

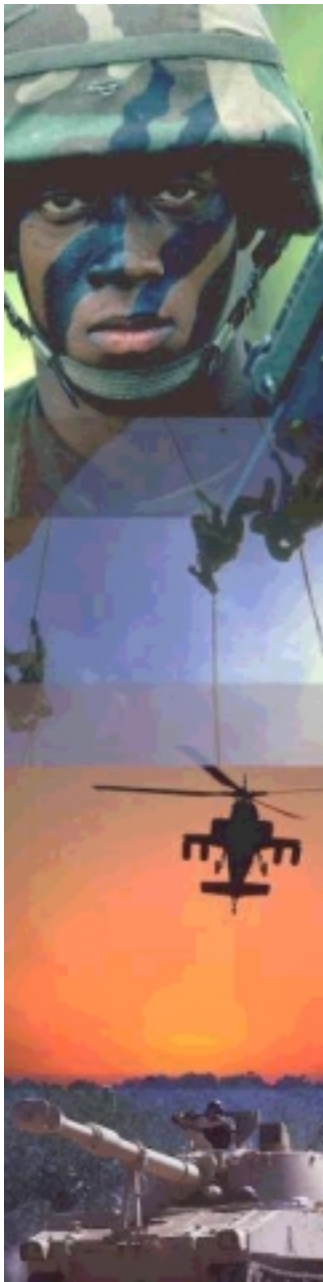
Emergency Management & Public Safety

Mission

To protect the public health and safety and to preserve the lives and property of the people of the State of Indiana.

Summary of Activities

The **Adjutant General** is responsible for the overall management of the Indiana Army and Air National Guard, comprised of 14,000 Indiana citizens located in sixty nine armories and two air bases statewide. Guardsmen must be prepared to respond to state emergencies and maintain federal readiness standards. The Indiana National Guard serves the citizens of the state and the nation in peace and in war.



The **State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA)** is responsible for the maintenance of a level of operational readiness (personnel, equipment, facilities and supplies) to respond to any contingency that may threaten or occur within the state. This includes the coordination of all state resources on behalf of the Governor.

The Emergency Medical Services Division within SEMA is responsible for the development, promotion and maintenance of an effective system of emergency medical services. This responsibility includes the regulation, inspection and certification of services, facilities and personnel engaged in providing emergency medical services.

The **Department of Fire and Building Services**, which houses the Office of the State Building Commissioner, is tasked with the enforcement of the adopted building code requirements for site-built structures other than one- and two-family dwellings. As well as the periodic inspection on all lifting devices throughout the state to ensure compliance with the Elevator Safety Code, the Department is responsible for inspecting amusement devices for compliance with the Amusement Device Code.

The **Office of the State Fire Marshal** is responsible for fire safety inspection of approximately 40,000 occupied buildings throughout Indiana, with the exception of one- and two-family homes and manufactured housing units. The Fire Marshal also assists local fire departments in determining the causes and origins of fires, and conducts investigations into crimes involving fire. The Fire Marshal provides assistance to local fire departments and emergency response units with hazardous material incidents. It also promotes the development and delivery of training and education to ensure that individual and groups with key emergency management responsibilities have the knowledge, skills and abilities to perform their jobs effectively.

External Factors

The most significant external factor affecting the Indiana National Guard is the ability to recruit and retain citizen-soldiers to meet federal mandates. The level of federal funding that goes to the Indiana National Guard is tied to the number of its citizen-soldiers. This translates to jobs for Indiana citizens and \$250,000,000 in federal funds coming into Indiana communities.

SEMA activities are highly subject to unpredictable weather and natural disasters. Extreme weather conditions such as heavy rains leading to flooding along the Ohio River can dramatically increase the need for emergency management services on a sudden basis.

Evaluation and Accomplishments

The Indiana National Guard has been very successful maintaining its strength, currently ranked 7th in the nation. The 76th Infantry Brigade (Separate) recently completed a very successful exercise at the Joint Readiness Training Center at Fort Polk, Louisiana. This involved several years of rigorous training to test the proficiency of every soldier, leader, procedure, and system. The Brigade moved its equipment by barge, rail, and plane. 7,434 76th Infantry Brigade (Separate) and 38th Infantry Division soldiers were involved. Indiana is one of only two states that have both an Enhanced Brigade and an Infantry Division. Indiana is the only state with a major National Guard training site and two Air Gunnery ranges.



The SEMA Mobile Command Center

Over the past 10 years, SEMA has responded to and administered 13 Major Disaster/Emergency Declarations by the President of the United States, as well as numerous other emergency/disaster situations that were not of sufficient magnitude to receive federal assistance. In total, SEMA has administered over \$100 million in state/federal disaster assistance during the past ten years. SEMA has also provided training for 235 state and local jurisdictions in various aspects of emergency management.

By streamlining the review process, the State Building Commissioner has reduced the turnaround time for reviewing building plans from 45-60 days to less than one week. The National Association of Amusement Ride Safety Officials recognized Indiana's amusement safety program as the national model. The State Fire Marshal has initiated a program on college and university dorm fire safety that has been presented to 12 institutions of higher education and is scheduled for numerous additional locations. This program emphasizes the need for fire safety in college student living environments.

Plans for the Biennium

All of the agencies that contribute to emergency management and public safety plan to continue the maintenance of a level of operational readiness to respond to any contingency that may threaten/occur within the state.

