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GOVERNOR'S BUDGET HEARING — DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC DEFENSE

Budget Hearing. On November 22, 2017, Governor Kim Reynolds held a budget hearing for the Department of Public Defense (DPD). Iowa National Guard Adjutant General Timothy E. Orr presented the Department's FY 2019 budget request as summarized in an earlier [Fiscal Update Article](#). During the presentation, the General highlighted some of the activities of the Iowa National Guard over the past year, including:

- Logging 1,169 work days responding to emergencies, including responses to Hurricanes Harvey, Irma, and Maria.
- Forming partnerships to provide science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) career externships connected to the National Guard's overarching career and technical education initiatives.
- Working with rural areas to build emergency medical technician capacity.
- Creating and expanding a Mentorship Summit for professional development of Guard members.

Department Request. The DPD is requesting a status quo FY 2019 General Fund appropriation of \$6.6 million. The FY 2019 budget request also includes \$4.5 million from the Rebuild Iowa Infrastructure Fund (RIIF) for armory and Camp Dodge infrastructure upgrades, which is an increase of \$2.25 million from FY 2018 RIIF funding. The RIIF request includes facility and armory maintenance (\$2.0 million), armory construction improvement projects (\$2.0 million), and infrastructure upgrades at Camp Dodge (\$0.5 million).

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