

RESOLUTION NUMBER 6

WHEREAS, the City of St. Louis Emergency Management Agency (CEMA), a division of the Department of Public Safety, maintains an ongoing program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery; and

WHEREAS, CEMA's function includes the following: emergency operations planning, emergency reporting of essential information to government offices, resource management, training and education; and

WHEREAS, emergency operations planning includes direction and control of emergency response activities, whether from an emergency operations center or a field location; communications capable of directing emergency response activity; and public information on relevant hazards; and

WHEREAS, emergency reporting involves tracking and reporting use of resources and predicting future needs following federal, state and local emergency management laws; and

WHEREAS, resource management includes maintaining contact with organizations and agencies capable of providing services, such as police, fire, and medical, as well as evacuation, shelter, utilities, and other resources that may be required to respond in an emergency; and

WHEREAS, training and education involves providing information to public officials, emergency responders and the public regarding hazards; protection and response measures and emergency management concepts and skills; and

WHEREAS, the CEMA also conducts regular training exercises to evaluate emergency management capabilities; and

WHEREAS, CEMA is under the review of the Public Safety Committee of the Board of Aldermen; and

WHEREAS, it is imperative that the St Louis Board of Aldermen have a full understanding and comprehension of the emergency response plan for the City of St. Louis including all updates and recent changes as planned by CEMA.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Aldermen for the City of St. Louis that we direct the Public Safety Committee to convene hearings, under its authority, for the purpose of examining and reviewing the City's emergency response plan for the City of St. Louis as planned by CEMA including any updates and develop recommendations for improvements, if necessary, and we further direct the committee to report its findings to the full Board of Aldermen by Friday, June 26, 2009.

Introduced on the 21st day of April, 2009 by:

Honorable Terry Kennedy, Alderman 18th Ward

Adopted this the 21st day of April, 2009 as attested by:

David W. Sweeney
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