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Overview of States Homeland Security Governance

This analysis describes state homeland security organizational structures that governors established subsequent to September 11, 2001. Homeland security entities were created to ensure states are preparing for a wide range of terrorist attacks. They accomplish this by facilitating the interaction and coordination needed among the governor's office, the homeland security director, the state emergency management office, other state agencies, local governments, the private sector, volunteer organizations, and the federal government.

After September 11, governors designated individuals from various backgrounds in state government to serve as their state homeland security directors. There is no common model; however, in several states, the homeland security director serves as an advisor to the governor in addition to coordinating state emergency management, law enforcement, health, and related public safety functions.

In other models, governors designated the state's Adjutant General as homeland security advisor. While governors generally opted not to create unique cabinet-level positions with oversight over all state agencies, they did form homeland security task forces. The task forces typically consist of executive office staff and agency heads from law enforcement, fire and rescue, public health, National Guard, transportation, public works, and information technology.

Finally, this document provides detailed information on homeland security task forces, state homeland security Web sites, enacting legislation/executive orders, and publications.

State Homeland Security Organizational Structures

ALABAMA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.homelandsecurity.alabama.gov/>

Homeland Security Director: James Walker, Director, Alabama Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Alabama Office of Homeland Security

How Created: The Alabama Department of Homeland Security (ALDHS) was established by an act of the Alabama State Legislature and signed into law by Governor Bob Riley on June 18, 2003. Alabama is the first state in the Nation to create its own legislatively enacted Cabinet-level Department of Homeland Security. [Alabama Department of Homeland Security Formation](#)

Mission: The mission of the Alabama Department of Homeland Security is to work with federal, state, and local partners to prevent acts of terrorism in Alabama, to protect lives and safeguard property, and if required, to respond to any acts of terrorism occurring in Alabama.

Public Health: <http://www.adph.org/aldph.asp>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): James Walker, Director, Alabama Office of Homeland Security

ALASKA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.ak-prepared.com/>

Homeland Security Director: John Madden, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (Major General Craig E. Campbell is the Commissioner of the Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs)

Organization: Alaska Department of Military and Veterans Affairs: Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Mission: The mission of the Office of Homeland Security is to be the single, statewide focal point for coordinating the State's efforts to prevent terrorist attacks, reduce Alaska's vulnerability to terrorism, and minimize the loss of life or damage to critical infrastructure, and recover from attacks if they occur.

Anti-Terrorism Advisory Council: Created by the Governor in August 2003 by merging the Governor's Homeland Security Task Force and the federal Anti-Terrorism Task Force.

Composition: Approximately 60 agencies and offices are members of the task force. Members include representatives of most federal and state enforcement agencies in Alaska, in addition to representatives of local government and private industry.

Task Force Mission: To protect the state's citizens, resources and infrastructure by sharing information, preventing terrorism, providing emergency preparedness actions in the event of a terrorist incident.

Public Health: <http://www.hss.state.ak.us/default.cfm>

State Homeland Security Documents: [State of Alaska Emergency Response Plan](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): John Madden, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

AMERICAN SAMOA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://americansamoa.gov/departments/depts/tohs.htm>

Homeland Security Director: Mike Sala, Director, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security

Organization: American Samoa Department of Homeland Security

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mike Sala, Director, American Samoa Department of Homeland Security

ARIZONA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.homelandsecurity.az.gov/>

Homeland Security Director: Gil Orrantia, Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security

Organization: Arizona Department of Homeland Security

How Created: Laws 2006, Chapter 317 formally created the Arizona Department of Homeland Security. Prior to this formation, the office was located in the Arizona Office of Homeland Security, Arizona Division of Emergency Management (ADEM). ADEM is part of the Department of Emergency and Military Affairs.

Mission: The mission of the Arizona Department of Homeland Security is to protect Arizona's citizens and residents through providing strategic direction for enhancing regional capability and

capacity to: prevent terrorist attacks within Arizona; reduce Arizona's vulnerability to all critical hazards; and minimize the damage and recover from all critical hazards that affect the safety, well-being and economic security of the citizens and residents of Arizona.

