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**RP8 - Relating to the Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security
Monday, October 01, 2001 • Executive Order**

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
Executive Department
Austin, Texas
October 1, 2001

WHEREAS, recent terrorist attacks on our nation have threatened the peace and security of the people living in our state and have demonstrated the need for a rapid response to terrorist threats and acts; and

WHEREAS, one of the primary duties of government is to provide for the safety of its people and to ensure an awareness of the measures in place for their continued protection; and

WHEREAS, there exists an immediate need for assessing the current state of readiness by state and local entities to respond to possible threats and acts of violence, including the ability to aid victims and their families.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following:

1. **Creation of Task Force.** A Governor's Task Force on Homeland Security (the "Task Force") is hereby created to advise the Governor on matters related to homeland security.
2. **Composition and Terms.** The Task Force shall consist of members appointed by the Governor.

The Governor will appoint one member to serve as chair and one member to serve as vice-chair.

The Governor may fill any vacancy that may occur and may appoint other voting or ex officio, non-voting members as needed.

Any state or local officers or employees appointed to serve on the Task Force shall do so in addition to the regular duties of their respective office or position.

All appointees serve at the pleasure of the Governor.

3. Duties. The Task Force through its advisory efforts shall:
 - (a) provide assurance to Texas citizens of state and local preparedness to respond to terrorist threats and acts, both foreign and domestic;
 - (b) assess the current state of readiness by state and local entities to efficiently respond to terrorist threats and acts and effectively provide victim assistance; and
 - (c) develop and present recommendations, including fiscal impact assessments, to the Governor on how to enhance the ability of Texas to detect and deter acts of terrorism and coordinate state response to any terrorist attacks.
4. Coordination. The Task Force through its advisory efforts shall coordinate with national, state, and local entities and communicate with neighboring states and Mexico to address similar issues.
5. Report. The Task Force shall make regular reports to the Governor.
6. Meetings. Subject to the approval of the Governor, the Task Force shall meet at times and locations determined by the chair.
7. Administrative Support. The Office of the Governor and other appropriate state agencies shall provide administrative support for the Task Force.
8. Budget. The chair shall develop and submit a proposed budget to the Governor for approval.
9. Other Provisions. The Task Force shall adhere to guidelines and procedures prescribed by the Office of the Governor. All members of the Task Force shall serve without compensation. Necessary expenses may

be reimbursed when such expenses are incurred in direct performance of official duties of the Task Force.

10. Effective Date. This order shall take effect immediately.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders and shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding Governor.

Given under my hand this the 1st day of October, 2001.

RICK PERRY (Signature)
Governor

ATTESTED BY:
GEOFFREY S. CONNOR (Signature)
Assistant Secretary of State

**RP16 - Relating to the creation of the Statewide Texas
Amber Alert Network
Monday, August 12, 2002 • Executive Order**

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
Executive Department
Austin, Texas
August 12, 2002

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes a need for a statewide approach to the rapid apprehension of criminals who would kidnap and otherwise harm the children of Texas; and

WHEREAS, a partnership between law enforcement, the media, and state and local authorities has been beneficial in thwarting the kidnapping and abduction of young children; and

WHEREAS, experts agree that the successful resolution of child abduction cases is aided by the rapid distribution of information concerning the details of the abduction and a description of the child and the abductor; and

WHEREAS, the “Amber Plan” has been effective in the swift apprehension of kidnapers and others who would harm the children of Texas; and

WHEREAS, the Amber Plan was created in 1996 in the Dallas-Fort Worth area after 9-year-old Amber Hagerman disappeared from her Arlington neighborhood while riding her bicycle; and

WHEREAS, a number of regional child abduction alert systems exist in a handful of urban Texas communities, yet no coordinated, statewide system exists; and

WHEREAS, Texas broadcast stations participate in the federal Emergency Alert System, which was created to disseminate emergency alert messages; and

WHEREAS, Marc Klaas has been instrumental in the creation of a nationwide, web-based program that further enhances law enforcement agencies' and broadcast stations' ability to rapidly disseminate information about abducted children and their suspected kidnappers through e-mails, faxes, and phone calls; and

