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Since there are so many kinds disastrous emergencies which can strike a community and since there are wide variations in the details of similar types of situations, no definite, hard and fast rules of action can be laid down. This is especially true where statutes prescribe and regulate functions, duties and responsibilities of various agencies and public officials. The successful solution of such involved problems is necessarily based upon a high degree of cooperation of the various officials and their respective agencies.

An Ordinance was passed by the City Council of the City of Chicago on April 25, 1947 for emergencies resulting from natural disasters.

"Mayor designated Coordinator Ex-Officio of Activities in cases of Emergency Arising from Fires, Explosions, Riots, etc.

A proposed Ordinance reading as follows:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section I. Chapter 3 of the Municipal Code of Chicago is amended by adding thereto Section 3-11 as follows:

3-11 - The Mayor shall be ex-officio coordinator of activities in cases of emergency resulting from any explosion, fire, flood, riot, storm or other cause requiring concerted measures for the maintenance of public peace and order, the preservation of life and property and the relief of suffering, or for any of these purposes. He shall formulate, and, as occasion therefore arises, he shall execute plans for the prevention of such emergencies so far as possible and for meeting them effectively when they arise. Obedience to his orders in executing such plans and meeting such emergencies is obligatory upon all departments and heads of departments and upon all other officers and employees of the City of Chicago. The Fire Commissioner shall be Deputy Coordinator of such activities under supervision of the Mayor as Coordinator. In the absence or inability to act of the Fire Commissioner, his powers and responsibilities shall be vested in an Acting Deputy Coordinator appointed by the Fire Commissioner."

