

**County Executive
of
Howard County, Maryland**

Executive Order: 2016-08

Dated: August 5, 2016

Subject: Delegation of Authority

WHEREAS, I, Allan H. Kittleman, the duly elected County Executive for Howard County, have been vested with the executive power of the County, pursuant to Article III of the Howard County Charter; and

WHEREAS, under Article III of the Howard County Charter, the County Executive has certain enumerated responsibilities, duties, and powers, including, but not limited to, the supervision, direction, and control of County offices and departments, ensuring that County officers, departments, and agencies faithfully perform their duties, and the appointment of all offices and department heads under my control; and

WHEREAS, section 6.102 of the Howard County Code makes the County Executive responsible for the proper and efficient administration of the County's affairs and authorizes the County Executive to authorize the use of County resources, including employees, during a local state of emergency or a state of emergency declared by the Governor; and

WHEREAS, Title 6, Subtitle 2 of the Howard County Code sets out the various County Departments that operate under the County Executive's executive authority;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDERED AND PROCLAIMED, by the County Executive of Howard County, Maryland that, in accordance with the authority vested in me by applicable provisions of the Howard County Charter and the Howard County Code, and as of July 31, 2016, I delegate to the Incident Manager of the Pennsylvania Incident Management Team (IMT), the authority to manage the on-scene operations related to the County's response and recovery from the July 30, 2016, flood event that impacted Ellicott City, including the direction of all County employees and resources, subject to the following conditions:

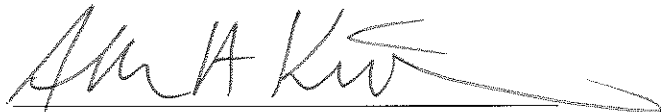
1. The Incident Manager and IMT shall be fully accountable to my final and overriding authority as the County Executive, which includes responsibility for the objectives, strategies, and tactics employed in the impacted area;
2. The overarching goal in operations shall be to provide sufficient and adequate safeguards and procedures necessary to protect the health and safety of all personnel involved in the response or recovery effort, and for the safety of the general public, with the secondary goal of, to the extent possible, preservation of property;
3. The Incident Manager shall manage the incident reasonably, cost-effectively, and within professional or recognized industry standards applicable in the area of disaster and emergency management;
4. The Incident Manager shall manage County personnel in a matter that promotes mutual respect, is consistent with the County's human resources policies, and in compliance with applicable local, state, and federal laws, including, but not limited to, occupational health and safety and anti-discrimination laws;

5. The Incident Manager shall maintain adequate recordkeeping to ensure accountability of the IMT and County personnel and, to the extent possible, allow for reimbursement for costs related to the County's recovery efforts;
6. The Incident Manager shall communicate with and coordinate its operations through the Howard County Emergency Operations Center.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED THAT:

7. This Executive Order shall be promptly and generally publicized; and
8. A copy of this Executive Order shall be filed with the Administrator to the County Council of Howard County.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I, Allan H. Kittleman, as County Executive of Howard County, Maryland have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of Howard County to be affixed this 5th day of August, 2016.



Allan H. Kittleman
County Executive