Council: Arizona Homeland Security Coordinating Council and Regional Advisory Councils

Purpose: Arizona's Homeland Security Coordinating Council (HSCC) was established to serve as an advisory council to the state homeland security director. Web link: [AZDOHS Homeland Security Coordinating Council](#). Five Regional Advisory Councils (RACs) were created to foster regionalization and cooperation within the first responder community, as well as advise the HS Director on matters pertaining to HS funding. Web Link: [AZDOHS Regional Advisory Councils](#)

Public Health: <http://www.azdhs.gov/index.htm>

State Homeland Security Documents: [State of Arizona Infrastructure Protection Plan](#);
[AZDOHS State Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Gil Orrantia, Director, Arizona Department of Homeland Security

ARKANSAS

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.adem.arkansas.gov/>;
http://www.accessarkansas.org/government_hs.php

Homeland Security Advisor: David Maxwell, Director, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) and State Homeland Security Advisor.

Organization: Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM)

How Created: Act 511 of 1973 and ACT 646 of 1999 (Arkansas Emergency Services Act of 1973, Arkansas Code 75-101 et al) direct the Arkansas Department of Emergency Management to maintain a management system that effectively and efficiently provides mitigation of and recovery from the effects of natural and man caused disasters.

Agency Mission: To provide a management system that effectively and efficiently provides mitigation of and recovery from the effects of natural and man-caused disasters

Association: The Arkansas Emergency Management Association, AEMA

Mission: to serve the emergency management community by offering opportunities for training, scholarship and fellowship. AEMA hosts an Annual Emergency Management Conference each fall to bring together Arkansas' emergency managers and responders in order to share the latest in planning, training and technology and to review disaster response and recovery

Public Health: <http://www.healthyarkansas.com/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): David Maxwell, Director, Arkansas Department of Emergency Management (ADEM) and State Homeland Security Advisor.

CALIFORNIA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.calema.ca.gov>

Homeland Security Advisor: Matthew Bettenhausen, Secretary, California Emergency Management Agency

Organization: California Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Mission: The Governor's Office of Homeland Security's (OHS) mission is to prevent and prepare for terrorist attacks to California through information analysis, planning and research, critical infrastructure protection, citizen preparedness, grant management, training and exercises.

Public Health: The [California Department of Public Health \(CDPH\)](#) provides bioterrorism updates and health warnings as well as planning guidelines for hospitals on its web site.

Other Security Related Sites: California Highway Patrol: <http://www.chp.ca.gov/>; California Service Corps: http://californiavolunteers.org/citizen_corps/detail1.asp; California National Guard: <http://www.calguard.ca.gov>

State Homeland Security Documents: [Keeping California Safe: 2006 Annual Report](#); [California Terrorism Response Plan](#); [2007 State Strategy](#) and [State Agency Guidance: Homeland Security Advisory System](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Matthew Bettenhausen, Secretary, California Emergency Management Agency

COLORADO

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.colorado.gov/homelandsecurity>

Homeland Security Director: Mason Whitney, Maj Gen (ret), Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security, State of Colorado.

Organization: Colorado Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS).

How Created: As part of a re-organization of Colorado's Homeland Security Program, the Governor's Office of Homeland Security (GOHS) was created by Executive Order on February 4th, 2008 with the Director of GOHS appointed as a cabinet level officer reporting directly to the Governor. The Director of GOHS has responsibility for the Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) duties and the State Administering Agency (SAA) duties. The GOHS is responsible for administering and monitoring all Homeland Security Grant Programs, the Homeland Security Training and Exercise Program, the Homeland Security Planning Program to include the State Homeland Security Strategy, the Homeland Security Community Preparedness Program, State-wide Interoperable Communications Coordination, and Financial Management of all funds provided to the office to execute the programs assigned to GOHS.

Mission: Preparing Colorado's Communities to be capable of preventing terrorist attacks and protecting against, responding to, and recovering from all hazards.

