

LaGrange County Local Disaster Emergency Declaration

Whereas, LaGrange County, Indiana has been impacted by or is immediately threatened by the following emergency conditions:

Severe drought, which has prompted The National Weather Service in Northern Indiana to place LaGrange County in a Special Weather Statement concerning an elevated risk of fire danger.

Now, therefore, I, the LaGrange County Principal Executive Officer, as defined in LaGrange County Ordinance No. 2011-5-16B, as amended, declare that a Local Disaster Emergency exists for the next seven (7) days in the County and that I hereby invoke those portions of the Indiana Code which are applicable to the conditions and have caused the issuance of this declaration to be in full force and effect in the County for the exercise of all necessary emergency measures necessary for protection of lives and property and the prompt restoration of local government services.

The effect of this declaration is to:

- (1) Activate response and recovery aspects of all applicable county disaster emergency plans.
- (2) Authorize the furnishing of aid and assistance under the plans.
- (3) Declare an Emergency Burn Ban, during which certain burning activities will be prohibited within the entire unincorporated area of the County of LaGrange, including but not limited to the following: (i) the burning of unattended campfires; (ii) the burning of brush; (iii) the burning of trash fires; (iv) the burning of burn barrels; and (v) the burning of any other open air fires, including the use of fireworks. Grilling on gas and charcoal grills is permissible.
- (4) During an Emergency Burn Ban, all citizens are called upon and directed to comply with the necessary emergency measures, to cooperate with public officials and disaster services forces in executing emergency operation plans, and to obey and comply with the lawful directions of properly identified officers.

All public officers and employees of LaGrange County are directed to exercise the utmost diligence in the discharge of duties required of them for the duration of the emergency and in execution of emergency laws, regulations, and directives, state and local. All operating forces will direct their communications and requests for assistance and operations directly to the LaGrange County Emergency Operating Center.

This Declaration shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly in the office of the County Clerk.

In witness, whereof, I have hereunto set our hand this 14 day of JUNE, 2012.

Principal Executive Officer

George Bachman
By: GEORGE BACHMAN, PRE

Attest *Kay M. Myers*
LaGrange County Auditor