

605—1.1 (29C) Description. The homeland security and emergency management department is created in Iowa Code chapter 29C. The homeland security and emergency management department shall be under the management of a director appointed by the governor. The director shall be vested with the authority to administer homeland security and emergency management affairs in this state and shall be responsible for preparing and executing the homeland security and emergency management programs of this state subject to the direction of the governor. The director, upon the direction of the governor, shall: prepare a comprehensive plan and emergency management program for homeland security, disaster preparedness, response, mitigation, recovery, emergency operation, and emergency resource management of this state; make such studies and surveys of the industries, resources and facilities in this state as may be necessary to ascertain the capabilities of the state for disaster recovery, disaster planning and operations, and emergency resource management, and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof; provide technical assistance to any local emergency management commission or joint commission requiring such assistance in the development of an emergency management program; and implement planning and training for emergency response teams as mandated by the federal government under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation, and Liability Act of 1980 as amended by the Superfund Amendments and Reauthorization Act of 1986 42 U.S.C. § 9601 et seq. The director, with the approval of the governor, may employ a deputy administrator and such technical, clerical, stenographic and other personnel and make such expenditures within the appropriation or from other funds made available to the department for purposes of homeland security and emergency management, as may be necessary to administer the purposes of Iowa Code chapters 29C, 30, and 34A.

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