WHEREAS, the Texas Department of Transportation has a network of electronic highway signs capable of flashing alerts about abducted children, thereby expanding the number of individuals helping search for them;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of the State of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following:

1. **Creation.** The Statewide Texas Amber Alert Network (the "Amber Network") is hereby created. The Amber Network is a cooperative effort of the Office of the Governor, the Department of Public Safety, the Department of Transportation, the Texas Association of Broadcasters, various business and private sector concerns, law enforcement agencies, state and local entities, and the public in the state of Texas.
2. **Purpose.** The Amber Network is a coordinated emergency alert program that will distribute information about abducted children. It will serve as an early warning system available for use by law enforcement to alert the public when a child has been kidnapped and the police believe the child is in danger. The Amber Network will rely on the cooperation of public and private agencies across the state to provide immediate communication from law enforcement agencies to the public when a report of child abduction has been confirmed. The Amber Network will rely on the eyes and ears of the public during an alert.
3. **Activation.** In order to activate the Amber Network, the following criteria must be met:
 - The abducted child must be 17 years of age or younger;
 - The local law enforcement agency must believe that the child has been abducted, that is, unwillingly taken from their environment without permission from the child's parent or legal guardian;
 - The local law enforcement agency must believe that the missing child is in immediate danger of serious bodily harm or death;
 - The local law enforcement agency must confirm that an investigation

has taken place that verifies the abduction and has eliminated alternative explanations for the missing child; and

- Sufficient information is available to disseminate to the public that could assist in locating the child, the suspect, or the vehicle used by in the abduction.

4. **Administration.** The director of the Texas Department of Public Safety (the “director”) shall act as the statewide coordinator of the Amber Network. The director will adopt necessary guidelines and issue proper directives to see that the Amber Network is properly implemented statewide. The director may modify the criteria for implementation and activation of the Amber Network if necessary. These guidelines and directives should include the design and printing of forms and documents for local law enforcement agencies to notify the Department of Public Safety of the need to activate the Amber Network. These guidelines should also include instructions on deactivation of the Amber Network once the abduction has been resolved or ended. The director is authorized to enter into agreements with state and local entities as well as with private entities to carry out the coordination and implementation of this plan.
5. **Law enforcement agencies.** To activate the Amber Network, a state, local, or federal law enforcement agency must verify that the proper criteria has been met to activate the plan. Once that verification has occurred, the law enforcement agency must immediately contact the Texas Department of Public Safety and supply the necessary information on forms proscribed by the director.
6. **Broadcasters.** Broadcast facilities across the state are encouraged to participate in the Statewide Texas Amber Alert Network through the existing Emergency Alert System (EAS). The Emergency Alert System should disseminate important information over radio and television stations concerning the abducted child. Primary and secondary broadcast stations in the appropriate area will receive notice directly from the Department of Public Safety concerning activation of the Amber Network.
7. **State Agencies.** All agencies of the State of Texas are hereby directed to cooperate with and assist in the development, implementation, and operation of the Statewide Texas Amber Alert Network. The Texas Department of Transportation shall develop an information activation

program for the existing system of Dynamic Message Signs located across the state. Other state agencies with employees in the field shall consider the feasibility of developing a plan for providing their officers, investigators, or employees with information once the Amber Network has been activated.

8. **Public.** Attentive observation and watchful skills of the public are a key to making the Amber Network successful. After an alert has been issued, the public is encouraged to “be-on-the-lookout” for the child, the alleged abductor, or the alleged abductor’s vehicle and to report any information to the issuing law enforcement agency immediately.

9. **Termination.** Any activation of the Amber Network may be cancelled by the reporting law enforcement agency or by the director of the Department of Public Safety acting as the statewide coordinator of the plan.

This order is effective immediately and shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding Governor.

Given under my hand this the 12th day of August, 2002.

