**SUCCESSION OF AUTHORITY**

Continuity of emergency operations is critical to the successful execution of emergency operations. Therefore, the following lines of succession are specified in anticipation of any contingency which might result in the unavailability of the ranking member of the administrative hierarchy. The decision-making authority for each organization or service function is listed below by position in decreasing order.

**Organization/Service Function** **Authority in Line of Succession**

Direction and Control 1. Director of Emergency Management/City Manager

1. Coordinator of Emergency Management/Fire Chief
2. Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management/Deputy Fire Chief and other personnel

Emergency Public Information 1. Director of Emergency Management

1. Coordinator of Emergency Management
2. Public Information Officer
3. Deputy Coordinator of Emergency Management

Police Office 1. Chief of Police

1. Police Captain
2. Lieutenants
3. Sergeant

Fire Departments 1. Chief

2. Deputy Fire Chiefs

3. Shift Captain

4. Lieutenants

5. Master Firefighters

Planning/Inspection 1. Director/Building Official

1. Deputy Building Official

School System 1. Superintendent of Schools

1. Assistant Superintendent – Bus.
2. Assistant Superintendent – Instr.

Emergency Medical Service 1. Captain - Staunton-Augusta Rescue Squad

2. Shift Commander

Public Works 1. Director of Public Works

1. Superintendent
2. Superintendent