

**BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS
CAPE MAY COUNTY, NEW JERSEY
RESOLUTION**

No. 949-15

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING THE CAPE MAY COUNTY
CODE BLUE EMERGENCY POLICY**

WHEREAS, it is the policy of the County of Cape May, through its Office of Emergency Management, to have a procedure for Code Blue Emergency notification; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the Code Blue Emergency Policy is intended to provide notice of adverse winter weather conditions to local municipalities and social services agencies that provide services to homeless individuals living outdoors, on the streets, in parks or poorly insulated settings and who are at risk for cold related exposure and possible death; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Chosen Freeholders has determined it to be in the best interests of the County of Cape May and the general public to adopt a Code Blue Emergency Policy.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May hereby adopt the Code Blue Emergency Policy attached hereto and made a part hereof as Schedule "A".

STATEMENT

This Resolution authorizes the County to adopt a Code Blue Emergency Policy.

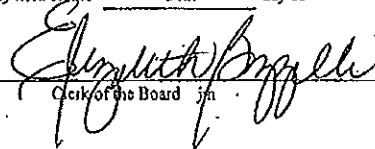
cc: Office of Emergency Management
Department of Social Services

STATE OF NEW JERSEY) ss.:
COUNTY OF CAPE MAY)

I, Elizabeth Bozzelli, Clerk of the Board of Chosen Freeholders of the County of Cape May, State of New Jersey, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a correct and true copy of a resolution adopted by the Board at a meeting duly held on the _____ 24th _____ day of

November _____, 20 15 .

Signed,


Clerk of the Board

RECORD OF VOTE						
Freeholders	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent	Moved	Second
Mr. Desiderio	✓				✓	
Ms. Gabor	✓					
Ms. Hayes	✓					✓
Mr. Morey	✓					
Mr. Thomson	✓					
V - Indicates Vote Moved-Resolution Offered Second-Resolution Seconded						

POLICY NO.:

CODE BLUE EMERGENCY

A. PURPOSE

This Code Blue Emergency Policy is intended to provide notice of adverse winter weather conditions to local municipalities and social services agencies that provide services to homeless individuals living outdoors, on the streets, in parks or poorly insulated settings and who are at risk for cold related exposure and possible death.

B. PROCEDURE FOR CODE BLUE EMERGENCY DECLARATION

1. The Cape May County OEM Coordinator shall be designated to evaluate weather forecasts and advisories produced by the National Weather Service – Mt. Holly office for the Cape May County area to determine if a Code Blue Emergency will need to be declared.
2. The threshold levels that need to be met for the declaration of a Code Blue Emergency as forecasted by the National Weather Service are as follows:
 - a. Temperatures of 25 deg. Fahrenheit or lower without precipitation; or
 - b. Temperatures of 32 deg. Fahrenheit or lower with precipitation.
3. Weather data used to make this determination will be saved and archived for future reference and documentation purposes. The National Weather Service Data shall be the sole indicator that will determine if a Code Blue declaration is declared by the county.
4. The criteria will be evaluated and, if warranted, a Code Blue Emergency will be declared for the time period beginning at 6:00pm and ending at 6:00am for the night or nights in question.
5. The Cape May County OEM Coordinator will designate a staff person to check the National Weather Service – Mt. Holly Office web site (<http://www.weather.gov/phi/>) every morning between 6:00am and 12:00 noon for the next 24 to 48 hour period. If the forecasted conditions falls within the threshold levels outlined above, the OEM Coordinator shall initiate the Code Blue declaration in accordance herewith.
6. In the event that the weather report lacks clarity or specificity, the OEM Coordinator will seek clarification from the on-duty Meteorologist at the National Weather Service office in Mt. Holly in determining whether to declare a Code Blue Emergency.
7. When qualifying weather conditions are expected, the County Office of Emergency Management, in advance of the expected Code Blue, shall notify, by E-mail, Cape May County Social Services, the County's Homeless Hotline service, each of the municipal OEM Coordinators and each of the Municipal Law Enforcement agencies.

8. Also, the Cape May County Office of Emergency Management shall post the Code Blue Emergency on its emergency web-site along with the County Homeless Hot Line phone number, the afterhours Homeless Hot Line phone number and the link to Cape May County Social Services web-site.