RICK PERRY (Signature)
Governor

ATTESTED BY:
GWYNN SHEA (Signature)
Secretary of State

**RP32 - Relating to Emergency Management and Homeland Security.
Wednesday, January 28, 2004 • Executive Order**

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
January 28, 2004

WHEREAS, the State of Texas recognizes the responsibility of the state to pursue a coordinated and integrated approach to safeguard its citizens and subsequently the infrastructure upon which they rely; and

WHEREAS, the attacks of September 11, 2001, and subsequent terrorist acts constitute a continuing threat to our homeland security and infrastructure; and

WHEREAS, there is a need for a coordinated effort to protect the people and the infrastructure of Texas and to respond to man-made or natural disasters that may occur in this state; and

WHEREAS, the Legislature of the State of Texas has enacted the Texas Disaster Act (the “Act”) of 1975, Chapter 418 of the Texas Government Code to:

- Reduce the vulnerability of people and communities of this state to damage, injury, and loss of life and property resulting from natural or man-made catastrophes, riots, or hostile military or paramilitary actions;
- Prepare for prompt and efficient rescue, care, and treatment of persons victimized or threatened by disaster;
- Provide a setting conducive to the rapid and orderly restoration and rehabilitation of persons and property affected by disasters;
- Clarify and strengthen the roles of the Governor, state agencies, and local governments in the mitigation of, preparation for, response to, and recovery from disasters;
- Authorize and provide for cooperation and coordination of activities relating to mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery by agencies and officers of this state, and similar state-local, interstate, federal-state,

and foreign activities in which the state and its political subdivisions may participate;

- Provide a comprehensive emergency management system for Texas that is coordinated to make the best possible use of existing organizations and resources within government and industry, and which includes provisions for actions to be taken at all levels of government before, during, and after the onset of an emergency situation;
- Assist in the mitigation of disasters caused or aggravated by inadequate planning for and regulation of public and private facilities and land use; and
- Provide the authority and mechanism to respond to an energy emergency; and;

WHEREAS, the Governor is expressly authorized under Section 418.013 of the Act to establish by executive order an Emergency Management Council consisting of the heads of state agencies, boards, and commissions and representatives of organized volunteer groups to advise and assist the Governor in all matters relating to mitigation, preparedness, response, and recovery; and,

WHEREAS, a Division of Emergency Management is established in the Office of the Governor under Section 418.041 of the Act, and the Director of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management is to be appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the Governor; and,

WHEREAS, with the aid and assistance of the Emergency Management Council and Division of Emergency Management, the Governor may recommend that cities, counties, and other political subdivisions of the state undertake appropriate emergency management programs and assist and cooperate with those developed at the state level;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following:

The Emergency Management Council (the "Council") shall be created and maintained.

The Council shall consist of the heads of the following state agencies, boards, and commissions, or their successors and the heads of the following volunteer groups:

- Adjutant General's Department
 - American Red Cross
 - Department of Information Resources
 - General Land Office*
 - Governor's Division of Emergency Management*
 - Office of Rural Community Affairs
 - Public Utility Commission of Texas
 - Railroad Commission of Texas*
 - Salvation Army
 - State Auditor's Office
 - State Comptroller of Public Accounts
 - Texas Animal Health Commission
 - Texas Attorney General's Office
 - Texas Building and Procurement Commission
 - Texas Commission on Environmental Quality*
 - Texas Commission on Fire Protection*
 - Texas Department of Aging and Disability Services
 - Texas Department of Agriculture*
 - Texas Department of Assisted and Rehabilitative Services
 - Texas Department of Criminal Justice
 - Texas Department of Health*
 - Texas Department of Housing and Community Affairs
 - Texas Department of Human Services
 - Texas Department of Insurance
 - Texas Department of Mental Health and Mental Retardation
 - Texas Department of Protective and Family Services
 - Texas Department of Public Safety*
 - Texas Department of State Health Services
 - Texas Department of Transportation*
 - Texas Education Agency
 - Texas Engineering Extension Service*
 - Texas Forest Service
 - Texas Parks and Wildlife Department*
 - Texas Rehabilitation Commission
 - Texas Workforce Commission
- * (indicates member of the State Emergency Response Commission)

The specific duties and responsibilities of each member of this group shall be as designated in the State Emergency Management Plan and Annexes thereto. Each member of the group may designate a staff member representative to the Council.

