

1. Upon making such a request, the incident commander also shall notify the municipal emergency management coordinator appointed pursuant to section 8 of P.L. 1953, c.438 (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-40.1) of the emergency incident so that the municipal emergency management coordinator may alert and utilize his or her staff should additional emergency resources be required.

(c) Upon the activation of a county fire mutual aid plan, the county fire coordinator shall notify the regional fire coordinator assigned to that county. The regional fire coordinator shall notify the State fire coordinator by telephone at the telephone number provided for this purpose. The county fire coordinator shall provide the regional fire coordinator with periodic updates who shall in turn provide updates to the State fire coordinator until termination of the emergency incident.

1. The State fire coordinator shall ensure that the county and State Offices of Emergency Management are notified and provide them with periodic updates until termination of the emergency incident.

(d) In the event that the municipal emergency management coordinator determines to mobilize local resources in response to an emergency incident, he or she shall so notify the county emergency management coordinator appointed pursuant to section 12 of P.L. 1953, c.438 (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-42.1) in order that the county emergency management coordinator shall be prepared to respond in the event that local resources are insufficient to effectively deal with the emergency incident.

Amended by R.2004 d.179, effective May 3, 2004.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 4909(a), 36 N.J.R. 2207(b).  
Rewrote (c).

**5:75A-2.7 Procedures during fire disaster incident; local; county**

(a) In the event of an emergency incident, the incident commander may declare a local fire emergency disaster. In making any such determination, the incident commander shall utilize the best information then available.

(b) Whenever a local fire emergency disaster is declared pursuant to (a) above, the municipal emergency management coordinator shall activate the municipal emergency operations plan adopted pursuant to section 19 of P.L. 1989, c.222 (N.J.S.A. App. A:9-43.2).

1. The municipal emergency management coordinator shall coordinate the interactions of all those providing emergency response, emergency resources or both for the emergency incident.

2. The municipal emergency management coordinator shall provide periodic updates to the county emergency management coordinator with regard to the emergency incident.

(c) The county emergency management coordinator shall provide additional resources as may be necessary and available.

(d) The county emergency management coordinator also shall notify the State Office of Emergency Management in the Division of State Police in the Department of Law and Public Safety of the emergency incident.

(e) Requests for assistance from the State Office of Emergency Management shall be made by the county office of emergency management.

(f) The county fire coordinator shall maintain a liaison with the supervisory representative of the forest fire service in deploying fire service resources and coordinating protection activities during wildfire emergency incidents pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:9-1 et seq.

(g) The county fire coordinator shall request additional resources, beyond those from within his or her county, through the regional or State fire coordinator. The regional or State fire coordinator shall utilize the Office of Emergency Management system to request these resources.

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**SUBCHAPTER 3. REGIONAL AND STATE COORDINATION OF FIRE SERVICE RESOURCES**

**5:75A-3.1 Powers of State fire coordinator**

(a) The State fire coordinator shall have all powers necessary or convenient to effectuate the purposes of this chapter including, without limitation, power:

1. To enforce and administer the provisions of this chapter;
2. To seek mandatory injunctive relief in State courts;
3. To issue subpoenas for the production of persons, things, and documents that are necessary to achieve compliance with the provisions of this chapter;
4. To prosecute or cause to be prosecuted violators of the provisions of this chapter in administrative hearings and in civil proceedings in State and local courts;
5. To assess penalties and to compromise and settle a claim for a penalty for a violation of the provisions of this chapter in an amount as may appear appropriate and equitable;
6. To hold and exercise all the rights and remedies available to a judgment creditor;
7. To require any unit of the fire service to provide information periodically on the status, condition and readiness of any of the unit's fire service resources or any other information deemed necessary in a form and man-

ner established by the State fire coordinator. A copy of this inventory shall be provided to the regional fire coordinator and the State fire coordinator whenever requested by the State fire coordinator; and

8. To act as a liaison to an incident commander to provide resources and other functions as requested by the incident commander.

(b) The primary responsibility of the State fire coordinator shall be the deployment of fire service resources when a determination is made by the State fire coordinator that such resources are needed due to the demand of an emergency incident or when a request for additional resources is made through a regional fire coordinator.

(c) The State fire coordinator has no role or responsibility for commanding an emergency incident.

Amended by R.2004 d.179, effective May 3, 2004.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 4909(a), 36 N.J.R. 2207(b).

In (a), added the second sentence in 7 and added 8; added (b) and (c).

### 5:75A-3.2 Regional coordinators

(a) There shall be a minimum of three regional fire coordinators appointed by the State fire coordinator, each assigned to geographical areas that are consistent with those areas established by the New Jersey Office of Emergency Management.

(b) The State fire coordinator in consultation with the county fire coordinators shall determine the qualifications, duties and responsibilities of regional coordinators. The qualifications of the regional fire coordinators shall be no less than those required under N.J.A.C. 5:75A-2.3(d)1 for county fire coordinators.

(c) Division of Fire Safety employees may be named as regional coordinators.

Amended by R.2004 d.179, effective May 3, 2004.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 4909(a), 36 N.J.R. 2207(b).

Rewrote (a).

Amended by R.2004 d.371, effective October 4, 2004.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 2278(a), 36 N.J.R. 4442(b).

In (b), added the second sentence.

### 5:75A-3.2A New Jersey State Forest Fire Service

(a) The State Firewarden, pursuant to N.J.S.A. 13:9-1 et seq., supervises the Forest Fire Service and cooperating agencies with respect to the protection of forest from wild-fire.

(b) Forest Fire Wardens have control and direction of all firefighting resources involved in the control and extinguishment of wildfires. Forest Fire Wardens serve as the Incident Commander of any fire incidents in the Department of Environmental Protection's jurisdictional areas.

(c) The Forest Fire Service shall maintain a Statewide fire mutual aid plan.

(d) The Forest Fire Service shall comply with this chapter when requesting fire service mutual aid and shall make such requests to the State fire coordinator through the appropriate county or regional fire coordinators.

New Rule. R.2004 d.371, effective October 4, 2004.  
See: 36 N.J.R. 2278(a), 36 N.J.R. 4442(b).

### 5:75A-3.3 Inter-county and regional coordination of fire service resources

(a) Whenever a county fire coordinator determines that fire service resources are needed from other counties due to an emergency incident or a local fire emergency disaster, the county fire coordinator shall notify the regional fire coordinator with responsibility for that county.

1. Notification is not necessary if cross county mutual aid is included in the local fire mutual aid plan and the requested resources do not exceed those in the local fire mutual aid plan.

(b) Upon receipt of a request for out of county fire service resources from the county fire coordinator, the regional fire coordinator shall notify the State fire coordinator as well as the county fire coordinators from the counties adjacent to the county from which the emergency incident or local fire emergency disaster originates.

Amended by R.2004 d.179, effective May 3, 2004.  
See: 35 N.J.R. 4909(a), 36 N.J.R. 2207(b).  
In (a), added 1.

### 5:75A-3.4 State coordination of fire service resources

(a) The State fire coordinator shall be empowered and authorized to issue immediately an order of deployment and require any unit of the fire service to respond, be recalled, standby or deploy any or all of its fire service resources to any location and for any period of the emergency incident or local fire emergency disaster whenever the State fire coordinator:

1. Makes the determination that fire service resources should be deployed to assist in fire suppression and related activities in another state during a fire emergency in that state; or

2. Makes the determination, in consultation with the regional fire coordinator and county fire coordinator for the county from which an emergency incident or a local fire emergency disaster originates, that the emergency incident or local fire emergency disaster requires the deployment of fire service resources beyond those established in the local or county fire mutual aid plan.