

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 who is appointed 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 28 percent general revenue and state capital funds and 72 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 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Program				
National Guard	7,380,689	8,641,588	14,596,690	12,736,748
Emergency Management	12,888,027	18,634,949	21,660,575	13,933,923
Total Expenditures	\$20,268,716	\$27,276,537	\$36,257,265	\$26,670,671
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	5,341,688	7,495,772	8,412,570	9,120,928
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,583,120	4,824,948	9,059,888	6,954,679
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	8,828,821	14,644,736	14,852,020	9,149,314
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$17,753,629	\$26,965,456	\$32,324,478	\$25,224,921
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,515,255	311,081	3,932,787	1,445,750
Debt Service	(168)	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$20,268,716	\$27,276,537	\$36,257,265	\$26,670,671
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	2,336,253	2,982,039	2,826,113	2,680,355
Federal Funds	17,651,183	24,001,335	29,157,641	22,157,534
Restricted Receipts	156,049	264,966	363,824	407,532
Other Funds	125,231	28,197	3,909,687	1,425,250
Total Expenditures	\$20,268,716	\$27,276,537	\$36,257,265	\$26,670,671
FTE Authorization	98.0	105.0	109.0	110.0
Agency Measures				
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	7.0%	4.0%	5.0%	5.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	19.0%	21.0%	20.0%	20.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	-	-	-	-

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 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram				
Adjutant-General	(232,951)	1,221,446	1,208,556	1,087,931
State Military Prop Officer	1,459,090	1,116,463	5,819,472	3,437,897
Federal Army	2,394,874	2,091,136	2,608,600	2,971,870
Federal Air	3,759,676	4,212,543	4,960,062	5,239,050
Total Expenditures	\$7,380,689	\$8,641,588	\$14,596,690	\$12,736,748
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	3,290,235	4,558,503	5,626,933	6,203,032
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,878,818	3,351,522	4,506,450	4,766,966
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	143,900	569,738	530,520	321,000
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$6,312,953	\$8,479,763	\$10,663,903	\$11,290,998
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,067,904	161,825	3,932,787	1,445,750
Debt Service	(168)	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$7,380,689	\$8,641,588	\$14,596,690	\$12,736,748
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	1,643,337	1,869,081	2,032,786	1,877,623
Federal Funds	5,573,901	6,591,070	8,509,217	9,288,875
Restricted Receipts	38,220	153,240	145,000	145,000
Other Funds	125,231	28,197	3,909,687	1,425,250
Total Expenditures	\$7,380,689	\$8,641,588	\$14,596,690	\$12,736,748
Program Measures				
Percentage of National Guard Facilities Compliant with Code	15.0%	15.0%	17.6%	25.0%
Percentage of Army National Guard Facilities that Meet or Exceed Army Standards	40.0%	45.0%	47.0%	48.0%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Air National)	90.5%	92.0%	94.0%	94.0%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Army National)	85.0%	85.0%	82.0%	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 a Cooperative Agreement, which is part of a Performance Partnership Agreement. The program channels federal matching funds to 16 communities in the State to support similar programs at the local level.

Emergency Management personnel maintain the State Emergency Operating Center in the Command Readiness Center, National Guard Headquarters, 645 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI. Complete with telephone and radio systems and an automatic start power generator, which provides emergency electric power to the Operations Center, the Command Readiness Center, the Governor's Office and the office of the Speaker of the House. There is a request for Capital Funding to including a new Command Readiness Center into a new State Police headquarters on the Pastore Campus to adequately house all of Emergency Management and its equipment.

Emergency Management staff operates a mobile radio system which expedites phone 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 or manmade disasters.

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 changed the official name to the Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency.

The Budget

Military Staff Emergency Management

	FY 2005 Actual	FY 2006 Actual	FY 2007 Revised	FY 2008 Recommended
Expenditures By Object				
Personnel	2,051,453	2,937,269	2,785,637	2,917,896
Operating Supplies and Expenses	704,302	1,473,426	4,553,438	2,187,713
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	8,684,921	14,074,998	14,321,500	8,828,314
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$11,440,676	\$18,485,693	\$21,660,575	\$13,933,923
Capital Purchases and Equipment	1,447,351	149,256	-	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$12,888,027	\$18,634,949	\$21,660,575	\$13,933,923
Expenditures By Funds				
General Revenue	692,916	1,112,958	793,327	802,732
Federal Funds	12,077,282	17,410,265	20,648,424	12,868,659
Restricted Receipts	117,829	111,726	218,824	262,532
Total Expenditures	\$12,888,027	\$18,634,949	\$21,660,575	\$13,933,923
Program Measures				
Percentage of CDSTARS Remote Stations Responding	47.0%	75.0%	85.0%	85.0%