

SUBCOMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION

Item 35: Department of Emergency Management Disaster Preparedness Stockpile

To:	Emergency Board
From:	Public Safety Subcommittee
Carrier:	Representative Evans

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends that the Emergency Board acknowledge receipt of a report on the details of a disaster preparedness stockpile plan.

The Department of Emergency Management’s report includes several options for stockpile commodities, including personal protective equipment and durable medical equipment, animal sheltering kits, and regionally staged interoperability communications equipment. It also outlines several challenges, including identifying locations for warehousing assets, the necessity of inventory and delivery management systems, and sustainable funding to properly maintain a stockpile.

The Department’s report coincides with a \$5 million special purpose appropriation to be allocated to the Department for a disaster preparedness stockpile. The Department has not requested these funds at this time, citing the need for additional capacity to administer a stockpile long-term, and currently anticipates returning to the Emergency Board in December with a funding request.

The Public Safety Subcommittee recommends approval.