

Kevin Klommmhaus, designee of Department of Agriculture and Land Stewardship.....	April 30, 2012
Melanie Rasmusson, designee of Department of Public Health .....	April 30, 2010
Sherry Sievers, private industry representative .....	April 30, 2010
Matthew Unger, designee of Office of the Governor.....	April 30, 2012

The Emergency Response Commission's mission is to assist in improving communities' preparedness for handling chemical accidents, promoting cooperation among state and local government and industry, increasing public awareness of chemicals in the community, and building information databases.

Iowa Code chapter 30 establishes the Emergency Response Commission, which was created by statute in 1989 after a requirement for a state commission was established by Congress in the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right-to-Know Act (EPCRA) of 1986 (Public Law 99-499, Title III). Initially, the commission established Iowa's 99 counties as Local Emergency Planning Districts with the option for multiple counties to merge as a single district. Pursuant to federal law, the commission appoints members to a Local Emergency Planning Committee (LEPC) in each district. The LEPCs have broad-based representation, including elected state or local officials, law enforcement civil defense, first aid, fire fighting, health, local environmental, hospital, transportation, broadcast and print media, community groups, and owners and operators of facilities subject to EPCRA's requirements.

The LEPCs are to develop comprehensive chemical emergency plans, establish operating rules, respond to public requests for information, and coordinate all EPCRA information. The commission provided that the comprehensive chemical emergency plans are to be incorporated as a part of the multi-hazard plans required for each county under Iowa Code.

The state commission is composed of 15 members appointed by the Governor to a three-year term. Officers are elected in May of each year. The commission is represented by: three members representing private industry and one member each from the Fire Service and Emergency Response Council, the Governor's Office, the Iowa Hazardous Materials Task Force, the LEPC, and the departments of Agriculture and Land Stewardship, Justice, Natural Resources, Public Defense, Public Health, Public Safety, Transportation, and Workforce Development.

The state commission members representing the departments of Natural Resources, Public Defense, Public Safety, Transportation, and Workforce Development, and one private industry representative designated by the commission shall be voting members of the commission. The remaining members of the commission shall serve as nonvoting, advisory members.

## E911 COMMUNICATIONS COUNCIL

§34A.2A, 34A.15

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Barbara Vos, E911 Program Manager

<i>Name</i>	<i>Type</i>
Steven Ray, designee of Commissioner of Public Safety, Chair .....	Statutory
Paul Andorf, designee of Iowa Emergency Medical Services Association .....	Statutory
Mike Bryant, designee of Iowa Association of Professional Firefighters.....	Statutory
Thomas Heater, designee of Iowa State Sheriffs and Deputies Association.....	Statutory
Bill Hotchkiss, designee of Iowa Telephone Association .....	Statutory
David Kaus, designee of personal communications service providers .....	Statutory
Mark Murphy, designee of Iowa Firemen's Association .....	Statutory
Jack O'Donnell, designee of Iowa Association of Chiefs of Police and Peace Officers .....	Statutory
Jill Randolph, designee of Iowa Chapter of the National Emergency Number Association .....	Statutory
Robert Seivert, designee of Iowa Emergency Management Directors Association .....	Statutory
Doug Slagle, designee of Iowa Chapter of the Association of Public Safety Communications Officials-International, Inc. ....	Statutory
Natalie Stallman, designee of Iowa Telephone Association .....	Statutory
Bill Tortoriello, designee of cellular telephone service providers.....	Statutory

*Ex officio, nonvoting member:*

Warren G. Jenkins, designee of Auditor of State .....Statutory

**PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD**

§20.5

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James R. Riordan, Chair.....	West Des Moines.....	April 30, 2010
Neil Barrick.....	Johnston.....	April 30, 2012
M. Sue Warner.....	Johnston.....	April 30, 2012

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.

The Public Employment Relations Board is vested with the administration of this Act. As a quasi-judicial administrative agency, operating under the Iowa Administrative Procedure Act, the board conducts hearings and issues legal decisions in unit determination and representation matters, prohibited practice complaints, and petitions for declaratory orders. A staff of administrative law judges also performs, by delegation, this function. The board also administers the remaining provisions of the Act. In that regard, it oversees the negotiations between the public employers and the certified representatives of over 1,150 bargaining units of public employees of the state and its political subdivisions, and provides mediators, fact-finders, and arbitrators in collective bargaining impasses. The board also collects data and conducts studies relating to wages, hours, benefits, and other terms and conditions of public employment; collects registration reports and annual reports, including financial statements, from employee organizations and adjudicates discipline and grievance appeals filed by state merit system employees regarding issues not covered by a collective bargaining agreement.

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Tom Newton, Director of Public Health .....Serves at Pleasure of Governor

The Department of Public Health serves as a catalyst for promoting and protecting the health of Iowans. It strives to improve the quality of life for all Iowans by fulfilling the fundamental obligations of population-based services by:

- Preventing epidemics and the spread of disease
- Protecting against environmental hazards
- Preventing injuries
- Promoting and encouraging healthy behaviors and mental health