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EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT UPDATE: REQUIRED S.B. 11 TRAINING

The 2007 homeland security bill, S.B. 11, mandates that certain appointed public officers complete three hours of emergency management training. A detailed article relating to this training appeared in the June 20, 2007, edition of the *TML Legislative Update* and is available at www.tml.org/leg_updates/legis_update062007b_EMT.html.

Under the bill, certain appointed public officers, including fire chiefs and some appointed emergency management personnel, are required to take the emergency management training. The training must be completed: (1) by January 1, 2009, for officers who took office before January 1, 2008; or (2) within 180 days of taking office for an officer who took office after January 1, 2008.

As part of the bill, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management is tasked with offering the training course or approving training offered by other entities. The division must "ensure that at least one course of training approved or provided by the division is available on videotape or a functionally similar and widely available medium at no cost." While the training deadline for some newly appointed city officials approaches, no such training video has been released by the Division of Emergency Management.

Future editions of the *TML Legislative Update* will identify any training video when it is made available.

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