Governing Council: The Homeland Security All Hazards Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) was created by Executive Order January 31st, 2005. The SAC provides oversight of the state's homeland security programs, to include the state homeland security strategy and grant funding. The Director of GOHS is the Chairman of the SAC.

Emergency Management: The Colorado Division of Emergency Management (DEM) is part of the Colorado Department of Local Affairs (DOLA). DEM is responsible for the State All Hazards Advisory Committee (SAHAC) that provides emergency management issues and advice to the SAC.

Public Health: The Colorado Department of Public Health and Environment (CDPHE) is responsible for the Governor's Expert Epidemic Emergency Response Committee (GEEERC) that provides public, health, bio-terrorism, and pandemic flu guidance and policy for the state.

Other Security Related Sites: Colorado State Patrol Office of Preparedness and Security: <http://csp.state.co.us/ops.html>; Colorado Information Analysis Center: <https://www.ciac.co.gov/>; Ready Colorado: www.readycolorado.com/; Division of Emergency Management: <http://www.dola.state.co.us/dem/index.html>; Department of Public Health and Environment: www.cdphe.state.co.us/; Colorado National Guard: www.dmv.state.co.us/.

Governors' Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mason Whitney, Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security.

CONNECTICUT

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.ct.gov/hls/site/default.asp>

Homeland Security Advisor: Peter Boynton, Commissioner; Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security; Wayne E. Sanford, Deputy Commissioner; Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

Organization: Connecticut Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

How Created: Legislative act 04-218 created a new state agency: the Department of Emergency

Management and Homeland Security. Governor Rell named James Thomas Commissioner to the new agency.

Division Mission: The mission of the Department of Emergency Management and Homeland Security is to direct and coordinate all available resources to protect the life and property of the citizens of Connecticut in the event of a disaster or crisis, through a collaborative program of prevention, planning, preparedness, response, recovery, and public education.

Governor's Domestic Preparedness Senior Steering Council: In 2000 Governor Rowland created the Council including representatives from Public Health, Safety, Transportation, Environmental Protection, Information Technology, Corrections, Fire Academy, Military, Emergency Management, and local entities.

Statewide Anti-Terrorism Task Force (SATTF): Task Force was formed in cooperation with the Connecticut Police Chiefs Association. The SATTF is designed to pursue approaches that are not utilized by the Joint Terrorism Task Force (JTTF).

Critical Infrastructure Protection Unit: The Unit is responsible for mapping out critical infrastructure in the state and partnering with private entities to ensure protective measures are being taken and that law enforcement is familiar with the location of sector vulnerabilities.

Public Health: www.dph.state.ct.us/

Homeland Security Documents: [Connecticut Threat Advisory System](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Peter Boynton, Commissioner; Department of Emergency Management & Homeland Security

DELAWARE

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://dshs.delaware.gov/>

Homeland Security Director: Lewis Schiliro, Secretary, Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Organization: Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Mission and How Created: The Mission of the Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security (**DSHS**) is to promote and protect the safety of people and property in Delaware. In June 2003, Delaware's General Assembly passed legislation to create the Department of Safety and Homeland Security (**DSHS**) as a replacement for the former state agency known as the Department of Public Safety. The Delaware Department of Safety and Homeland Security (**DSHS**) is committed to protecting the lives and property of our citizens and the visitors to our state. In doing so, **DSHS** is taking the necessary steps to prepare for all hazards and to protect all citizens. The Department is comprised of the Office of the Secretary, the Delaware State Police, the Office of Highway Safety, the Division of Communications, the Delaware Emergency Management Agency, the Capitol Police, the Division of Alcohol and Tobacco Enforcement, the Developmental Disabilities Council, and the State Council for Persons with Disabilities.

