

The Agency

Military Staff

Agency Operations

The mission of the Executive Military Staff is to prepare for immediate mobilization in the event of war or national emergency; to maintain peace, order, and public safety in the State in time of man-made or natural disaster or, when otherwise directed by the Governor; and to participate in the development and establishment of local, regional, and nationwide initiatives and programs.

The agency is directed by the Adjutant General through appointment by the Governor. The Adjutant General is nominated as a Major General by the President, and confirmed by the United States Senate. The National Guard Program is financed with approximately 25 percent general revenue and state capital funds and 75 percent federal funds.

In FY 1997, the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency merged with the Military Staff. Merging the two entities placed similar operations under one command, providing more efficient command and control in the event of an emergency and eliminating duplication of effort. The Emergency Management Program is funded with 97 percent federal funds and 3 percent state (general and restricted) revenue.

Agency Objectives

To maintain both the Rhode Island National Guard and the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency as organizations capable of responding to statewide civil emergencies or natural catastrophes, as well as supporting the defense of the nation and national security interests.

To enable the State to assist local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

To increase public awareness of natural hazards, risks, and actions to minimize loss of life or property.

Statutory History

R.I.G.L. Title 30, Chapters 1-14, and 28-30 and the Military Code prescribe the Military Staff's duties and functions. R.I.G.L. 30-15 created the Emergency Management function.

The Budget

Military Staff

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Revised	FY 2005 Recommended
Expenditures by Program				
National Guard	7,804,751	7,964,647	9,388,194	9,321,620
Emergency Management	5,427,803	18,228,979	30,347,914	20,379,835
Total Expenditures	\$13,232,554	\$26,193,626	\$39,736,108	\$29,701,455
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	6,905,221	6,652,198	7,760,508	7,172,184
Other State Operations	3,939,724	6,037,193	7,419,562	6,073,455
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,377,585	13,198,166	21,812,749	14,887,360
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$13,222,530	\$25,887,557	36,992,819	\$28,132,999
Capital Improvements	10,024	306,069	2,743,289	1,568,456
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$13,232,554	\$26,193,626	\$39,736,108	\$29,701,455
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	2,203,488	2,003,131	2,262,606	2,185,043
Federal Funds	10,857,391	23,876,907	36,578,498	26,461,158
Restricted Receipts	114,415	80,255	173,704	176,429
Other	57,260	233,333	721,300	878,825
Total Expenditures	\$13,232,554	\$26,193,626	\$39,736,108	\$29,701,455
FTE Authorization	90.0	93.0	98.0	103.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	7.0%	5.0%	7.0%	7.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	19.0%	18.0%	19.0%	19.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	1.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%

The Program

Military Staff National Guard

Program Operations

In his capacity as Commanding General and Chief of Staff to the Governor, Captain-General and Commander-In-Chief, the Adjutant General directs the establishment, operation, organization and maintenance of the military forces of the State, composed of reserve units of the United States Army and Air Force, the Rhode Island National Guard Reserve (State Security Brigade) and the State Militia. Sub-programs include Administration (Adjutant General, fiscal support, military funerals, educational benefits), Military Property (utilities, janitorial, maintenance, supply purchases, military vehicle repairs), Army Guard (operations, maintenance, and personnel support) and Air Guard (operations, maintenance, personnel support, Quonset firefighters and security guards).

State funds are utilized primarily for employees' salaries, and maintenance and repair of facilities and buildings. Federal funds are utilized for drill and training pay for all Rhode Island Army and Air Guard personnel, supplies, equipment and construction projects. The Rhode Island National Guard is authorized in excess of 4,200 members (2,500 in the Army National Guard, the rest in the Air National Guard). National Guard installations located in Rhode Island include 14 armories, three air bases, two training sites, and ten support buildings and shops including one Army Aviation Support Facility (AASF), four Organizational Maintenance Shops (OMS) and one Combined Support Maintenance Shop (CSMS). Federal equipment housed and secured at these facilities is valued in excess of \$500 million dollars. The estimated annual economic impact on the State attributed to National Guard programs exceeds \$100 million dollars.

Program Objectives

To train and prepare members of the Army and Air National Guard, and the Rhode Island Militia. To support active forces in the defense of our nation and its national security interests.

To provide peacetime responses to state emergencies as ordered by the Governor. To actively participate in counter-drug efforts and to initiate drug demand reduction programs within our communities.

Statutory History

The Executive Military Staff was established in 1856 and is governed by the statutory authority of the Military Code of Rhode Island and other laws relating to the military as enacted by the provisions of the R.I.G.L. 30-1-14 and 28-30 and the Military Code.

