



**BARBADOS**



## ***The Central Emergency Relief Organization***

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### ***1. Legislation :***

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### ***2. Mission :***

The Central Emergency Relief Organization (CERO) has the responsibility for ensuring that the nation is prepared to cope with any disasters that may occur in Barbados.

The main objectives of the CERO Secretariat are, which is the National Disaster Management Agency, are

- To save lives;
- To protect property; and
- To activate the Community to deal with any type of disaster that might arise.

The National Emergency Management Organisation will develop, implement, promote and maintain a comprehensive national disaster plan and programme which will :

- educate all citizens about the various elements of disaster management
- create appropriate mechanisms which will promote and advance disaster management activities at all levels of the society
- promote and institutionalise the practice of appropriate preventive and mitigation measures for all possible hazards
- Promote the development and maintenance of effective warning, response and recovery plans for all sectors of the society.

### 3. Organisation :

As part of its role, CERO is constantly trying to maintain a high level of public awareness of the consequences that might follow from any disaster, whether it be a hurricane, flood, earthquake, major fire, aircraft crash, particularly those that may involve petrochemicals.

However, experience has shown that the major public concern has been in respect of hurricane which is the disaster with which Barbadians are most familiar, either by direct experience or the experience of neighbouring Caribbean countries.

The Meteorological Department will issue the following stages of weather advisories when a storm or hurricane is approaching:

1st Bulletin: An announcement issued when a significant weather system is detected in the area.

2nd Advisory: An advisory issued at regular intervals when a tropical storm or hurricane is detected near Barbados.

3rd Watch: Issued when the storm or hurricane is approaching and severe weather conditions are possible.

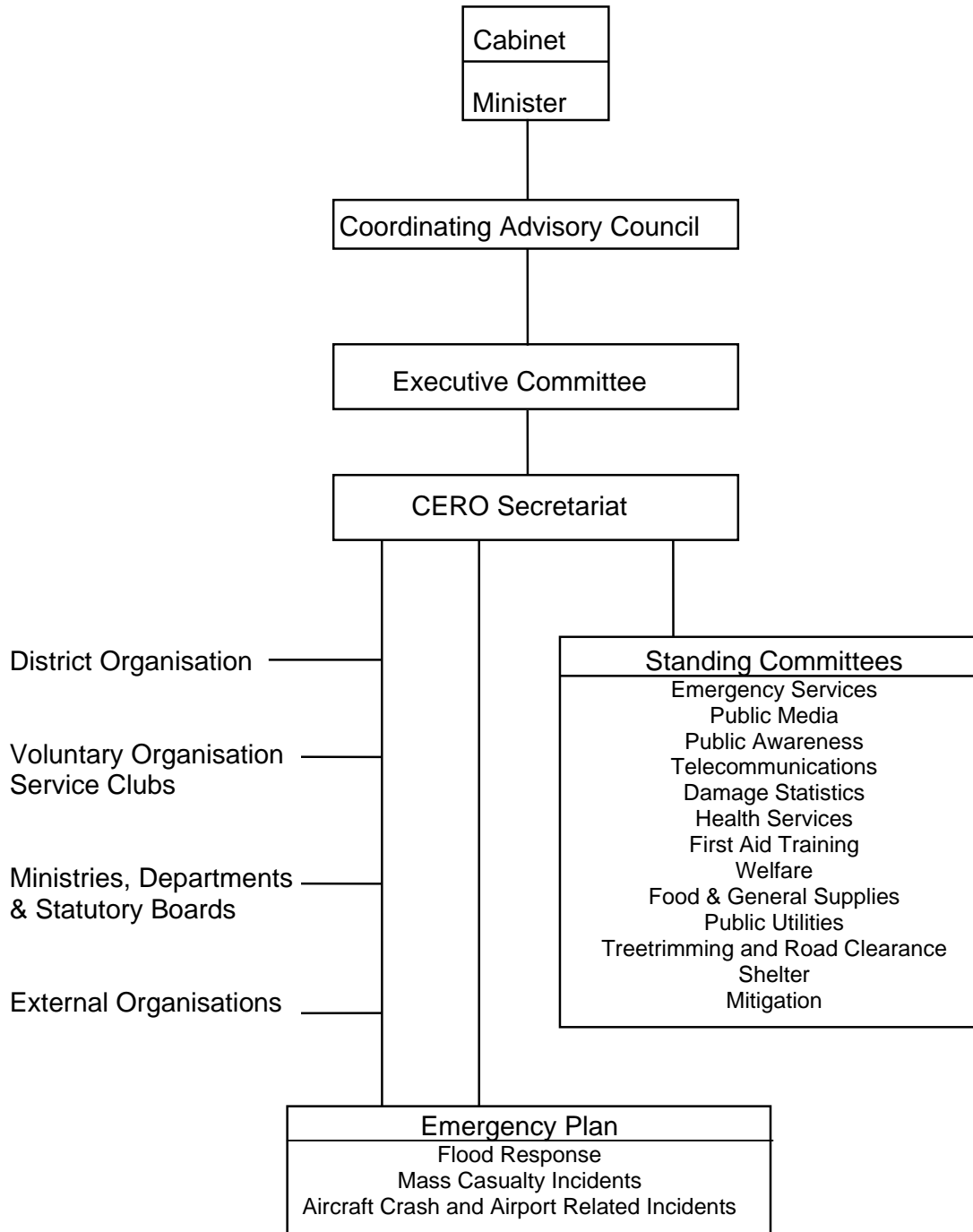
4th Warning: An announcement issued when it is established that hurricane conditions are expected to affect Barbados within 24 hours.

