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SUBJECT: Contingency Planning for State Agency Operations

After reviewing our records on Contingency Planning for State Agency Operations submitted by the Board for Volunteer Firefighters and Reserve Officers in June 2013, it was unclear if any changes had been made in 2015, therefore we submit the following:

- 4. Many important programs and services will cease absent timely legislative appropriations. Therefore, in addition to the categories listed, I am also asking that agencies identify services that are necessary for the immediate response to issues of public safety, or to avoid catastrophic loss of state property.** This is an area that is not as clear for the agency. While we believe our retirement benefits fall under category #3, we are not sure about our worker's compensation benefits. We pay for injuries, illnesses, and deaths incurred by volunteers in the line of duty. We do have members that are receiving injury related pensions and line of duty death pensions. Since those are pensions, it appears that case would require that the payment of those would have to continue. To ensure that these payments occur, we would need one staff member.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call me. I am the point of contact for any questions regarding the contingency planning for this agency. My contact information is as follows:

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