The Director of the Governor's Office of Homeland Security shall be designated to serve as Chair of the Council and as Director of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (the "Director").

The director shall advise the governor, lieutenant governor, and the speaker of the house of representatives on critical matters relating to homeland security and man-made or natural disasters that may occur in this state.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall be designated as the agency to exercise the powers granted to me under the Act in the administration and supervision of the Act, including, but not limited to, the power to accept from the federal government, or any public or private agency or individual, any offer of services, equipment, supplies, materials, or funds as gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes of emergency services or disaster recovery, and may dispense such gifts, grants, or loans for the purposes for which they are made without further authorization other than as contained herein.

Personnel of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management have the rights and obligations under Department of Public Safety statutes, rules, and policies.

The Director shall establish emergency operation areas to be known as Disaster Districts which shall correspond to the boundaries of the Texas Highway Patrol Districts and Sub-Districts and shall establish in each a Disaster District Committee consisting of representatives of the state agencies, boards, commissions, and organized volunteer groups having membership on the Council. The Highway Patrol commanding officer of each Highway Patrol District or Sub-District shall serve as chair of the Disaster District Committee and report to the director of the Office of Homeland Security on matters relating to disasters and emergencies. The Disaster District Committee chair shall be assisted by the Council representatives assigned to that district, who shall provide guidance, counsel, and administrative support as required. The Disaster District Committee chair shall keep the Director of the Department of Public Safety apprised on all matters as requested by the Director of the Department of Safety.

The Council is authorized to issue such directives as may be necessary to effectuate the purpose of the Act, and is further authorized and empowered to exercise the specific powers enumerated in the Act.

The State Emergency Response Commission shall be a standing element of the Council in order to carry out certain state emergency planning, community right-to-know, and response functions relating to hazardous materials. The

Commission shall consist of representatives named by the heads of the agencies and commissions marked with an asterisk (*) in the listing of the Council above. The State Coordinator, as appointed by the Director under Section 418.041 of the Act, shall chair the State Emergency Response Commission or designate a chair.

The mayor of each municipal corporation and the county judge of each county in the state shall be designated as the Emergency Management Director for each such political subdivision in accordance with Sections 418.102, 418.103, and 418.105 of the Act, and published rules of the Division of Emergency Management. These mayors and county judges shall serve as the Governor's designated agents in the administration and supervision of the Act, and may exercise the powers, on an appropriate local scale, granted the Governor therein. Each mayor and county judge may designate an Emergency Management Coordinator who shall serve as assistant to the presiding officer of the political subdivision for emergency management purposes when so designated.

Each political subdivision of the state, pursuant to Section 418.104, of the Act, is authorized to establish in the county in which they are sited, inter-jurisdictional agencies by intergovernmental agreement, supported as needed by local city ordinance or commissioner's court order, in cooperation and coordination with the Division of Emergency Management of the Governor's Office. In compliance with Section 418.101 of the Act, the presiding officer of each political subdivision shall promptly notify the Governor's Division of Emergency Management of the manner in which it is providing or securing an emergency management program and the person designated to head that program.

This executive order supersedes all previous executive orders on emergency management, including Executive Orders RP-01 and RP-12, and shall remain in effect until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding Governor.

Given under my hand this the 28th day of January, 2004.

RICK PERRY (Signature)
Governor

ATTESTED BY:
GEOFFREY S. CONNOR (Signature)
Secretary of State

RP40 - Relating to the designation of the National Incident Management System as the incident management system for the State of Texas.