#### Emergency Shelter Regulations :

- The Senior Shelter Warden is the supreme authority in the shelter and his/her decision is final.
- The Emergency Shelter Warden or other Shelter Warden designated by the Senior Shelter Warden will be responsible for the Shelter in the absence of the Senior Shelter Warden.
- The Warden is entitled to call upon any occupant of the Shelter to assist its operation and every occupant is expected to cooperate to the best of his or her ability.
- If a State of Emergency is proclaimed at any time under the Emergency Powers Act all persons within the Shelter will be subject to the Orders made under the Act and will be liable for such penalties as may be imposed for failure to comply.
- The Senior Warden and all assistants are forbidden to accept responsibility for any item or personal property of any occupant of the Shelter.
- CERO will not be liable for any damage to, or loss of any property belonging to any occupant.
- Any person who is seen defacing or in any way damaging the Shelter or any item of its furniture or equipment will be prosecuted.
- Unseemly, indecent, or unsocial behaviour such as the use of violence, profane language or drunkenness will not be tolerated and will result in prosecution where any such offence is contrary to the law.
- No smoking of any kind will be allowed in an Emergency Shelter

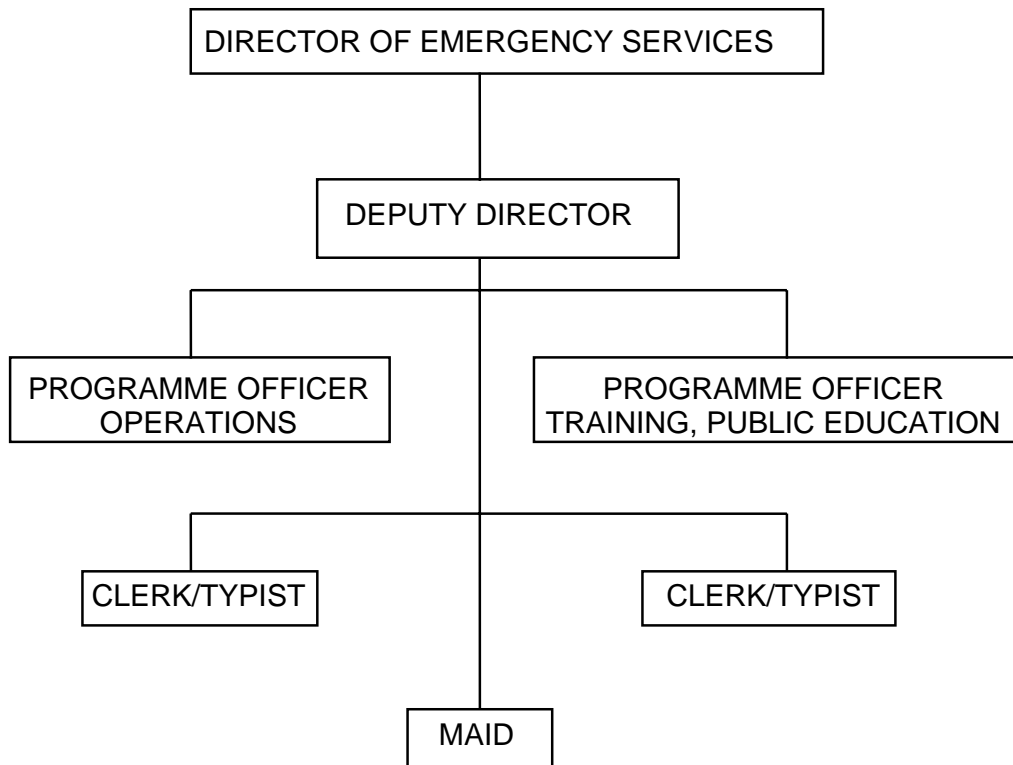
- The consumption of alcohol or other alcoholic beverages is strictly forbidden in an Emergency Shelter
- No Fire Arms will be allowed in an Emergency Shelter
- No offensive weapons will be allowed in an Emergency Shelter

### Organisation Chart for Emergency Planning



### **CERO Secretariat**

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