

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 26 percent general revenue and state capital funds and 74 percent federal funds.

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 train, mobilize, and deploy Rhode Island Air and Army National Guard personnel for operational deployment in support of their Federal mission.

To ensure the needs of Rhode Island Veteran's and National Guard families and employers are supported.

To enable the State to assist local governments in disaster planning, preparation, response and recovery operations for the protection of life, property and infrastructure.

To increase public awareness of natural hazards, threats, 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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Program					
National Guard	10,888,828	10,864,994	12,657,088	15,249,176	14,616,472
Emergency Management	21,684,170	12,908,240	15,762,704	28,208,571	16,069,277
Total Expenditures	\$32,572,998	\$23,773,234	\$28,419,792	\$43,457,747	\$30,685,749
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	7,290,690	7,683,960	8,961,498	8,793,334	9,901,943
Operating Supplies and Expenses	5,519,931	3,463,795	6,439,515	6,427,222	5,994,351
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	14,201,141	10,348,107	10,787,779	24,056,459	11,773,680
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$27,011,762	\$21,495,862	\$26,188,792	\$39,277,015	\$27,669,974
Capital Purchases and Equipment	5,561,236	2,277,372	2,231,000	4,180,732	3,015,775
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$32,572,998	\$23,773,234	\$28,419,792	\$43,457,747	\$30,685,749
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	2,533,905	2,320,832	3,739,948	3,575,260	3,529,979
Federal Funds	27,561,826	19,515,282	22,949,023	36,786,928	25,018,046
Restricted Receipts	242,449	158,275	315,321	346,833	337,449
Other Funds	2,234,818	1,778,845	1,415,500	2,748,726	1,800,275
Total Expenditures	\$32,572,998	\$23,773,234	\$28,419,792	\$43,457,747	\$30,685,749
FTE Authorization	109.0	110.0	103.0	101.0	111.0
Agency Measures					
Minorities as a Percentage of the Workforce	5.0%	5.0%	6.0%	6.0%	6.0%
Females as a Percentage of the Workforce	20.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%	21.0%
Persons with Disabilities as a Percentage of the Workforce	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%	1.0%

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 and State Historic Militia. Sub-programs include Administration (Office of the Adjutant General: federal agency coordination, State representative to NGB, DOD, USAF, and USA, fiscal support, military funerals, family assistance, human resources, force protection, educational benefits), Military Property (utilities, janitorial, maintenance, supply purchases, contracting, military vehicle repairs), Army Guard (operations, maintenance, security guards, and personnel support) and Air Guard (operations, maintenance, personnel support, Quonset firefighters and security guards).

State funds are utilized primarily for employees' salaries, training, travel 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, and equipment, facility maintenance, and construction projects. The Rhode Island National Guard is authorized in excess of 3,327 members (2,150 in the Army National Guard, 1,177 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 an all hazard response in support of State and regional homeland security planning, preparation, response, and recovery as directed by the Governor and/or the National Command Authority according to the National Response Framework. To actively participate in counter-drug efforts and to initiate drug demand reduction programs within our communities. To conduct youth programs in support of communities, law enforcement, and the court system.

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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures by Subprogram					
Adjutant-General	1,065,217	870,031	982,740	1,119,186	1,067,781
State Military Prop Officer	3,476,046	3,116,314	3,571,391	6,117,671	4,829,595
Federal Army	2,124,349	2,592,684	3,268,715	3,281,915	3,720,990
Federal Air	4,223,216	4,285,965	4,834,242	4,730,404	4,998,106
Total Expenditures	\$10,888,828	\$10,864,994	\$12,657,088	\$15,249,176	\$14,616,472
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	4,756,448	5,275,770	5,893,796	5,920,605	6,955,762
Operating Supplies and Expenses	3,182,807	3,258,054	4,194,092	4,177,439	4,282,535
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	425,786	211,687	338,200	972,900	362,400
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$8,365,041	\$8,745,511	\$10,426,088	\$11,070,944	\$11,600,697
Capital Purchases and Equipment	2,523,787	2,119,483	2,231,000	4,178,232	3,015,775
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$10,888,828	\$10,864,994	\$12,657,088	\$15,249,176	\$14,616,472
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	1,835,605	1,586,418	1,681,849	1,790,419	1,617,828
Federal Funds	6,755,013	7,468,323	9,399,739	10,520,031	11,008,369
Restricted Receipts	63,392	31,408	160,000	190,000	190,000
Other Funds	2,234,818	1,778,845	1,415,500	2,748,726	1,800,275
Total Expenditures	\$10,888,828	\$10,864,994	\$12,657,088	\$15,249,176	\$14,616,472
Program Measures					
Percentage of National Guard Facilities Compliant with Code	17.6%	48.0%	65.0%	65.0%	75.0%
Percentage of Army National Guard Facilities that Meet or Exceed Army Standards	21.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	6.3%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Air National)	94.0%	101.3%	96.0%	96.0%	96.0%
Percentage of Authorized Strength (Army National)	76.7%	80.0%	95.0%	95.0%	97.0%

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 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) and the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) receiving funds annually 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.

The Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency is a tenant at the Command Readiness Center, National Guard Headquarters, 645 New London Avenue, Cranston, RI. Emergency Management personnel maintain the State Emergency Operating Center (S-EOC) at that location. The RIEMA is responsible for the operation and maintenance of the state's 800 MHz radio system and network. RIEMA further facilitates the State Communication Working Group for the coordination policy, practices and procedures applicable to the RITERN and RISCON radio communication networks. 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 coordinated planning and exercises. To increase public awareness of personal preparedness for all hazards, reducing the potential for loss of life and property. To enable the State to assist local governments in disaster planning, preparation, response and recovery operations for the protection of life, property and infrastructure.

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 2007 Actual	FY 2008 Actual	FY 2009 Enacted	FY 2009 Revised	FY 2010 Recommended
Expenditures By Object					
Personnel	2,534,242	2,408,190	3,067,702	2,872,729	2,946,181
Operating Supplies and Expenses	2,337,124	205,741	2,245,423	2,249,783	1,711,816
Aid To Local Units Of Government	-	-	-	-	-
Assistance, Grants and Benefits	13,775,355	10,136,420	10,449,579	23,083,559	11,411,280
Subtotal: Operating Expenditures	\$18,646,721	\$12,750,351	\$15,762,704	\$28,206,071	\$16,069,277
Capital Purchases and Equipment	3,037,449	157,889	-	2,500	-
Debt Service	-	-	-	-	-
Operating Transfers	-	-	-	-	-
Total Expenditures	\$21,684,170	\$12,908,240	\$15,762,704	\$28,208,571	\$16,069,277
Expenditures By Funds					
General Revenue	698,300	734,414	2,058,099	1,784,841	1,912,151
Federal Funds	20,806,813	12,046,959	13,549,284	26,266,897	14,009,677
Restricted Receipts	179,057	126,867	155,321	156,833	147,449
Total Expenditures	\$21,684,170	\$12,908,240	\$15,762,704	\$28,208,571	\$16,069,277
Program Measures					
Percentage of CDSTARS Remote Stations Responding	90.0%	50.0%	85.0%	85.0%	85.0%