



# Washington Military Department

## 2015-2017 Operating Budget Priorities

### Continuity of Operations Planning (COOP) Program Manager:

- The COOP Program Manager will provide state agencies, boards and commissions COOP training and technical assistance, and will use best practices to help develop, refine and exercise continuity plans, processes and procedures.
- Because many government programs that citizens rely on require two or more state agencies working together, it's critical that agencies identify interdependencies when developing COOP plans. This position will oversee coordination and interdependency planning across state government.
- The result will improve state government performance when an emergency or disaster occurs so critical state services will be available as quickly as possible following the event.
- **Request amount: \$89k/year**



### State Catastrophic Planner

- The State Catastrophic Planner will manage the State Catastrophic Planning Team and lead coordination among local, state and federal stakeholders in catastrophic planning.
- The position will also prepare and maintain the state Comprehensive Emergency Management Plan (CEMP) Catastrophic Incident Annex (CIA), and identify and analyze potential catastrophic hazards to help develop appendices to the CEMP CIA.
- The result will be increased statewide readiness and enhanced confidence in our state's ability to prepare, respond and recover from a catastrophic disaster.
- **Request amount: \$89K/year.**



### E911 Modernization

- As the state of Washington continues its transition to a Next Generation 911 (NG911) system, the state is forced to support two 911 networks – the NG911 and the older analog system – to ensure all 911 calls go through. Currently, there are 69 Public Safety Answering Points (PSAPs) that use legacy analog equipment that will not function with the NG911 digital system.
- The Washington Military Department asks that the State E911 Office baseline spending authority be increased by \$5 million to replace all obsolete phone equipment and software, and to implement necessary cybersecurity safeguards across the statewide 911 enterprise.
- The result will replace all obsolete equipment by 2017 to help complete the state's transition to NG911, and save taxpayers long term by eliminating the need to support two networks.
- **Request amount: \$5 million/biennium in increased spending authority from the state's E911 Account.**





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## 2015-2017 Capital Budget Priorities

### Thurston County Readiness Center

- The Legislature during the 13-15 biennium appropriated \$2.8 million to acquire land to replace the aging, outdated Olympia and Puyallup armories.
- This request would construct a single, LEED-certified energy efficient state-of-the-art facility to replace two old armories – which will help effectively train our soldiers, and serve as a community center for Thurston County. The facility could also be used during state disasters to help coordinate an efficient response.
- If construction is not funded during the 15-17 biennium, the state is at risk of losing more than \$34 million in federal matching dollars, as well as 300 local construction jobs.
- **Request amount: \$7,883,000**



### Minor Works Program & Preservation projects

- The Washington National Guard maintains more than 2 million square feet of facilities contained in 313 buildings in 31 communities throughout the state. The average age of our facilities exceeds 60 years, and given the age of the buildings, they are in need of significant investments to keep them functioning and operational.
- This request provides funding to maintain and modernize the state's armories and readiness centers, which are used to train Washington National Guard soldiers, and during state disasters to ensure an efficient response. Most projects improve energy efficiency, which will reduce future operating costs.
- For every maintenance dollar the state provides, the federal government covers either 50 or 75 percent of the total project cost.
- **Request amount: \$6,013,000 (Program); \$7,267,000 (Preservation)**

### Montesano Readiness Center Roof Replacement & Improvements

- The Montesano Readiness Center is the Washington National Guard's only facility on the Pacific coast, and has been identified as a Continuity of Operations facility and response center in the event of a tsunami.
- The existing roof trusses are similar design and of the same manufacturer of the collapsed Capital High School roof structure. The safety of our soldiers is jeopardized if the roof isn't replaced because it could collapse at any moment.
- This request would replace the roof, as well as make additional improvements to bring the building to code and meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act.
- **Request amount: \$3,750,000**



### Washington Youth Academy Platoon Dormitory

- The Washington National Guard's Washington Youth Academy has a strong record of successfully turning lives around, ensuring our state's at-risk youth are given an opportunity to recover lost high school credits and become contributing adults who rely less on state social programs.
- Since the current dormitory structure was constructed in 2008, demand for the program has increased significantly.
- This request would build a new dormitory building and classroom space which would allow 50 additional students to be admitted and complete the program each year.
- **Request amount: \$3,000,000**



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## 2015-2017 Policy Priorities

### Modernizing the State's Continuity of Operation (COOP) Planning

- Under Governor's Directive 13-02, state agencies are required to have a Continuity of Operations Plan (COOP), exercise that plan and update it.
- A Results Washington analysis revealed that while state agencies are following the Governor's directive, offices led by separately elected officials aren't as serious in preparing for continuity of operations – putting state government at risk if a disaster occurs. These offices play key roles during state emergencies that are vital to ensuring critical services aren't interrupted following a disaster.
- The Washington Military Department requests that Governor's Directive 13-02 be put into law and expanded to include all state offices.
- The result will help ensure that all state offices, including those led by separately elected officials, are prepared to provide critical services following a state disaster, as well as continue the requirement during future Governor Administrations.



### State/Federal National Guard Public Records

- National Guard forces are unique among all other military components in that they may be used in any one of three legally distinct ways: State Active Duty (State Status), Title 32 Duty (Federal Status), or Title 10 Status (Federal Status).
- Records created in either Title 10 or Title 32 status are federal records to be requested and received under the provisions of the federal Freedom of Information Act. Likewise, records created in State Active Duty status are state records and are maintained and released under the state's Public Records Act.
- State law currently does not clearly distinguish between records created and maintained under the three different duty statuses of the Washington National Guard. This has caused confusion by those who request release of records.
- This legislation will clarify state law to reflect existing federal law – and will make clear that records of the Washington National Guard created while in federal status are federal records that can be requested and received through the Washington National Guard Freedom of Information Act Office (Camp Murray), while those records created while in State Active Duty status are state records that can be requested and received through the Washington Military Department Public Records Office.



### Enterprise Multi-Agency Policy Bills

The Washington Military Department participated in two major enterprise study/task force initiatives led by the Governor's Office and is part of the resulting bills for both the Marine & Rail Oil Transport Study and the Unmanned Aerial Systems Task (UAS) Force.

#### UAS Task Force Bill

- Many organizations have been working together for several months on legislation to provide state policy on the use of Unmanned Aerial Systems within Washington State.
- The Washington Military Department's input to the enterprise bill works to ensure that military forces, both active and reserve, can both train for federal go-to-war missions and respond within the state to assist citizens for public safety response during emergencies and disasters.
- It further works to ensure that civilian responder use of UAS systems to assist in public safety response during Governor emergency proclamation periods and search and rescue efforts to assist citizens are allowed activities.



#### Marine and Rail Oil Transport Safety Bill

- The 2014 Washington State Marine & Rail Oil Transportation Study Preliminary Findings & Recommendations proposes changes to state law that will require Local Emergency Planning Committees (LEPC) to annually review their response plans to address changed conditions, and submit their plans to the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) for review when updated – but not less than at least once every five years.
- These plans will ensure that all new threats – including the increase of Bakken crude oil moving through Washington state – are assessed and planned for at the local level.
- To ensure the new state requirement is met, a proposed change to RCW 38-52-040 (2) provides nine local regional planners who will be located in each of the state's Homeland Security Regions to assist LEPCs, as well as one state planner to maintain and synchronize a state-level Oil and Hazardous Materials Response Plan with the local plans.
- These proposed changes will enhance our state's ability to respond to new and emerging hazardous material threats, and ensure our state complies with the federal Emergency Planning and Community Right to Know Act (EPCRA).

