

Office of the Mayor
City of Tulsa, Oklahoma

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO 2026-02

**AN EXECUTIVE ORDER ESTABLISHING THE
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT DEPARTMENT FOR THE CITY OF TULSA**

WHEREAS, effective emergency management requires comprehensive planning, coordinated response, resilient recovery, and proactive mitigation efforts to protect lives and property before, during, and after disasters occur; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa recognizes that emergency preparedness is not merely a response function but a long-term investment in community resilience and the continuity of government services; and

WHEREAS, the changing landscape of emergency management—including evolving threats from severe weather, cybersecurity risks, public health emergencies, and other hazards—necessitates a modern, data-driven, and sustainable approach to emergency preparedness; and

WHEREAS, the City of Tulsa is committed to ensuring that emergency management services are streamlined, efficient, accountable, and aligned across all departments and external partners to best serve Tulsa residents; and

WHEREAS, it is in the public interest to establish a dedicated Emergency Management Department to strengthen preparedness, improve coordination, and ensure the City is equipped to respond to and recover from emergencies of all types;

NOW, THEREFORE, I, Monroe Nichols, Mayor of the City of Tulsa, by the authority vested in me by the Charter and laws of the City of Tulsa, do hereby order and direct the following:

SECTION 1. ESTABLISHMENT

There is hereby established the **Emergency Management Department** for the City of Tulsa.

The Department shall serve as the City's central coordinating entity for emergency preparedness, mitigation, response, recovery, and resilience planning.

SECTION 2. PURPOSE

The purpose of the Emergency Management Department shall be to:

- A. Enhance the City's ability to prepare for, respond to, and recover from emergencies and disasters;

- B. Coordinate emergency management activities across City departments, regional partners, state and federal agencies, and community organizations;
- C. Develop and maintain comprehensive emergency operations plans and continuity of operations plans;
- D. Identify opportunities to improve efficiency and streamline emergency management functions to ensure effective service delivery to residents;
- E. Advance hazard mitigation and resilience strategies to reduce long-term risk to people, property, and infrastructure;
- F. Strengthen public awareness and community preparedness through education and outreach following the City organizational structure, including training initiatives; and
- G. Ensure that emergency management practices reflect best practices, data-driven decision-making, and sustainable operational models.

SECTION 3. RESPONSIBILITIES

The Emergency Management Department shall:

1. Lead the City's emergency preparedness and resilience planning efforts;
2. Coordinate emergency response operations during declared emergencies and disasters;
3. Maintain and update the City's Emergency Operations Plan and Continuity of Government plans;
4. Conduct hazard assessments and risk analyses to identify vulnerabilities and improve readiness;
5. Pursue state, federal, and philanthropic funding opportunities to support emergency management initiatives;
6. Facilitate intergovernmental coordination with Tulsa County, neighboring municipalities, tribal governments, state agencies, and federal partners;
7. Support disaster recovery efforts and ensure equitable access to recovery resources for affected residents; and
8. Provide regular reports to the Mayor regarding preparedness metrics, identified risks, and recommendations for improving resilience.

SECTION 4. COLLABORATION

All City departments, authorities, boards, and commissions shall cooperate with the Emergency Management Department and provide assistance, information, and resources as reasonably requested to support emergency preparedness and response activities.

The Emergency Management Department will also coordinate with the Tulsa County Emergency Management department and the State of Oklahoma's Emergency Management Departments to

provide assistance, information, and resources as reasonably requested to support emergency preparedness and response activities.

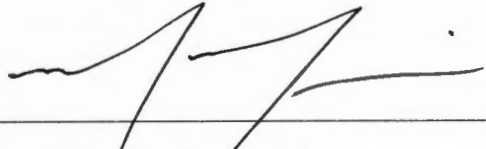
SECTION 5. IMPLEMENTATION

The Public Safety Commissioner, in consultation with the Mayor, shall take all necessary actions to implement this Executive Order, including organizational alignment, staffing recommendations, and the development of operational procedures necessary to carry out the functions of the Department.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Executive Order shall take effect immediately upon signature.

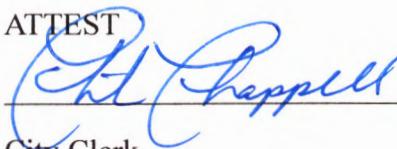
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 18th day of June, 2026.



MONROE NICHOLS, IV JUN 18 2026
Mayor, City of Tulsa

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ATTEST



City Clerk