§ 209-e. Fire mobilization and mutual aid plan. 1. Plan. The state fire administrator shall prepare a state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan which may provide for the establishment of fire mobilization and mutual aid zones of the state. Upon filing of the plan in the office of fire prevention and control such plan shall become the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan. Such plan may be amended from time to time in the same manner as originally adopted.

2. Regional fire administrators. The state fire administrator may appoint and remove a regional fire administrator for each fire mobilization and mutual aid zone established pursuant to the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan. Before he or she enters on the duties of the office, each regional fire administrator shall take and subscribe before an officer authorized by law to administer oaths the constitutional oath of office, which shall be administered and certified by the officer taking the same without compensation and shall be filed in the office of the secretary of state.

3. Regulations. The commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services, in consultation with the state fire administrator, may make regulations and issue orders which he or she may deem necessary to implement the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan and carry out the purposes of this section.

4. Powers. Whenever a county, city, town, village or fire district shall request, or whenever the governor shall determine that the public interest so requires, the state fire administrator shall possess and exercise the powers, functions and duties set forth in the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan.

5. Standard thread. The state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan shall prescribe a standard hose thread for the state, and each county, city, town, village or fire district not equipped with the same may be required either to recut its threads to such standard or provide adapters whereby the same may be brought to such standards.

6. Records. The state fire administrator shall keep a permanent public

record of the activations of the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan, showing how, when and where it was activated and when such activation was terminated.

7. Reimbursement of assisting municipal corporations or fire districts. Whenever the governor activates the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan pursuant to subdivision four of this section, claims submitted by an assisting municipal corporation or fire district for expenses allowed by subdivision two of section two hundred nine-g of this article made in performance of its duties on behalf of a receiving municipality or fire district pursuant to such plan may be reimbursed in the first instance by the state from any local assistance appropriation established for such purpose. Reimbursements of such claims from such appropriation may be made only upon certification of such claim by the state fire administrator to the state comptroller and audit of such claim by the state comptroller prior to payment. Expenditures for such reimbursements from such appropriation shall be considered a liability for outside aid as described in section two hundred nine-g of this article and shall be repaid by the municipality or fire district receiving assistance pursuant to the state fire mobilization and mutual aid plan.

8. Hazardous materials incident plan. The state fire administrator shall prepare a hazardous materials incident plan which shall complement and become a part of the plan required by subdivision one of this section. The plan shall provide for the mobilization and coordination of fire service resources in response to emergencies which involve or may involve hazardous materials and shall establish hazardous materials incidents response zones and criteria for recognized regional hazardous materials incidents response teams. The office of fire prevention and control, by and through the state fire administrator or his or her duly authorized officers and employees, is authorized to approve grants of funds from monies allocated and appropriated therefor for expenditures of municipal corporations for hazardous materials incidents planning and equipment, pursuant to applicable rules and regulations promulgated by the commissioner of the division of homeland security and emergency services, in consultation with the state fire administrator, and

approved by the director of the budget.