AN EXPEDITED ACT to:

(1) create the Department of Homeland Security within the Executive Branch;
(2) establish certain functions for the Department of Homeland Security; and
(3) generally amend County law regarding emergency management and homeland security.

By Adding

Montgomery County Code
Chapter 2, Administration
Division 21. Department of Homeland Security
Section 2-64O

By Amending

Chapter 1A, Structure of County Government
Section 1A-201, Establishing Departments and Principal Offices

Chapter 21, Fire and Rescue Service
Section 21-12(a)(9), Master fire, rescue, and emergency medical services plan.

The County Council for Montgomery County, Maryland approves the following Act:
Sec. 1. Section 2-640 is added and Sections 1A-201 and 21-12 are amended as follows:

1A-201. Establishing departments and principal offices.
(a) Executive Branch.
(1) These are the departments and principal offices of the Executive Branch.
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   Health and Human Services [Section 2-42A]
   Homeland Security [Section 2-640]
   Housing and Community Affairs [Section 2-27 et seq.]
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Division 21. Department of Homeland Security
2-640. [[Department of Homeland Security]] Functions and organization.

I(a) Generally. The Department of Homeland Security is responsible for planning, managing, and integrating the County's emergency management and homeland security programs. The Department has the following functions:

(a) Undertake emergency management and disaster preparedness planning, and coordinate response and recovery operations to a disaster.

(b) Coordinate homeland security intelligence programs in conjunction with the Montgomery County Police. Sheriff, and other local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies and disease surveillance systems of public health.

(c) Manage the interdepartmental governance of the Public Safety Communications Center (PSCC) and the Alternate Public Safety Communications Center (APSCC), and coordinate the interoperability of the PSCC and the APSCC with state, regional, and federal agencies.
(d) Develop and integrate policies and procedures on homeland security, emergency management, and emergency preparedness with the Montgomery County Fire and Rescue Service; the Departments of Police, Health and Human Services; and Public Works and Transportation; the Office of the Sheriff; and other County government departments and public agencies as necessary.

(e) Coordinate community outreach and volunteer support of emergency preparedness and homeland security.

(f) Coordinate the County's homeland security and emergency preparedness programs with federal, state, regional, and local and municipal agencies and the Housing Opportunities Commission, Montgomery College, Montgomery County Public Schools, Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission, Washington Suburban Sanitary Commission, Washington Metropolitan Area Transit Authority, and utilities and telecommunications companies doing business in the County.

(g) Develop, coordinate, and manage state and federal grants relating to homeland security and emergency preparedness.

(h) Coordinate the security of County facilities.

(i) Coordinate and integrate the County's public health emergency preparedness programs and response.

(j) Undertake other related functions designated by the County Executive.
21-12. Master fire, rescue, and emergency medical services plan.

(a) The Commission must review the master fire, rescue, and emergency medical services plan on an ongoing basis, and must propose any appropriate amendments to the Fire Chief, Executive, and Council. The master plan must include at least:

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(9) a [detailed] program of action to [integrate] coordinate with the Department of Homeland Security, the County's fire prevention and control and emergency services resources into County-wide, regional, State, and national emergency management plans.

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Sec. 2. Expedited effective date.

The Council declares that this legislation is necessary for the immediate protection of the public interest. This Act takes effect on January 1, 2004.

Approved:

Steven A. Silverman, President, County Council

Approved:

Douglas M. Duncan, County Executive

This is a correct copy of Council action.

Mary A. Edgar, Clerk of the Council