Public Health: <http://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/index.html>

Homeland Security Documents: [DSP - Homeland Security and Anti-Terrorism Page](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Lewis Schiliro, Secretary of the Department of Safety and Homeland Security

DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://dcema.dc.gov/dcema/site/default.asp>

Homeland Security Advisor: Millicent Williams, Director of the District of Columbia Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency (HSEMA)

Organization: Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency

Mission: To reduce the loss of life and property and protect citizens and institutions from all hazards by operating and maintaining a comprehensive all-hazard community-based, state-of-the-art emergency management infrastructure. In carrying out its mission the agency works closely

with other emergency response agencies, including the Metropolitan Police Department, the District of Columbia Department of Fire and Emergency Medical Services, the District of Columbia Department of Health and other District and federal agencies, as well as with the major utility companies and non-profit and volunteer organizations such as the Red Cross and the Salvation Army.

Public Health: <http://dchealth.dc.gov/doh/site/default.asp>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): VACANT

FLORIDA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.floridadisaster.org/index.asp>
http://www.fdle.state.fl.us/Domestic_Security/

Homeland Security Advisor: Governor Jeb Bush signed Executive Order 2001-300 on October 11, 2001 designating the Florida Department of Law Enforcement (FDLE) Commissioner as the state's Chief of Domestic Security Initiatives. The FDLE Commissioner has designated the Special Agent in Charge of Domestic Security and Intelligence to act as Florida's Homeland Security Advisor. The Florida Division of Emergency Management has been designated to act as the State Administrative Agency.

Task Force/Organization: The Governor created the Florida Domestic Security Advisory Panel as well as a Regional Domestic Security Task Force in each of FDLE's seven regions.

How Created: The Domestic Security Advisory Panel and seven Regional Domestic Security Task Forces were authorized by Executive Order 2001-300. See Appendix for Executive Order. The structure and responsibilities of the Regional Domestic Security Task Forces were added to Florida State Statute in 2002. The Advisory Panel evolved into the Domestic Security Oversight Council, which was codified in Florida State Statute during the 2005 Legislative Session.

Advisory Panel Mission: To provide recommendations and evaluate the implementation of improvements in Florida's domestic security. The Regional Task Forces are responsible for:

- Coordinating domestic security efforts among local, state, and federal resources to ensure such efforts are not fragmented or unnecessarily duplicative;
- Coordinating appropriate domestic security training for local and state personnel;
- Coordinating the collection and dissemination of investigative and intelligence information; and
- Facilitating responses to terrorist incidents within each region.

Regional Task Force Composition: These task forces, chaired by sheriffs or chiefs of police from seven counties who work closely with the FDLE Special Agent in Charge for that particular region, are comprised of representatives for law enforcement, fire, emergency management, health and medical officials, federal and state officials, and private industry executives.

Public Health: The [Florida Department of Health](#) Office of Public Health Preparedness coordinates planning and program development for the Department of Health and other Florida agencies to protect the public health of the state's citizens and visitors from the effects of manmade and natural events.

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Gerald M. Bailey, Commissioner, Florida Department of Law Enforcement

GEORGIA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.ohs.state.ga.us/>

Homeland Security Director: Charley English, Director, Georgia Office of Homeland Security
Organization: Georgia Office of Homeland Security

Mission: The mission of the Georgia Office of Homeland Security is to lead and direct the preparation, employment and management of state resources to safeguard Georgia and its citizens against threats or acts of terrorism and the effects of natural disasters.

Organization: Georgia Homeland Security Task Force

How Created: The Task Force acts under the authority of the Governor.

Mission: The purpose of the state's Homeland Security Task Force is to advise the Director of Homeland Security on issues related to Terrorism and Homeland Security.

Task Force Composition: The GHSTF consists of representatives from the Departments of Agriculture; Defense; Homeland Security; Human Resources, Public Health; Natural Resources; Transportation; Georgia Bureau of Investigation; Georgia Emergency Management Agency and the Georgia State Patrol. Additionally members include the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police; the Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Power Company which represents the Georgia Business Community. [Task Force Members](#)

Task Force Mission: The purpose of the state's Homeland Security Task Force is to advise the Director of Homeland Security on issues related to Terrorism and Homeland Security. The Homeland Security Task Force is comprised of the state Departments of Agriculture, Defense (Georgia National Guard), Homeland Security, Human Resources, Public Health, Natural Resources, and Transportation, the Georgia Bureau of Investigation, the Georgia Emergency Management Agency, the Georgia State Patrol, the Georgia Association of Chiefs of Police, Georgia Association of Fire Chiefs, the Georgia Sheriffs' Association and the Georgia Power Company.

