

CHAPTER 12
HOMELAND SECURITY AND EMERGENCY RESPONSE TEAMS

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605—12.1(29C) Purpose. The duties of the director of the homeland security and emergency management department include the development and ongoing operation of homeland security and emergency response teams to be deployed by the state to supplement and enhance local resources during times of disaster and emergency. These rules are intended to specify how teams and team members will be designated, minimum standards that shall be maintained, and the use of the teams.

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605—12.2(29C) Definitions.

“Director” means the same as defined in Iowa Code section 29C.2.

“Governor’s disaster proclamation” means the proclamation of disaster emergency issued by the governor in accordance with Iowa Code section 29C.6.

“Homeland security advisory committee” means the advisory committee created by the director for the purpose of providing advice on public safety response issues within Iowa.

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605—12.3(29C) Homeland security and emergency response teams.

12.3(1) The director shall issue requests to create homeland security and emergency response teams based on identified needs, on recommendations from the homeland security advisory committee, and at the request of the governor.

12.3(2) Each team shall be designated by the director. To be eligible for designation, a team shall provide a written application to the director that details the following information:

- a. Type of assistance that the team provides.
- b. Emergency response team information.
 - (1) Team name.
 - (2) Team location.
 - (3) 24/7 contact information and procedures.
 - (4) Team agency, including head of agency and contact information.
 - (5) Team commander and assistant commander, including contact information.
 - (6) Titles, names, and responsibilities of deployable response personnel assigned to the team.
- c. Listing of applicable local, state, and national standards and certifications to which team members are trained and certified.
- d. Detailed listing of the team’s major response assets that are related to the team’s mission. The listing shall provide details related to self-sufficiency, including the amount of time the team can remain self-sufficient.
- e. Listing of communications assets, including radio frequencies used and any interoperability capabilities.
- f. An estimate of the time needed to assemble the team members and assets and deploy upon the request of the director or governor.

12.3(3) Upon receipt of the written application from the team, the director shall review the application. The director may seek additional information from the team. The team shall provide the requested information in a timely fashion.

12.3(4) Following approval of the application, the director shall issue a letter formally designating the team as an “Iowa homeland security and emergency response team” in accordance with Iowa Code section 29C.8. The director may enter into an agreement with the team in accordance with Iowa Code chapter 28E.

12.3(5) Upon acceptance as a homeland security and emergency response team, the team shall routinely update all records to accurately reflect membership rosters and major assets at the team’s disposal. The team shall update records any time personnel are added to or removed from the team.

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605—12.4(29C) Use of homeland security and emergency response teams.

12.4(1) A designated team may be deployed in accordance with Iowa Code section 29C.8(3)“f,” 29C.21 or 29C.22.

12.4(2) A designated team shall be deployed as a state asset only by a directive from the director or pursuant to a governor’s disaster proclamation unless the sponsoring agency’s response team is needed to perform emergency services within its own jurisdiction. Should the response team perform emergency services within its own jurisdiction without a directive from the director or pursuant to a governor’s disaster proclamation, the team will be responsible for all associated costs.

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605—12.5(29C) Homeland security and emergency response team compensation.

12.5(1) A homeland security and emergency response team will be compensated for its expenses while it is deployed as a state asset in accordance with Iowa Code section 29C.8(3)“f” and rule 605—12.4(29C), subject to availability of funds. The application for compensation will be in a manner as specified by the director. Compensation shall be made to the team or the team’s governing jurisdiction.

12.5(2) The homeland security and emergency response team’s materials, equipment and supplies consumed or damaged while the team is deployed in accordance with rule 605—12.4(29C) shall be reimbursed on a replacement cost basis, subject to the availability of funds.

12.5(3) The director shall request funds from the executive council to address any obligations under rule 605—12.5(29C).

12.5(4) Should the response team perform emergency services within its own jurisdiction without a directive from the director or pursuant to a governor’s disaster proclamation, the team will be responsible for all associated costs.

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605—12.6(29C) Alternate deployment of homeland security and emergency response teams.

12.6(1) At its discretion, a homeland security and emergency response team may deploy at the direct request of a political subdivision of the state without a directive from the director or without a governor’s disaster proclamation.

12.6(2) The provisions of rule 605—12.5(29C) do not apply to a team deployed under rule 605—12.6(29C). A team deployed upon local request may seek compensation from the political subdivision making the request and in accordance with any mutual aid agreements that may exist at the time of deployment, including those authorized by Iowa Code section 29C.22.

12.6(3) If, during a team deployment, a governor’s disaster proclamation is issued, the director shall specify the date and time when the team may be deployed under rules 605—12.4(29C) and 605—12.5(29C).

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