

**COUNTY OF WARREN
LOCAL LAW NO. 6 OF 2007**

**A LOCAL LAW ESTABLISHING THE OFFICE OF EMERGENCY SERVICES FOR
WARREN COUNTY**

BE IT ENACTED, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Warren, New York, as follows:

SECTION 1. Title. This Local Law shall be known as “A Local Law Establishing the Office of Emergency Services for Warren County”.

SECTION 2. Legislative Intent and Purpose. The Warren County Board of Supervisors seeks to restructure the organization of the various functions and positions involved in emergency services within the County. The Warren County Board of Supervisors has determined that such a consolidation of responsibilities under one office offers the most economical, appropriate and beneficial plan for the provision of emergency services to the residents of Warren County.

SECTION 3. Enactment Authority. This Local Law is enacted under the authority of Section 10 of the Municipal Home Rule Law of New York State.

SECTION 4. Establishment of the Office of Emergency Services. There is hereby created in Warren County the Office of Emergency Services, which shall contain the following County functions; Natural Disaster and Civil Defense, Fire Coordination, Emergency Medical Services Coordination and STOP-DWI/Traffic Safety Coordination.

SECTION 6. Fire Coordinator. The administrative head of the Office of Emergency Services shall be the Fire Coordinator for Warren County, who shall be appointed by the Board of Supervisors in accordance with any requirements of the Civil Service Law or rule or any other State or Federal Laws or rules that may apply.

The Fire Coordinator shall be appointed by a majority of all members of the Warren County Board of Supervisors and shall serve at the pleasure of the Board of Supervisors.

SECTION 6. Fire Coordinator's Duties/Powers. The Fire Coordinator

- a) shall be responsible for the administration and provision for services for all functions of the Office of Emergency Services; and
- b) shall have all the powers and perform the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a head of Natural Disaster and Civil Defense, except that nothing contained herein shall prevent or limit the right of the Fire Coordinator to delegate and/or assign such duties and responsibilities as herein provided or contemplated unless prohibited by Federal or State Law, rule or regulation.
- c) shall have all the powers and perform the duties conferred or imposed by law upon a Fire Coordinator, pursuant to County Law Section 225-a.
- d) shall oversee the Warren County Cause and Origin Team.
- e) shall act as Chairperson of the Local Emergency Planning Council [LEPC].
- f) shall have the power of appointment for the positions created by the Board of Supervisors.
- g) shall have such other duties as the Warren County Board of Supervisors may prescribe.

SECTION 7. Emergency Services Coordinator. There is hereby established a

position of Emergency Services Coordinator, who shall be appointed by the Fire Coordinator, with the approval of the Warren County Board of Supervisors and shall be acting administrative head of the Office of Emergency Services in the event of the absence of the Fire Coordinator or the inability of the Fire Coordinator to perform and exercise the powers and duties of the office, with the exception of the duties set forth in paragraph 6(c) herein, which shall be handled by the designated Deputy Fire Coordinator. The Emergency Services Coordinator shall have such duties and powers as the Fire Coordinator may assign and/or delegate, including the duties of the STOP-DWI Coordinator and the Executive Secretary of the Traffic Safety Board.

SECTION 8. Office Personnel. Personnel assigned to Office of Emergency Services shall include Deputy Fire Coordinators and the Deputy Emergency Services Coordinators. The Fire Coordinator shall have such additional staff and personnel as the Board of Supervisors shall, from time to time determine.

SECTION 9. Separability. If any provision of this Local Law or the application of such provision to any person, body or circumstance shall be held invalid, the remainder of this Local Law or the application of such provision to persons, bodies or circumstances other than those concerning which it shall have been held invalid shall not be affected thereby.

SECTION 10. Effective Date. This Law shall be effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State as provided by law.