

STATE OF NEW JERSEY  
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT

**EXECUTIVE ORDER NO. 39**

January 14, 1954

EXECUTIVE ORDER prescribing certain functions and duties of the State Civilian Defense Director and the Office of State Civilian Defense Director.

In order to provide further safeguards for the public security, health and welfare; and to utilize to the greatest advantage available resources of the State of New Jersey and those of the Federal Government; and to bring about closer integration of State Civil Defense activities with those undertaken by municipalities and counties of the State, the American Red Cross and other similar agencies that function during disasters:

I, ALFRED E. DRISCOLL, Governor of the State of New Jersey, pursuant to the authority vested in me by the State Constitution and by the provisions of Chapter 251 of the Laws of 1942, as amended and supplemented, DO HEREBY:

1. Designate the State Civilian Defense Director, and the Office of State Civilian Defense Director, as the State Agency charged with the coordination of Federal and State assistance in natural disasters within the purview of Public Law 875--81st Congress, 2d Session, as amended by Public Law 107--82d Congress, 1st Session, and rules and regulations of the Federal Civil Defense Administration thereunder.

2. Direct that the State Civilian Defense Director, in addition to other functions, powers and duties conferred upon him, shall:

a. In accordance with instructions given by the Governor, coordinate the State Agency activities in major disasters. Operating responsibilities shall remain with those State Agencies that are at present charged by law with such responsibilities.

b. Coordinate plans and preparations of State Agencies made in anticipation of their responsibilities in the event of any major disaster.

c. Foster the development of such State and local organizations and plans as may be necessary to cope with any major disaster.

d. Advise and cooperate with officials of the Federal Civil Defense Administration and the Armed Forces, and other Federal agencies located within the State of New Jersey, and act for the Federal Civil Defense Administration, if and when requested, prior to, during, or after any incident in which the Governor requests assistance under Public Law 875--81st Congress, 2d Session, as amended by Public Law 107--82d Congress, 1st Session.

**Alfred E. Driscoll**  
GOVERNOR

ATTEST:

**Russell E. Watson Jr.**  
Secretary to the Governor