

# Statewide First Responder Building Mapping Information System

Building mapping provides electronic plans of a building. Each map is a blueprint describing every room located in the building, along with its dimensions. Building map information can include:

- Floor plans;
- Fire protection information;
- Evacuation plans;
- Utility information;
- Known hazards; and
- Other information important to emergency personnel responding to a disaster or emergency.

The maps are designed to give an emergency responder as much information about the physical structure of the building as possible. The maps are saved in a centralized database that can be made available to emergency response agencies equipped with portable computers.

This Act directs state association of sheriffs and police chiefs to create and operate a statewide first responder building mapping information system (mapping system). All state and local government owned buildings will be mapped by the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs or another source, contingent on funding. Once the buildings are mapped, the mapping information data will be forwarded to the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs. All participating owners of non-government buildings may voluntarily forward their mapping and emergency data to the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs. Building mapping information will be made available to all state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies, along with the state military department and fire departments. The state association of sheriffs and police chiefs will develop mapping software standards that must be met in order to participate in the mapping system.

In consultation with the state emergency management office, the state information board services, the state fire chief's association, and the state patrol, the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs will head a committee to establish statewide first responder building mapping software. The committee will develop the type of information included in the mapping system and set standards that must be utilized by all entities participating. The committee will determine the order in which buildings are mapped and develop guidelines on how the information will be transmitted to the first responders. Lastly, the committee will recommend training guidelines to the state criminal justice training commission and the state fire marshal.

No state agency or local government is required to map a building unless the entire cost of mapping the building is provided by the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs or from other sources. The state association of sheriffs and police chiefs will pursue federal funds and develop grants to create the mapping system.

Units of local government and their employees are immune from civil liability for damages arising out of the creation or use of building mapping information, unless they acted with gross negligence or bad faith. All tactical and intelligence information provided to the state association of sheriffs and police chiefs for the statewide first responder building mapping information system is exempt from public disclosure.

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**Suggested State Legislation**

(Title, enacting clause, etc.)

1           Section 1. [*Short Title.*] This Act may be cited as "An Act to Create a Statewide First  
2 Responder Building Mapping Information System."  
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4           Section 2. [*Legislative Findings.*] The [legislature] recognizes the extreme dangers  
5 present when the safety of our citizens requires first responders such as police and fire fighters to  
6 evacuate and secure a building. In an effort to prepare for responding to unintended disasters,  
7 criminal acts, and acts of terrorism, the [legislature] intends to create a statewide first responder  
8 building mapping information system that will provide all first responders with the information  
9 they need to be successful when disaster strikes. The first responder building mapping system in  
10 this Act is to be developed for a limited and specific purpose and is in no way to be construed as  
11 imposing standards or system requirements on any other mapping systems developed and used  
12 for any other local government purposes.  
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14           Section 3. [*First Responder Building Mapping Information System.*]

15           (1) When funded, the [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs] shall create and  
16 operate a statewide first responder building mapping information system.

17           (2) All state agencies and local governments must utilize building mapping software that  
18 complies with the building mapping software standards established under section 3 of this Act  
19 for any building mapped for this purpose after the statewide first responder building mapping  
20 information system is operational. If, prior to creation of the statewide building mapping  
21 information system, a local government has utilized building mapping software standards  
22 established under section 3 of this Act, the local government may continue to use its own  
23 building mapping system unless the [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs] provides  
24 funding to bring the local government's system in compliance with the standards established  
25 under section 3 of this Act.

26           (3) All state and local government-owned buildings that are occupied by state or local  
27 government employees must be mapped when funding is provided by the [state association of  
28 sheriffs and police chiefs], or from other sources. Nothing in this Act requires any state agency  
29 or local government to map a building unless the entire cost of mapping the building is provided  
30 by the [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs], or from other sources.

31           (4) Once the statewide first responder building mapping information system is  
32 operational, all state and local government buildings that are mapped must forward their building  
33 mapping information data to the [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs]. All participating  
34 privately, federally, and tribally owned buildings may voluntarily forward their mapping and  
35 emergency information data to the [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs]. The [state  
36 association of sheriffs and police chiefs] may refuse any building mapping information that does  
37 not comply with the specifications described in section 3 of this Act.

38           (5) Consistent with the guidelines developed under section 3 of this Act, the [state  
39 association of sheriffs and police chiefs] shall electronically make the building mapping  
40 information available to all state, local, federal, and tribal law enforcement agencies, the military  
41 department of this state, and fire departments.

42 (6) Consistent with the guidelines developed under section 3 of this Act, the state  
43 association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall develop building mapping software standards that  
44 must be used to participate in the statewide first responder building mapping information system.

45 (7) The state association of sheriffs and police chiefs shall pursue federal funds to:

46 (a) Create the statewide first responder building mapping information system; and

47 (b) Develop grants for the mapping of all state and local government buildings in  
48 the order determined under section 3 of this Act.

49 (8) All tactical and intelligence information provided to the [state association of sheriffs  
50 and police chiefs] under this Act is exempt from public disclosure as provided in [insert citation].

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52 Section 4. [*Committee to Establish Guidelines for a Statewide First Responder Building*  
53 *Mapping Information System.*]

54 (1) The [state association of sheriffs and police chiefs] in consultation with the [state  
55 emergency management office], the [state association of county officials], the [state association  
56 of cities], the [information services board], the [state fire chiefs' association], and the [state  
57 patrol] shall convene a committee to establish guidelines related to the statewide first responder  
58 building mapping information system. The committee shall have the following responsibilities:

59 (a) Develop the type of information to be included in the statewide first responder  
60 building mapping information system. The information shall include, but is not limited to floor  
61 plans, fire protection information, evacuation plans, utility information, known hazards, and text  
62 and digital images showing emergency personnel contact information;

63 (b) Develop building mapping software standards that must be utilized by all  
64 entities participating in the statewide first responder building mapping information system;

65 (c) Determine the order in which buildings shall be mapped when funding  
66 is received;

67 (d) Develop guidelines on how the information shall be made available. These  
68 guidelines shall include detailed procedures and security systems to ensure that the information  
69 is only made available to the government entity that either owns the building or is responding to  
70 an incident at the building;

71 (e) Recommend training guidelines regarding using the statewide first responder  
72 building mapping information system to the criminal justice training commission and the state  
73 patrol fire protection bureau.

74 (2) (a) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of the information services  
75 board under [insert citation].

76 (b) Nothing in this section supersedes the authority of state agencies and local  
77 governments to control and maintain access to information within their independent systems.

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79 Section 5. [*Immunity for Units of Local Government and Their Employees for Using the*  
80 *Statewide First Responder Building Mapping Information System.*] Units of local government  
81 and their employees, as provided in [insert citation], are immune from civil liability for damages  
82 arising out of the creation and use of the statewide first responder building mapping information  
83 system, unless it is shown that an employee acted with gross negligence or bad faith.

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85 Section 6. [*Severability.*] [Insert severability clause.]

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87 Section 7. [*Repealer.*] [Insert repealer clause.]

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89 Section 8. [*Effective Date.*] [Insert effective date.]