

General Information

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Clients Served: The residents of Wyoming, the citizens of the United States, National Guard Bureau and the Department of Defense

Expenditures: \$17.1 million within the state budget of which \$11.7 million were state funds. And, direct federal funding of approximately \$103 million.

Wyoming Military Department

Report Period: FY 08

Wyoming Quality of Life Result:

The Wyoming Military Department is a responsible steward of state assets and effectively responds to the needs of residents and guests. Students are successfully educated and prepared for life's opportunities.

Contributions to Wyoming Quality of Life:

This agency contributes to Wyoming's well being by providing: A ready, responsive, diverse, trained military force that is fully manned and supported with required equipment, facilities, real property, current technology and services to successfully execute our federal, state and community missions.

Basic Facts:

This agency has 3,249 employees: 1,802 Army and 1,165 Air National Guard personnel, 23 non-military federal employees and 259 state employees. It operated on a \$17.1 million budget of which \$11.7 million were state general fund monies. These budget figures do not include federal funds for the biennium in the approximate amount of \$103 million, which was executed for the Military Department directly by the United State Property and Fiscal Officer. Additionally, federal funds paid directly by the Department of Defense for federal deployments of Wyoming units or personnel are not shown in any of these amounts.

Our clients are the residents of Wyoming, the citizens of the United States, National Guard Bureau and the Department of Defense. Our six most important programs and the number of customers they serve are:

Providing a military force for state and federal missions

Training facilities

Community facilities

Community programs

Civil Air Patrol

Veterans

Together these programs serve Wyoming residents in 18 communities in 15 counties, by providing an augmenting force for natural disasters, community gathering areas, training for civilian and military personnel from Wyoming and the region, education of more than 2,083 students, assistance to more than 72 military families and 58,000 Wyoming veterans.

Information on our previous year's performance measures follow.

NATIONAL GUARD STRENGTH AND GROWTH

Story behind the last year of performance: The Wyoming National Guard grew its force of Soldiers and Airmen during FY 08. The growth is a key indicator in the health of the organization and ensures a ready and reliable force to absolutely satisfy state missions.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 Wyoming National Guard members performed state active duty missions in Niobrara, Carbon and Weston counties as well as fought fires in California – dropping the 1 millionth gallon of retardant on those fires after only a few weeks of support. The department hired two advocates to assist Wyoming veterans with a myriad of issues like dealing with post-deployment stress and identifying and seeking help for Post Traumatic Stress Disorder. Federal responsibilities continued, as well. Although deployments overseas for Operation Iraqi Freedom and Enduring Freedom, among others, were supported by more than 150 Soldiers and Airmen; Wyoming welcomed home from those fronts more than 200 veterans.

TRAINING FACILITY USE

Story behind the last year of performance: Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center continues to be one of the nation's premier training sites for military personnel. In FY 08 the Wyoming Military Department continued to grow the customer base at the camp, logging more than 98,500 mandays. A manday equals use by one person for one day.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 the designs were began for more than \$9 million in airfield upgrades funded by the Wyoming Legislature. Completion of this project by FY 10 will allow the camp to expand its air operations and training capabilities, ultimately allowing the Wyoming Military Department to continue to grow the number of mandays. Camp Guernsey also was designated as a Regional Training Center for U.S. Air Force Space Command; ensuring its nuclear security personnel would train at the Platte County facility. The Wyoming Highway Patrol, FBI, Wyoming Office of Homeland Security and other agencies made multiple visits to the camp.

COMMUNITY FACILITIES

Story behind the last year of performance: The Wyoming Military Department has 18 community facilities in Afton, Casper, Cheyenne, Cody, Douglas, Evanston, Gillette, Guernsey, Lander, Laramie, Lovell, Powell, Rawlins, Rock Springs, Sheridan, Torrington, Wheatland, and Worland. Those buildings continue to be heavily used by National Guard personnel, community organizations and, when needed, as emergency shelters. Camp Guernsey Joint Training Center includes more than 65,000 acres of military training land and facilities.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 as its workforce continued to grow, the Wyoming Military Department also improved processes to ensure this growth was adequately managed. We enhanced our long range planning and programming and improved our facility maintenance by increasing qualified staff and streamlining the work order

process. These efforts positively impacted our ability to serve troops, communities, and other customers. A new \$7 million Airlift Support Complex was built to house two Wyoming Air National Guard units operating out of trailers and a WWII-era Quonset hut. The Air Guard also began renovations of its fire house. Construction began on a \$44 million helicopter facility on F.E. Warren Air Force Base. The project, expected to complete in FY10 will house the Wyoming Army National Guard's UH-60 black hawk operations. In Casper the agency's renovation of the Casper Armory, began in FY07, was completed.

COMMUNITY PROGRAMS

Story behind the last year of performance: Continual concentration on Wyoming's youth and the families of military personnel was a priority in FY 08. The Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNge Program, STARBASE and the Military Assistance Trust Fund touched the lives of thousands of Wyoming residents.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 44 cadets graduated from the Wyoming National Guard Youth ChalleNge Program (YCP); 43 of whom received a high school diploma or a GED. YCP is a five-month resident course for high school dropouts between 16 and 18 designed to help them get their lives back on track and discover hidden potential. STARBASE, a math and science intensive program served every Laramie County fifth-grader, all 1,047 of them, at its Wyoming Air National Guard base location, and 575 students around the state via compressed video. The Wyoming Military Assistance Trust Fund allowed 72 families peace of mind for emergency financial matters while their Soldier, Airman, Marine, or Sailor was deployed. More than \$206,000 went to families in need.

CIVIL AIR PATROL MISSIONS

Story behind the last year of performance: The Wyoming Civil Air Patrol (CAP) was moved by statute to the Wyoming Military Department three years ago for administrative purposes. The CAP puts aviation to its most noble use – helping people during emergencies, relieving human suffering and saving the lives of downed aviators.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 the CAP performed more than 12 search and rescue missions with more than 64.7 flying hours and 1,138 driving miles in the state's boundaries. CAP personnel also participate in many joint agency exercises and provided aerial reconnaissance for various state and federal agencies. Funding shortages continued to be worked to ensure CAP volunteers have the proper training, adequate amounts of flight time and do not have to pay out-of-pocket to train on the organization's aircraft.

VETERANS

Story behind the last year of performance: The Wyoming Veterans Commission has made much progress over the last year in supporting Wyoming's 58,000 veterans. The Governor approved the expansion of the service officer program, the legislature returned

the Wyoming Veteran's Memorial Museum to the Wyoming Military Department, and expansion of the chapel at the Oregon Trail State Veterans Cemetery began.

What has been accomplished: In FY 08 the legislature approved the Veteran's Advocate program as a result of recommendations from the Veteran's Mental Health Task Force. Funds which were previously granted to the Wyoming Department of Workforce Services were reallocated to expand the service officer program. This program will ensure timely data collection and reporting to demonstrate a return on investment. The commission is partnering with Montana, the state of Washington, and key Veterans Service Organizations to assist with the expansion of the service officer program. The expanded program will provide standardized training and coordinated outreach across the state.