Public Health: <http://health.state.ga.us/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Charley English, Director, Georgia Office of Homeland Security

GUAM

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://guamhs.org>

Homeland Security Advisor: Frank Ishizaki, Advisors and Director, Guam Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Guam Homeland Security Office of Civil Defense

Office of Homeland Security Mission: To develop and coordinate the implementation of a comprehensive plan to protect Guam and its people from terrorism, invasion, insurrection, rebellion, lawless violence or the threat thereof. In addition, the Guam HS shall compile a comprehensive analysis of all entities within the Executive Branch of the Government of Guam who have similar or overlapping responsibilities with the Office in order for the Governor to consolidate all such responsibilities.

Civil Defense Advisory Council: Includes representatives from emergency management, law enforcement, fire, public health, hospitals, public works, national guard, courts, military, federal liaisons, private non-profit organizations, and private sector partners.

Public Health: <http://dphss.guam.gov/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Frank Ishizaki, Advisors and Director, Guam Office of Homeland Security

HAWAII

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.scd.state.hi.us/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Brigadier General Robert Lee, Director, Civil Defense/Adjutant General, Hawaii Dept. of Defense

Organization: Hawaii State Civil Defense

Mission: Prepare for and respond to disasters and emergencies and lead the state in providing rapid assistance during disasters with a full range of resources and effective partnerships.

Public Health: <http://www.hawaii.gov/health/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Hawaii National Response Plan](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General Robert Lee, Director, Civil Defense/Adjutant General, Hawaii Dept. of Defense

IDAHO

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.bhs.idaho.gov>

Homeland Security Advisor: Colonel Bill Shawver, Director, Bureau of Homeland Security

Organization: Office of the Governor and Idaho Military Division, Bureau of Homeland Security

How Created: Executive Order No. 2003-11 - Governor Dirk Kempthorne (Idaho Code Chapter 10, Title 46, Title 3)

Mission: The Bureau of Homeland Security is in the Military Division, which is under the Office of the Governor. Bureau of Homeland Security employees are civilian emergency management specialists specifically trained to coordinate local, state and federal response and recovery disaster operations as a result of major emergencies and disasters.

Public Health: <http://www.healthandwelfare.idaho.gov/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Colonel Bill Shawver, Director, Bureau of Homeland Security

ILLINOIS

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.illinois homeland security.org/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Andrew Velasquez III, Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

Organization: Illinois Emergency Management Agency, Illinois Homeland Security

Illinois Terrorism Task Force: The Illinois Terrorism Task Force (ITTF) is responsible for assuring that Illinois is ready to respond to an act of terrorism.

Task Force Mission: To implement a comprehensive coordinated strategy for domestic preparedness in the state of Illinois, bringing together agencies, organizations and associations representing all disciplines in the war against terrorism.

Public Health: <http://www.idph.state.il.us/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Andrew Velasquez III, Director, Illinois Emergency Management Agency (IEMA)

INDIANA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.in.gov/dhs/>

Homeland Security Director: Joseph E. Wainscott, Jr., Executive Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

Organization: Indiana Department of Homeland Security

How Created: In 2005, the State of Indiana consolidated all of its emergency management and homeland security efforts into one department by creating the Indiana Department of Homeland Security (IDHS). The five divisions of IDHS are Planning, Training, Emergency Response, Fire & Building Safety, and the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center. These divisions intertwine to accomplish the central mission of IDHS: safeguarding the lives and property of the citizens of Indiana.

