



COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA
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THE GOVERNOR

Mr. Herman Robert Johnson
Coordinator
Clarks Summit Borough Emergency
Management Agency
514 Highland Avenue
Clarks Summit, PA 18411-0000

Dear Mr. Johnson:

Based on the recommendation of your municipal officials, it is my great pleasure to appoint you to serve as the Coordinator of Emergency Management for Clarks Summit Borough.

Unfortunately, disasters do occur in Pennsylvania. Many communities are vulnerable to severe weather conditions, as well as transportation and industrial accidents that could impact residents. As one of the most flood prone states in the nation, it is important that we work together to reduce the community impact of flooding to the degree possible. We must also work with community leaders to ensure that responsible land use decisions respect the potential for disasters; with residents to ensure that property is protected through adequate insurance; and with emergency responders to ensure that they are equipped and trained for conditions which may test their resources and capabilities.

As emergency management coordinator, you will be responsible for the development and administration of your community's emergency preparedness program. This includes developing emergency plans and procedures to coordinate emergency service response when disasters do occur. You will also serve as your municipal representative working with the Lackawanna County Emergency Management staff, as well as PEMA. In order to better understand and prepare for your new responsibilities, I urge you to take full advantage of the numerous training opportunities and other forms of assistance available through PEMA and your county program.

David M. Sanko, Director of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency, joins me in extending our congratulations on your appointment. We also thank you for your interest in serving your community.

Therefore, pursuant to provisions of the Pennsylvania Emergency Management Services Code, 35 Pa. C. S. Section 7101 et seq., and in accordance with the recommendations received, I hereby appoint you Coordinator of Emergency Management for the Borough of Clarks Summit. This is effective immediately and you will serve until a successor is named.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Edward G. Rendell".

Edward G. Rendell
Governor