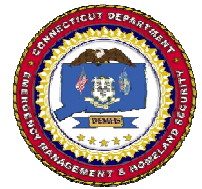




**STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF
EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT AND HOMELAND SECURITY**



OFFICE OF THE COMMISSIONER

**AMENDED ADVISORY BULLETIN 2007-4
Issued November 2, 2007, amended February 8, 2008**

**RE: ADMINISTRATION OF LOYALTY OATH TO CIVIL PREPAREDNESS
FORCE MEMBERS**

State law requires each person who is appointed to serve in a civil preparedness organization to take an annual oath before a local civil preparedness officer or officers empowered by the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security (DEMHS) to enlist volunteers. In order to fulfill this requirement, the Commissioner of DEMHS has designated the following DEMHS officials and employees to be able to administer the oath to local emergency management directors (EMDs):

- Commissioner
- Deputy Commissioner
- Director of Emergency Management and Homeland Security
- Legal Advisor
- Emergency Management Planning Supervisor assigned to Operations
- Regional Coordinators

The local EMDs will then be authorized to administer the oath to local volunteers for purposes of Title 28. **If the EMD is not available to administer this oath, then the Town or City Clerk is empowered by the Commissioner of DEMHS to administer the oath. The Clerk must maintain a roster of civil preparedness force members sworn in for purposes of Title 28, and provide the roster to the EMD. The local EMD is required by statute to provide to DEMHS a roster of sworn civil preparedness force members on or before the fifteenth of August each year.**

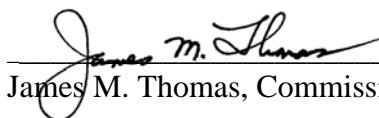
The current language of the oath is as follows:

“I, _____, do solemnly swear (or affirm) that I will support and defend the Constitution of the United States and the Constitution of the State of Connecticut, against all enemies, foreign and domestic; that I will bear true faith and allegiance to the same; that I take this obligation freely, without any mental reservation or purpose of evasion; and that I will well and faithfully discharge the duties upon which I am about to enter.”

Statutory authority:

- Connecticut General Statutes Title 28, §28-12, as amended by Public Act No. 07-173, section 4, effective October 1, 2007.

Issued by Order of the Commissioner of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security:


James M. Thomas, Commissioner

February 8, 2008
_____ Date