Wednesday, February 23, 2005 • Executive Order

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

Executive Department
Austin, Texas
February 23, 2005

WHEREAS, the President of the United States has issued Homeland Security Directive No. 5 that directs the Secretary of the Department of Homeland Security to develop and administer a National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.), which would provide a consistent nationwide approach for Federal, State, local, and tribal governments to work together more effectively and efficiently to prevent, prepare for, respond to, and recover from domestic incidents, regardless of cause, size, or complexity; and

WHEREAS, the collective input and guidance from all Federal, State, local, and tribal homeland security partners has been, and will continue to be, vital to the development, effective implementation and utilization of a comprehensive N.I.M.S.; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary and desirable that all Federal, State, local, and tribal emergency agencies and personnel coordinate their efforts to effectively and efficiently provide the highest levels of incident management; and

WHEREAS, to facilitate the most efficient and effective incident management, it is critical that Federal, State, local, and tribal organizations utilize standardized terminology, standardized organizational structures, interoperable communications, consolidated action plans, unified command structures, uniform personnel qualification standards, uniform standards for planning, training, and exercising, comprehensive resource management, and designated incident facilities during emergencies or disasters; and

WHEREAS, the N.I.M.S. standardized procedures for managing personnel, communications, facilities and resources will improve the State's ability to utilize federal funding to enhance local and state agency readiness, maintain first responder safety, and streamline incident management processes; and

WHEREAS, the Incident Command System components of N.I.M.S. are already an integral part of various incident management activities throughout the State, including current emergency management training programs; and

WHEREAS, the National Commission on Terrorist Attacks (9-11 Commission) recommended adoption of a standardized Incident Command System;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas as the Chief Executive Officer, do hereby order the following:

The National Incident Management System (N.I.M.S.) is hereby declared the State standard for incident management.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders on this matter that are in conflict or inconsistent with its terms and this order shall remain in effect and in full force until modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding Governor.

Given under my hand this the 23rd day of February, 2005.

RICK PERRY (Signature)
Governor

ATTESTED BY:
GEOFFREY S. CONNOR (Signature)
Secretary of State

**RP57 – Relating to implementing recommendations from the
Governor’s Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation, and Logistics.
Tuesday, March 21, 2006 • Executive Order**

BY THE
GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF TEXAS
Executive Department
Austin, Texas
March 21, 2006

WHEREAS, the Governor’s Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation and Logistics was appointed to document the lessons learned from the Hurricane Rita evacuation, identify key challenges of urban area mass evacuations in Texas, and recommend improvements to state, regional, and local evacuation planning and execution; and

WHEREAS, the Task Force conducted public hearings across Texas to gather and document input from stakeholders to develop recommendations; and

WHEREAS, on February 14, 2006, the Task Force issued a final report containing recommendations to improve the State’s ability to plan and execute mass evacuations in the five key areas: command, control, and communications; evacuation of people with special needs; fuel availability; traffic flow; and public awareness;

NOW THEREFORE, I, Rick Perry, Governor of Texas, by virtue of the power and authority vested in me by the Constitution and laws of the State of Texas, do hereby order the following:

1. **Direction and oversight.** The State Director of Homeland Security shall ensure this executive order is carried out in a manner consistent with the report and recommendations of the Task Force.
2. **Command, control, and communications.** To improve command, control, and communications during mass evacuations, the Emergency

Management Directors (County Judges and Mayors) within each of the state's 24 Councils of Government shall establish a Regional Unified Command Structure (RUCS), and appoint a single Incident Commander for the Regional Unified Command Structure. Each Regional Unified Command Structure will be responsible for preparing for and responding to catastrophic events within the region. Each Incident Commander will be the operational commander within the region during a disaster response, including a mass evacuation. An Incident Commander will serve a term of not less than one year. The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall oversee the implementation of the Regional Unified Command Structure throughout the state. Each Regional Unified Command Structure shall be established no later than April 18, 2006, and the composition of regional unified command, to include the name and qualifications of the Incident Commander, shall be provided to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management no later than April 20, 2006. The Texas Department of Public Safety shall provide to each Regional Unified Command Structure a senior-level commissioned officer with appropriate staff to represent the State as each Regional Unified Command Structure prepares for and responds to a catastrophic event within the region.

