jurisdictions were recently provided a template to assist them in updating their EOPs to conform to the recommendations of the NRP.

The Preparedness, Training and Exercise Division is working to revise the COVEOP and is in direct contact with the jurisdictions to assist them with preparedness and planning activities, including the revision of local EOPs.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Cc: The Honorable John W. Marshall
Division of Automated Legislative Services

“Working to Protect People, Property and Our Communities”