

**ALABAMA DEPARTMENT OF HOMELAND SECURITY
ADMINISTRATIVE CODE****CHAPTER 375-X-2
DUTIES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF ASSISTANT DIRECTORS****375-X-2-.04****Assistant Director For Emergency Preparedness And Response.**

The Director of the Department of Emergency Management shall hold the position of Assistant Director for Emergency Preparedness and Response and perform the following duties as they relate to Homeland Security:

- (1) Provide interface between the Alabama Emergency Management Agency and the Alabama Office of Homeland Security supporting their mission to ensure the preparedness of emergency response providers for terrorist attacks.
- (2) Support and compliment the State of Alabama Emergency Management Agency response to terrorist attacks and their responsibility to manage such response, and coordinating federal, state and local response resources in the event of a terrorist attack.
- (3) Serve as liaison and establish a cooperative relationship with the Attorney General, Emergency Management Agency, The State Military Department, Departments of Public Safety, Public Health, Transportation, Agriculture, Environmental Management, Conservation; Alabama Power Company; Southern Nuclear Company; and Tennessee Valley Authority.
- (4) Be responsible for implementing established homeland security policies for State and Local departments and agencies response, while establishing coordination with Federal governmental efforts:
 - (a) Securing the people, infrastructures, property, resources, and systems in the State of Alabama from acts of terrorism involving chemical, biological, radiological, or nuclear weapons or other emerging threats.
 - (b) Establishing guidelines for state and local government efforts to develop and implement countermeasures to threats of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear terrorism and other emerging terrorist threats.

- (5) Detecting and preventing the importation of related weapons and material and responding to terrorist attacks that involve such material.
- (6) Aiding the recovery from terrorist attacks.
- (7) Building a comprehensive state incident management system with federal, state, and local government personnel, agencies and authorities to respond to such attacks.
- (8) Consolidating existing state government emergency response plans into a single, coordinated State of Alabama response plan.
- (9) Developing comprehensive programs for developing interoperable communications technology, and helping to ensure that emergency response providers acquire such technology.

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