

Office of Disaster Services

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The adjutant general has general direction and control of the Office of Disaster Services, and is responsible to the governor for the carrying out of civil defense and emergency planning, and in the event of disaster beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the civil defense and emergency planning functions within the state of Iowa.

The division is under the management of the director of disaster services, who is appointed by the governor.

The director is vested with the authority to administer civil defense and emergency planning affairs within the state of Iowa, including man-made or natural disasters, and is also responsible for preparing and executing the civil defense and emergency planning programs of the state, subject to the direction of the governor and supervisory control of the executive director of the Department of Public Defense.

The director is also responsible for the preparation of a comprehensive plan and program for the civil defense and emergency resources management of the state, and to coordinate the preparation of plans and programs for civil defense and emergency planning for the political subdivisions and various departments of the state. Such plans are to be integrated into and coordinated with a comprehensive state emergency program for the state of Iowa as coordinated by the director of public defense to the fullest possible extent. The director is also responsible for making such studies and surveys of the industries, resources and facilities in the state of Iowa as may be necessary to determine the capabilities of the state for civil defense and emergency resources management and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.

State Armory Board

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Section 29A.57, Code of Iowa, provides the authority, powers and responsibilities of the board. The Adjutant General serves as chairman of the board. The powers and responsibilities of the board include: (1) procurement of land or real estate for location or construction of armories, facilities and outdoor training sites; (2) administer federal and state funds assigned for construction and maintenance of armories and facilities, and coordinate utilization of armories and facilities as required for administration, training and support of the National Guard.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, IOWA

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The Public Employment Relations Act, enacted in 1974, has as its avowed public purpose the promotion of "harmonious and cooperative relationships between government and its employees." Specifically, the statute grants employees of the state and its political subdivisions, including cities, counties and school districts, the right to join and participate in employee organizations, and the right to bargain collectively through such employee organizations.

The act contains detailed procedures by which employees can exercise those rights, including provisions for the determination of appropriate bargaining units, representation elections in which employees may select an employee organization to bargain on their behalf, prohibited practice provisions which proscribe certain conduct and activities, and provisions requiring the periodic reporting of finances by employee organizations.