



STATE OF TENNESSEE

# EXECUTIVE ORDER

BY THE GOVERNOR

No. 8

## AN ORDER CONSTITUTING THE TENNESSEE OFFICE OF HOMELAND SECURITY, THE HOMELAND SECURITY COUNCIL AND THE TENNESSEE GOVERNOR'S CITIZEN CORPS ADVISORY COMMITTEE

**WHEREAS**, the continued threat of senseless acts of terrorism against the citizens of Tennessee will exist for the foreseeable future; and

**WHEREAS**, the prevention of terrorist attacks, the protection of citizens and critical infrastructure from terrorist attacks, and the response to acts of terrorism, if necessary, constitute an essential role of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, protecting the lives and property of the citizens of this state is the highest priority of state government; and

**WHEREAS**, this priority demands that we develop a successful strategy to respond effectively to forces that threaten the security of our homeland; and

**WHEREAS**, developing this strategy requires that we effectively communicate and coordinate with the local city and county leaders who are on the front lines of the effort to secure our homeland.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Phil Bredesen, Governor of the State of Tennessee, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and Laws of the State of Tennessee, do hereby order and direct the following:

1. There is hereby constituted the Office of Homeland Security to be operated under the authority and supervision of the Director of the Office of Homeland Security. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security shall be appointed by the Governor, shall serve as a member of the Governor's Cabinet and shall report directly to the Governor on all homeland security matters. The Office of Homeland Security is hereby designated as the office having primary responsibility and authority for directing the state's homeland security activities, including but not limited to the planning, coordination and implementation of all homeland security prevention, protection and response operations. This responsibility shall specifically include the duty to design, develop and implement a comprehensive, coordinated strategy to secure the state of Tennessee from terrorist threats and attacks. The Office of Homeland Security shall serve as a liaison with related agencies of the federal government, agencies of local governments, agencies of other state governments and related private sector agencies on matters of homeland security.
2. There is also hereby constituted the Homeland Security Council (hereinafter "the Council"). The responsibilities of the Council are to work with the Office of Homeland Security in planning and directing statewide homeland security activities and to interact with federal and local officials in promoting homeland security. The Council will be chaired by the Director of Homeland Security and will consist of the following individuals:
  - a. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security;
  - b. The Deputy to the Governor;

- c. The Attorney General;
  - d. The Commissioner of Agriculture;
  - e. The Commissioner of Commerce and Insurance, in her capacity as the State Fire Marshal;
  - f. The Commissioner of Environment and Conservation;
  - g. The Commissioner of Finance and Administration;
  - h. The State Chief Information Officer;
  - i. The Commissioner of General Services;
  - j. The Commissioner of Health;
  - k. The Adjutant General of the Military Department;
  - l. The Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency;
  - m. The Commissioner of Safety;
  - n. The Colonel of the Tennessee Highway Patrol;
  - o. The Commissioner of Transportation;
  - p. The Director of the Tennessee Bureau of Investigation;
  - q. The Chief of Law Enforcement of the Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency;
  - r. Six (6) representatives of local governments to be selected by the Governor. These six representative shall include the following individuals:
    - i. One (1) county executive selected after consultation with the Tennessee Association of County Executives;
    - ii. One (1) mayor selected after consultation with the Tennessee Municipal League;
    - iii. One (1) fire chief selected after consultation with the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association;
    - iv. One (1) police chief selected after consultation with the Tennessee Police Chiefs Association;
    - v. One (1) sheriff selected after consultation with the Tennessee Sheriffs Association;
    - vi. One (1) emergency management director selected after consultation with the Emergency Managers Association of Tennessee.
3. There is also hereby established the Tennessee Governor's Citizen Corps Advisory Committee (hereinafter "the Committee") to be governed by twenty (20) members, ten (10) members to be appointed by the Governor and ten (10) members to serve by virtue of their positions. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security shall serve as chairperson of the Committee. In addition, the Governor may designate one or more honorary Committee Chairpersons.
- a. The Committee members appointed by the Governor shall include the following individuals:
    - i. One (1) county executive selected after consultation with the Tennessee Association of County Executives;
    - ii. One (1) mayor selected after consultation with the Tennessee Municipal League;
    - iii. One (1) fire chief selected after consultation with the Tennessee Fire Chiefs Association;
    - iv. One (1) Police Chief selected after consultation with the Tennessee Police Chiefs Association;
    - v. One (1) representative of the neighborhood watch program selected after consultation with the Tennessee Sheriff's Association;
    - vi. One (1) director representing emergency managers selected after consultation with the Emergency Managers Association of Tennessee;
    - vii. One (1) physician selected after consultation with the Tennessee Medical Association;
    - viii. One (1) veteran selected after consultation with the United Tennessee Veterans Association;
    - ix. One (1) representative of the business community selected after consultation with the Tennessee Chamber of Commerce and Industry.
    - x. One (1) volunteer representative selected after consultation with the Voluntary Organizations Active in Disaster.

- b. The Committee members serving on the Committee by virtue of their positions include the following individuals:
  - i. The Director of the Office of Homeland Security;
  - ii. The Volunteer Programs Manager of the Office of Homeland Security. The Volunteer Programs Manager will also serve as the Executive Director of the Committee.
  - iii. The Commissioner of Safety or the Commissioner's designate;
  - iv. The Executive Director of the Tennessee Commission on National and Community Services;
  - v. The Tennessee Director of the American Red Cross from each grand division, with each Director serving a rotating two year term beginning with the Director of the middle section;
  - vi. One (1) representative from the Tennessee Department of Health as designated by the Commissioner of Health;
  - vii. One (1) representative from the Tennessee Bureau of Investigations as designated by the Executive Director of the TBİ;
  - viii. One (1) representative from the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency as designated by the Director of the Tennessee Emergency Management Agency.
  
- c. The ten (10) members appointed by the Governor may serve no more than two (2) consecutive three (3) year terms with initial appointments staggered as follows:
  - i. The mayor, business, physician, and volunteer members will each serve an initial three (3) year term.
  - ii. The county executive, fire chief, police chief, and emergency management members will each serve an initial two (2) year term.
  - iii. The neighborhood watch and veteran members will each serve an initial one (1) year term.
  
- d. Members of the Committee shall be appointed on a nonpartisan basis and shall reflect the diversity of Tennessee.
  
- e. In the event a vacancy occurs on the Committee, a replacement shall be appointed, as provided above, to serve the balance of the unexpired term.
  
- f. Members of the Committee shall receive no compensation for their service on the Committee but may be reimbursed for those expenses allowed by the provisions of the comprehensive travel regulations as promulgated by the Department of Finance and Administration and approved by the Attorney General and Reporter.
  
- g. It shall be the duty of the Committee to:
  - i. Promote Citizen Corps programs and activities across the State.
  - ii. Foster a culture of citizenship and social responsibility by encouraging public service and by building patriotism and pride.
  - iii. Assist with the development of marketing strategies.
  - iv. Align Citizen Corps training needs with other state training initiatives.
  - v. Encourage Citizen Corps to educate and train the public to help citizens take an active role in protecting themselves from harm and to inform citizens what to do in a particular crisis.
  - vi. Develop partnerships with volunteer organizations and businesses statewide.
  - vii. Ensure "Citizen Corps Communities" receive consideration for relevant grant funding administered by the State.

**IN WITNESS WHEREFORE**, I have subscribed my signature and have caused the Great Seal of the State of Tennessee to be affixed this 3rd day of April, 2003.



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GOVERNOR

ATTEST:



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SECRETARY OF STATE