The Texas Department of Public Safety shall assume responsibility for command, control, and communications, as well as other operational tasks as directed by the Governor, during evacuations and other disaster response operations that involve multiple Regional Unified Command Structures.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall create eight Regional Response Teams (RRT) to support multi-jurisdictional operations during catastrophic events.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall develop a statewide hurricane evacuation and shelter plan to save lives and reduce the vulnerability of Texans in the event of disasters.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall oversee the implementation of regional response and evacuation plans throughout the state.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall coordinate with independent school districts and public colleges, universities and

university systems to provide transportation assets and facilities to enable the execution of state and local evacuation and shelter plans.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall develop policies and procedures to reimburse school districts and public colleges, universities and university systems for evacuation, shelter, or transportation-related expenses in the event that the Texas Legislature or United States Congress designates funding for this purpose.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall direct an annual hurricane evacuation exercise to test the readiness of state and local evacuation and sheltering plans in the event of a disaster.

- 3. Evacuation of people with special needs.** To ensure the safe and efficient evacuation of Texans with special needs in the event of a disaster, I hereby direct the Governor's Division of Emergency Management to coordinate with the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Governor's Committee on People with Disabilities, and other appropriate state agencies to define the term "special needs," and develop a statewide evacuation and shelter plan for persons with special needs.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall coordinate with the Department of State Health Services, the Department of Aging and Disability Services, the Governor's Committee on Persons with Disabilities, other appropriate state agencies, local governments, and appropriate stakeholder groups to develop criteria for evacuation plans for all special needs facilities, to include both licensed and unlicensed facilities.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall ensure local jurisdictions and Regional Unified Command Structures approve evacuation plans maintained by special needs facilities.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall develop and implement a statewide database to assist in the evacuation of the special needs population, with coastal jurisdictions as a priority. RUCS shall be responsible for collecting and providing information for the statewide database.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall develop and implement a plan to address the evacuation and sheltering needs of individuals with companion animals.

- 4. Fuel availability and distribution.** To improve fuel availability and distribution during a mass evacuation, I do hereby direct the Texas Department of Transportation to coordinate with the Texas Oil and Gas Association and other industry partners to develop a plan to address fuel availability along major evacuation routes and establish a fuel operations function in the State Operations Center to coordinate the distribution of fuel prior to and during evacuations.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall work with local officials to ensure locally developed evacuation plans address fuel availability during an evacuation.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall establish procedures to distribute fuel in a prioritized manner during an emergency.

The Governor's Division of Emergency Management shall develop policies and procedures to reimburse local governments and other support entities for evacuation-related fuel costs in the event that the Texas Legislature or United States Congress designates funding for this purpose.

- 5. Traffic control and management.** To improve traffic control and management during a mass evacuation, I do hereby direct the Texas Department of Public Safety to assume traffic management authority over designated evacuation routes during multi-jurisdictional evacuations in order to move large populations and heavy traffic in a highly-coordinated manner.

The Texas Department of Transportation shall coordinate with the Texas Department of Public Safety to develop contra-flow plans for major hurricane evacuation routes as identified by the Task Force on Evacuation, Transportation and Logistics.

The Texas Department of Transportation shall implement short and long-term solutions to reduce congestion on the one-lane section of U.S. Highway 290 at Brenham, Texas, during an evacuation.

The Texas Department of Transportation shall prioritize for implementation the infrastructure projects recommended in the March 2005 Report to the Governor on Texas Hurricane Preparedness, which address obstructions on evacuation routes during mass evacuations.

The Texas Department of Public Safety shall coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security and the United States Customs and Border Patrol to expedite the flow of traffic through checkpoints on major hurricane evacuation routes and assist in developing traffic management plans to accommodate increased volume at checkpoints during evacuations.

6. **Public awareness.** To increase public awareness, I do hereby direct the Public Utility Commission to work with utility companies that are regulated by the Commission and serve counties in hurricane evacuation zones to include hurricane preparedness and evacuation-related public awareness information in monthly billing statements prior to and during the hurricane season each year.

This executive order supersedes all previous orders in conflict or inconsistent with its terms and shall remain in effect and in full force until it expires by statute or it is modified, amended, rescinded, or superseded by me or by a succeeding governor.

Given under my hand this the 21st day of March, 2006.

RICK PERRY (Signature)
Governor

ATTESTED BY:
ROGER WILLIAMS (Signature)
Secretary of State