The Budget

Military Staff National Guard

	FY 2002 Actual	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Revised	FY 2005 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram			25,000	25,000
Adjutant-General	2,247,930	1,948,923	924,764	884,832
State Military Prop Officer	563,848	1,002,471	2,363,199	2,523,162
Federal Army	1,649,437	1,613,555	1,787,025	1,776,161
Federal Air	3,343,536	3,399,698	4,288,206	4,069,965
Total Expenditures	\$7,804,751	\$7,964,647	\$9,388,194	\$9,279,120
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	5,538,196	5,121,199	4,948,766	4,914,503
Other State Operations	2,145,542	2,434,338	3,289,128	3,099,292
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	110,989	109,763	134,000	134,000
Subtotal : Operating Expenditures	\$7,794,727	\$7,665,300	\$8,371,894	\$8,147,795
Capital Improvements	10,024	299,347	1,016,300	1,131,325
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$7,804,751	\$7,964,647	\$9,388,194	\$9,279,120
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	1,662,434	1,425,439	1,680,906	1,612,996
Federal Funds	6,085,057	6,305,875	6,960,988	6,804,799
Restricted Receipts	-	-	25,000	25,000
Other Funds	57,260	233,333	721,300	836,325
Total Expenditures	\$7,804,751	\$7,964,647	\$9,388,194	\$9,279,120
Program Measures				
Percentage of National Guard Facilities Compliant with Code	24.0%	24.0%	15.0%	15.0%
Percentage of Army National Guard Facilities that Meet or Exceed Army Standards	14.3%	33.3%	40.0%	45.0%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Air National)	91.2%	89.0%	90.5%	92.0%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Army National)	85.0%	81.0%	85.0%	85.0%

The Program

Military Staff Emergency Management

Program Operations

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA) is responsible for the planning and implementation of all hazard preparedness programs at the state level and for providing appropriate support to community hazard response activity. The Emergency Management staff works in conjunction with the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) and annually receives federal funds under the Emergency Management Planning Grant (EMPG). The program channels federal matching funds to 19 communities in the State to support similar programs at the local level.

Emergency Management personnel maintain the State Emergency Operating Center complete with extensive telecommunications systems, and an automatic-start power plant which provides emergency electric power to the Operating Center at the Command Readiness Center, 645 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI. The Radiological and Communications sections remain in the sub-basement of the State House. Emergency Management staff operate a radio system, which expedites telephone calls made from disaster locations to all points, including FEMA. The staff also maintains radio communications with all political subdivisions in the State using the Civil Defense State Radio System in cooperation with the Rhode Island National Guard. The RIEMA also has developed an emergency radio communications system that allows all hospitals, the Department of Health, and Emergency Management to be on a private radio system. Emergency Management staff sustains the Emergency Alert System through periodic plan updates and system tests.

A comprehensive State Emergency Operations Plan is maintained to respond to all types of disasters and includes a strategic plan, a capability assessment, continuity assurance of state and local government, local community emergency operations plans, a resource inventory, training, and mock disaster exercises.

Program Objectives

To maintain a high state of readiness for any disaster or major emergency through the State Emergency Operations Center.

To sustain qualified personnel ready to respond to emergencies and to assist local governments in disaster response and recovery operations.

To increase public awareness of natural hazard risks and actions that can be taken to prevent or minimize loss of life and property.

Statutory History

In 1973, the Rhode Island Defense Civil Preparedness Agency was created by R.I.G.L. 30-15, to replace the former Civil Defense Agency. Executive Order No. 83-5 (and a 2000 legislative amendment) changed the official name to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

The Budget

Military Staff Emergency Management

	FY 2003 Actual	FY 2004 Actual	FY 2005 Revised	FY 2006 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	1,367,025	1,530,999	2,811,742	2,257,681
Other State Operations	1,794,182	3,602,855	4,130,434	2,974,163
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	2,266,596	13,088,403	21,678,749	14,753,360
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$5,427,803	\$18,222,257	\$28,620,925	\$19,985,204
Capital Improvements	-	6,722	1,726,989	394,631
Capital Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$5,427,803	\$18,228,979	\$30,347,914	\$20,379,835
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	541,054	577,692	581,700	572,047
Federal Funds	4,772,334	17,571,032	29,617,510	19,656,359
Restricted Receipts	114,415	80,255	148,704	151,429
Other	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$5,427,803	\$18,228,979	\$30,347,914	\$20,379,835
Program Measures				
Percentage of CDSTARS Remote Stations Responding	63.0%	61.0%	61.0%	63.0%