Other Organization: Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center

How Created: Following the events of September 11, 2001, Indiana was among the first states in 2006 to create the Indiana Intelligence Fusion Center (IIFC).

Composition: Adjutant General of Indiana; Director of Law Enforcement for the Indiana Department of Natural Resources; Executive Director of the Indiana Association of Chiefs of Police; Executive Director of Indiana Department of Homeland Security; Executive Director of the Indiana Sheriff's Association; Indianapolis Chief of Police; Marion County Sheriff; Special Agent In Charge of the Indianapolis FBI Field Office; Superintendent of the Indiana State Police; Superintendent of the Indiana Excise Police; and U.S. Attorneys for the Northern and Southern

Districts of Indiana

Mission: The purpose of IIFC is to collect, integrate, evaluate, analyze and disseminate information and intelligence to support local, state and federal agencies in detecting, preventing, and responding to criminal and terrorist activity. The IIFC co-locates representatives of these agencies to share information and to facilitate joint efforts to prevent and solve crimes to protect the public.

Public Health: <http://www.in.gov/isdh/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Indiana Annual Homeland Security Report](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Joseph E. Wainscott, Jr., Executive Director, Indiana Department of Homeland Security

IOWA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.iowahomelandsecurity.org/>

Homeland Security Administrator: Lieutenant Governor Patty Judge

How Created: Following September 11th, homeland security responsibilities were integrated into the duties and responsibilities of the Emergency Management Division. In October 2001, Governor Tom Vilsack announced the appointment of Ellen M. Gordon, Administrator of the Iowa Emergency Management Division, as Iowa's new Homeland Security Advisor and the Division was renamed the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division. In July 2004, the Governor appointed David Miller as the Administrator.

Mission: To support, coordinate, and maintain state and local homeland security and emergency management activities to establish sustainable communities and assure economic opportunities for Iowa and its citizens.

Public Health: <http://www.idph.state.ia.us/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Iowa Homeland Security Strategy 2005](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Patty Judge, Lt. Governor, State of Iowa

KANSAS

Homeland Security Web Site: http://www.kansas.gov/kdem/homeland_security/

Homeland Security Advisor: Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General of Kansas

Organization: Kansas Division of Emergency Management

Mission and Vision: The mission of the Division of Emergency Management is to provide a 24-hour operation to reduce loss of life and property, protect Kansans from all hazards by providing and coordinating resources, expertise, leadership and advocacy through a comprehensive, risk-based emergency management program of mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery. The current Emergency Management Program in Kansas stems from two major legislative initiatives: the Federal Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief Act, as amended, and Chapter 48, Article 9 of the Kansas Statutes Annotated. The Division of Emergency Management is the arm of the [Adjutant General's Department](#) that provides mitigation advocacy, planning requirements and guidance, response coordination, and administration of recovery programs for the civil sector of the State, regardless of the type of hazards.

Public Health: <http://www.kdheks.gov/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General Tod Bunting, Adjutant General and Director of Emergency Management

KENTUCKY

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://homelandsecurity.ky.gov/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Thomas L. Preston, Senior Advisor to the Governor

Department Mission: The Kentucky Office of Homeland Security was established by Governor

Ernie Fletcher in May 2004 as the commonwealth's State Administrative Agency to the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. The office is responsible for the distribution of millions of dollars in federal homeland security funds and has been charged by the Governor to lead the state's coordination and collaboration efforts with public and private preparedness partners to ensure a Ready and Prepared Kentucky.

Public Health: <http://chfs.ky.gov/default.htm>

Homeland Security Document: [Annual Report](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Thomas L. Preston, Senior Advisor to the Governor

LOUISIANA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://gohsep.la.gov/homeland>

Homeland Security Director: Mark Cooper, Director, Governors Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

Organization: Governor's Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Mission: The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness will ensure that the State is prepared to respond to, and recover from, all natural and man-made emergencies. This Office will provide the leadership and support to reduce the loss of life and property through an all-hazards emergency management program of prevention, mitigation, preparedness, response and recovery.

