



STATE OF WASHINGTON
MILITARY DEPARTMENT
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March 31, 2015

To: Mr. David Schumacher
Director
Office of Financial Management

From: Major General Bret D. Daugherty
The Adjutant General
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Subject: Contingency Planning for the Washington Military Department

The Washington Military Department would propose the following activities be authorized in the absence of appropriations. We have identified those activities in the categories specified in your memo of March 4, 2015.

1. Services funded by appropriations in the enacted transportation budget.

The Military Department has no services related to this category.

2. Services that do not require an appropriation, such as from non-appropriated funds.

All funds related to the Military Department budget are appropriated.

3. Services to continue based on certain constitutional mandates and federal law.

None

4. Many important programs and services will cease absent timely legislative appropriations. Therefore, in addition to the categories above, I am asking that agencies identify services that are necessary for the immediate response to issues of public safety, or to avoid catastrophic loss of state property. Amber Alerts are a federal requirement.

- a. The Alert & Warning Center (A&WC) is a critical facility that supports the state's public safety mission and is staffed 24 hours per day, seven days a week by a cadre of 10 State Emergency Operations Officers, who work in pairs in the A&WC. It serves as the state's emergency and crisis response and communications center providing life saving statewide alerts and notifications.

The A&WC handles an average of 4,800 public safety requests every year from local government, state and federal agencies and the public. Typical requests are for: search and rescue resources, Amber Alerts, hazardous material response notifications and fire mobilizations. The A&WC is the primary warning point for all natural and technological disasters that threaten the state, including severe weather systems, earthquakes, floods, landslides, lahars, tsunamis, wildfires, civil disturbances, dam failures, terrorist activities, radiological incidents, hazardous material spills, etc. Some types of warnings like the All-Hazard Alert Broadcast system are initially activated by the A&WC. Without issuance of these notices, many lives could be lost.

- b. Request authority to maintain 12 state security force personnel (federally reimbursed) augmented by 12 Active Guard Reserve personnel to provide 24/7 security of federal assets such as weapons, vehicles and other property.
- c. Request authority to continue to provide utilities for Camp Murray and the 37 National Guard armories located around the state. These armories serve as a critical launch pad for emergency preparedness and response, and house Federal employees.
- d. The Department would also ask to have the contingent authority to activate state employees and National Guard members in the event of an emergency. In case of a major emergency or disaster in the State of Washington, The State Emergency Operations Center (EOC) will have to be activated at an Enhanced, Full or Catastrophic level depending on the nature, size and complexity of the incident. In this case, critical Operations, Planning, Logistics and Finance/Administration functions, as well as Emergency Support Functions (ESFs) 1 through 20 must be filled by additional state agencies, according to their areas of expertise. The State EOC serves “as a single point of contact for the authorizing of state resources or actions” (RCW 38.52.030) in response to the disaster or emergency.

Thank you for your consideration.