

PUBLIC DEFENSE, DEPARTMENT OF

Major General Warren G. Lawson, adjutant general of Iowa; Camp Dodge, Johnston 50131; 515-278-9211

Chapter 29.1 of the *Code of Iowa* provides for the Department of Public Defense of the state of Iowa, which is composed of the military division, disaster services division, and the veterans affairs division. The adjutant general is the director of the Department of Public Defense and the budget and personnel of all of the divisions are subject to the approval of the adjutant general.

Within the department, there is a state military agency, Military Division, Department of Public Defense, with the adjutant general as the executive director. The Military Division includes the Office of Adjutant General and all functions, responsibilities, power and duties of the adjutant general and the military forces of the state as provided in the state's laws.

There is also a state Office of Disaster Services with a director of disaster services within the department. The adjutant general, as the executive director, exercises supervisory authority over the division.

There is also a veterans affairs division with an administrator of veterans affairs within the veterans affairs division. The adjutant general as director of the department of public defense exercises supervisory authority over the division.

Military Division

Chapter 29A, *Code of Iowa*. The Military Code of Iowa provides for the establishment, command, support, administration, and operation of the military forces of the state of Iowa, as promulgated by the U.S. Constitution and implementing federal statutes, the Iowa Constitution, and applicable federal policies and regulations.

The Iowa National Guard (Army and Air), constitutes the military forces of the state of Iowa except during such time as it may be in the active service of the United States. The Military Code of Iowa provides for the establishment of an "Iowa State Guard" during such time as the Iowa National Guard is in active federal service.

The state mission of the Iowa National Guard is to provide sufficient organizations in the state, so trained and equipped as to enable them to function efficiently at existing strength in the protection of life and property and the preservation of peace, order, and public safety, under competent orders of the state authorities.

The governor is the commander-in-chief of the military forces, except when they are in federal status. The governor may employ the military forces of the state for the defense or relief of the state; the enforcement of its laws; the protection of life and property; emergencies resulting from disasters or public disorders, as defined in Section 29C.2; and parades and ceremonies of a civic nature.

The adjutant general of Iowa is appointed by the governor and, as chief of staff to the commander-in-chief, executes all orders. He is responsible for the administration, organization, equipment, and training of the military forces of the state of Iowa in accordance with policies and directives of the Department of Defense.

The adjutant general shall have command and control of the military department, and perform such duties as pertain to the Office of the Adjutant General under law and regulations, pursuant to the authority vested in the adjutant general by the governor.

The federal mission of the Army and Air National Guard of the United States is to provide units for the reserve components of the Army and Air Force adequately organized, trained, and equipped and available for mobilization in the event of a national emergency or war, in accordance with the deployment schedule, and capable of participating in combat operations, in support of the Army and Air Force war plans.

State Armory Board

M.G. WARREN G. LAWSON, chair, Johnston
 B.G. NEAL R. CHRISTIENSEN, Johnston
 COL. HAROLD E. BOWMAN, Ankeny
 COL. JAMES S. KESSLER, Des Moines
 DEL VAN HORN, Jefferson

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) administration of federal and state funds assigned for construction and maintenance of armories and facilities, and coordination of the use of armories and facilities as required for administration, training, and support of the National Guard.

Disaster Services Division/Office of Disaster Services

Ellen Gordon, administrator; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-3231

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 emergency response/recovery and planning, and in the event of disaster beyond local control, may assume direct operational control over all or any part of the emergency response/recovery functions within the state of Iowa.

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

The administrator is vested with the authority to administer emergency management affairs within the state of Iowa, including man-made or natural disasters, and is also responsible for preparing and executing the management emergency 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 administrator is also responsible for preparing a comprehensive plan and program for the emergency resource management of the state, and for coordinating the preparation of plans and programs for 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 administrator 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 emergency resource management and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.

The administrator, appointed by the governor, serves as the chair of the State Emergency Response Commission, with the responsibility to implement Public Law 99-499, Title III, Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know.

The administrator is also responsible for the statewide administration of enhanced 9-1-1 implementation.

Veterans Affairs Division

Dale L. Renaud, administrator; Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Dr., Johnston 50131-1902; 515-278-9331

MURIEL E. ALLAN, Maquoketa; term expires 1992

GAIL K. DANILSON, Woodward; term expires 1990

LARRY JATHO, Des Moines; term expires 1992

JOHN MC FARLAND, Stuart; term expires 1992

N. MARGARET YOUNG, Marshalltown; term expires 1990

The 67th General Assembly, 1978 session, created the Department of Veterans Affairs. The governor appoints five commissioners, who shall be veterans; four are selected from chartered service organizations and one at-large. Chapter 35A, *Code of Iowa*, directs the department to: collect and maintain information and records concerning Iowa veterans; assist county Veteran Affairs commissioners and hold two service schools annually for them; administer the War Orphans Educational Aid fund; and maintain a permanent military graves registry.

The Reorganization Act of 1986 changed this unit to a division of the Department of Public Defense with no change in responsibility. The administrator, who shall be a veteran, is appointed by and serves at the pleasure of the governor. The director of the Department of Public Defense has supervisory direction and control of the division and is responsible to the governor for carrying out the provisions of Chapter 35A.