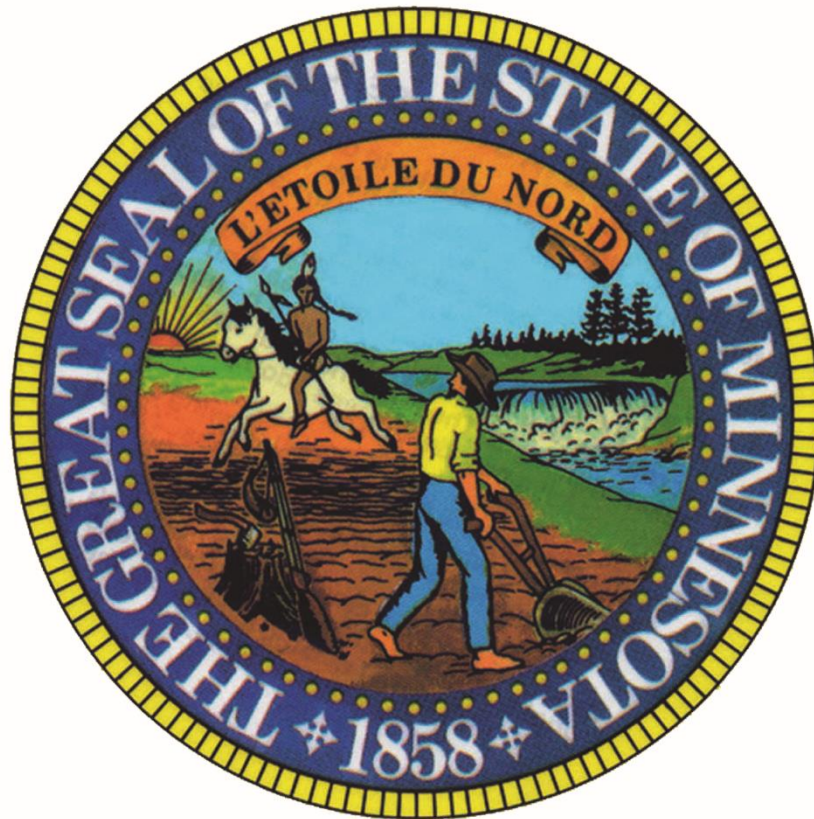


Emergency Planning Task Force: Approaches to Emergency Plans



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State Plans

Five Emergency Plan Approaches:

- Minneapolis Election Judge Instructions
- Colorado Emergency Planning Guide
- Connecticut Model Plan
- California Established Emergency Procedures and Guidelines
- Wisconsin Report on Election-Related Contingency Planning

Minnesota

No State Plan; No Guide for Locals

- Currently there is no state emergency plan specific to elections.
- Each county or municipality is able to create its own election day emergency procedures within the bounds of the law.
- There is no model or emergency planning guide from the state.

Colorado

Administrative Rules Require a Plan; State Guide for Local Creation of a Plan

- Local jurisdictions are required to develop a plan.
- Created a “how-to” guide for developing election-related emergency plans.
- Provides suggested responses to specific issues and emergencies.
- Provides sample plans for specific issues.

Connecticut

Requires Local Plans; Sets a Default State Plan

- Local jurisdictions are required to develop a plan.
- State-created model emergency plan for the counties.
- Local jurisdictions have the option of creating their own, but default to the state plan if they do not.
- The emergency plan is very general.

California

Guide for Local Creation of Plan; Guide to Emergency Procedures Under Declared Emergency

- Contains guidance for local jurisdictions in creating a plan.
- Designed to supplement local emergency plans.
- Provides guidance on the procedures that can be implemented in case of an emergency. These procedures can only be used if authorized by the Governor or State Legislature.

Wisconsin

General Report on Emergency Planning Needs; Sample County and Municipal Plans

- Comprehensive report on the status of election emergency planning.
- Evaluates county and municipal plans.
- Review of other state laws.
- Recommendations for law changes.
- Sample emergency plans for counties and municipalities.

The five plans are available at:

<http://www.lcc.leg.mn/eeptf/meetings.html>

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