

Agency Purpose

The Minnesota Department of Military Affairs, also known as the Minnesota National Guard, “is comprised of and includes the military forces of the state, the office of the adjutant general, all military reservations, military installations, armories, air bases, and facilities owned or controlled by the state for military purposes, and civilians employed by the state for the administration of the military department.” (M.S. Ch.190.05)

- ⇒ *Federal Mission:* As a federal entity, military members of the Minnesota National Guard serve as a reserve force for the United States Army and Air Force. They are subject to be called to federal active duty for extended periods of time by the President.
- ⇒ *State Mission:* As a state entity, the Minnesota National Guard provides support to local law enforcement agencies during natural disasters and other emergencies at the direction of the governor.
- ⇒ *Community Mission:* The Minnesota National Guard is also involved in community support projects throughout the state. These projects give our soldiers a chance to “give back to the community.”

At A Glance

- ◆ There are currently 12,975 military members of the Minnesota National Guard.
- ◆ The Department of Military Affairs manages 2.1 million square feet (SF) of facilities within 1,430 buildings on 54,496 acres at Camp Ripley and Arden Hills; 694,000 square feet (SF) within 46 logistical support buildings at nine locations; and 1.8 million SF in 62 National Guard Training and Community Centers (armories).
- ◆ The agency annually supports 2,500 National Guard men and women through its tuition reimbursement program.
- ◆ The department has overseen 64,721 National Guard “man-days” in response to state emergencies since 1998.

The vision of the Department of Military Affairs is to provide leadership, resources, and support to the National Guard to assist in accomplishing these three missions.

Core Functions

The Department of Military Affairs provides the structure and resources to accomplish the four core programs that support the Minnesota National Guard:

- ◆ Maintenance of Training Facilities
- ◆ Enlistment Incentives
- ◆ Emergency Services
- ◆ General Support

Operations

The department's customer base is the 12,975 members of the Minnesota Army and Air National Guard, the directors and managers responsible for the execution of the federal-state cooperative agreements, and the citizens of the state and nation during emergencies. The Minnesota National Guard has never been more engaged in world-wide missions. The National Guard is no longer a cold-war era, strategic reserve force, but rather it is an operational force being utilized daily in the war on terrorism. Since 9/11 and as of August 2006, the Minnesota National Guard has deployed 7,856 Army Guard members and 3,445 Air Guard members.

The **Maintenance of Training Facilities Program** is the primary staff section responsible for maintaining the state's facilities used to train and house the members of the Minnesota National Guard and to protect the state's investment in facilities. Each Air National Guard Base also has a Civil Engineering function that is responsible for the maintenance of the federal facilities that are supported with state dollars.

The **Enlistment Program** is responsible for managing the department's enlistment incentives and tuition reimbursement programs. These programs provide incentives to the men and women who enlist and maintain their memberships in the Army and Air National Guard.

Emergency Services is managed by the Military Support directorate of the state staff. They provide the command and control services to the governor when the National Guard is activated in response to state emergencies.

General Support provides the general administrative, financial, accounting, budgeting, project management, and human resource support necessary for the operation of the department.

Budget

Of the department's total budget, 68% comes from the federal government through cooperative agreements for facilities maintenance, telecommunications, security, firefighting, and the STARBASE educational program. The state General Fund accounts for 30%, and approximately 2% comes from other sources (local government, facility sales, housing operations, etc.).

The Department of Military Affairs is also responsible for an additional approximately \$310 million per year, received from the federal government during the state's biennium. These funds come directly from the federal government, do not pass through the state treasury, and are paid to individuals and vendors for federal-related activities.

The department's staff includes 257 employees. Only 31 of these employees are 100% state-funded. The remainder are predominantly federally funded -- some at 100% and most others at 75% or 80%.

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