

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, director; Hoover State Office Bldg., 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 director 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 director 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 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 emergency resource management and to plan for the most efficient emergency use thereof.

Veterans Affairs Division

Keith Baker, administrator; Camp Dodge, 7700 NW Beaver Drive, Johnston 50131; 515-278-9331

WARREN K. ALLBAUGH, Des Moines; term expires 1988

LARRY JATHO, Des Moines; term expires 1988

DALE RENAUD, Bondurant; term expires 1990

CHARLES H. WRIGHT, Johnston; term expires 1988

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.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT RELATIONS BOARD, IOWA

507 10th Street, Des Moines 50309; 515-281-4414

RICHARD RAMSEY, chairman; term expires 1990

SCOTT BECKENBAUGH, board member; term expires 1988

JAMES A. MCCLIMON, board member; term expires 1988

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 ruling. A staff of hearing officers also performs, by delegation, this function. The board also administers the remaining provisions of the act. In that regard, it provides mediators, fact-finders and arbitrators in collective bargaining impasses; it collects data and conducts studies relating to wages, hours, benefits and other terms and conditions of public employment; and it collects registration reports and annual reports, including financial statements, from employee organizations.

There are approximately 160,000 public employees in Iowa, employed by the state and some 1,500 political subdivisions. Nearly half of those employees have exercised rights granted by the statute, and belong to units which have selected an employee organization to represent them in collective negotiations with their employers. It is the responsibility of the Public Employment Relations Board to oversee those negotiations and assure that the rights of these employees are preserved and protected.

PUBLIC SAFETY, DEPARTMENT OF

Gene W. Shepard, commissioner of Public Safety; Wallace State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5261

The Iowa Department of Public Safety was created by the 48th General Assembly in 1939, through the consolidation of several departments and divisions under one executive designated as commissioner of Public Safety. The Iowa Department of Public Safety has the duty of safeguarding the lives and property of Iowans and visitors to the state through enforcement of state laws. The department is a state-wide law enforcement and public safety agency that complements and supplements local law enforcement agencies and inspection services.

The commissioner's office includes an internal affairs and staff inspections bureau, a research and development bureau and the governor's traffic safety bureau. An assistant attorney general is also assigned to the department.

Today, the Iowa Department of Public Safety includes the following divisions:

Division of State Patrol

Col. Frank Metzger, chief; Wallace State Office Bldg., Des Moines 50319; 515-281-5824

The Iowa State Patrol was created by the 46th General Assembly in 1935, and has a current authorized strength of 410 uniformed officers.

The duties of the state patrol are to enforce all motor vehicle laws, to exercise general peace officer powers (with restrictions stated in Chapter 80, Code of Iowa), to investigate traffic accidents occurring on the highways, to provide emergency medical care and assist in the removal of persons injured as a result of traffic crashes, to provide assistance to local law enforcement agencies upon request or when the need is evident, and to promote highway safety.