How Created: In 2003 the Agency name was changed to the Louisiana Office of Homeland Security & Emergency Preparedness, reflecting the additional responsibilities to the State and her citizens. In March of 2006 the Agency came under the Governor's Office and the name was changed to the Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness to reflect this change.

Committee: LA Domestic Terrorism Advisory Committee

How Created: Created by E.O. [MJF 01-42](#)

Composition: [LA Homeland Security - GOHSEP Information and Membership](#)

Public Health: <http://www.lphi.org/home/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Louisiana Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mark Cooper, Director, Governors Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness

MAINE

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.state.me.us/mema/homeland/>

Homeland Security Director: Major General John Libby, Director, Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Management

Organization: Maine Emergency Management Agency

Mission: The Maine Emergency Management Agency is responsible for Homeland Security and terrorism related incidents as well as natural disasters in Maine.

Council: Maine Homeland Security Advisory Council

How Created: The Maine Homeland Security Advisory Council (HSAC) was established by Executive Order of the Governor in the summer of 2005. The HSAC was later formally adopted by the Maine State Legislature in the spring of 2006.

Council Mission: The HSAC advises the Governor on all matters related to Homeland Security, including terrorism and bio-terrorism issues. The Council provides a forum for the top officials in the State to collaborate, share essential information, and develop a unified strategy to address Homeland Security issues in Maine.

Commission Composition: [Maine Homeland Security Advisory Council Membership](#)

Public Health: <http://www.maine.gov/dhhs/index.shtml>

Homeland Security Documents: [State Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General John Libby, Director, Department of Defense, Veterans & Emergency Management

MARYLAND

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.gov.state.md.us/homelandsecurity.html>

Homeland Security Director: Andy Lauland, Director, Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Governor's Office of Homeland Security

Logistical Support: Maryland Emergency Management Agency

How Created: The Governor's Office of Homeland Security was established on June 23, 2003, when Former Governor Ehrlich signed Executive Order 01.01.2003.18.

Mission: To provide emergency management and terrorism prevention services to the citizens of Maryland through an All Hazards Approach that builds on the creative coordination of existing state functions and local resources such as emergency management, law enforcement, fire, and communications.

Public Health: [The Maryland Department of Health & Mental Hygiene;](#)

<http://bioterrorism.dhmh.state.md.us/Pages/Home/Default.aspx>

Homeland Security Documents: [Maryland's Strategic Goals and Objectives for Homeland Security](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Andy Lauland, Governor's Office of Homeland Security

MASSACHUSETTS

Homeland Security Web Site: www.mass.gov/eops

Homeland Security Advisor: Kevin Burke, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety

Organization: Executive Office of Public Safety and Security

Mission: Massachusetts' Executive Office of Public Safety and Security oversees 14 agencies that together maintain the safety and security of the people of the Commonwealth by preserving order and preventing, preparing for, and responding to disasters, both natural and man-made.

Public Health: Massachusetts Department of Public Health www.mass.gov/dph

Homeland Security Documents: [Massachusetts State Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Kevin Burke, Secretary, Executive Office of Public Safety

MICHIGAN

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://michigan.gov/homeland>

Homeland Security Director: Lieutenant Kyle Bowman, Assistant Section Commander, Infrastructure Analysis and Response, Michigan State Policy

Organization: Department of Military and Veteran Affairs, Michigan Homeland Security

Composition: MSP; Adjutant General; Michigan Department of Community Health; Michigan Public Service Commission; and the Michigan Community Services Commission. The [Michigan State Police](#) Web site provides a list of homeland security resources.

How Created: Governor Granholm reorganized the Michigan Homeland Security program as authorized under [Executive Order No. 2003-6](#).

Public Health: The [Michigan Department of Community Health](#) (MDCH); [Homeland Security Public Health Issues](#)

Michigan Community Service Commission: The [Community Service Commission](#) provides a Web site that lists volunteer organizations including the Volunteer Centers of Michigan; Michigan Citizen Corps; USA Freedom Corps Volunteer Network; and Unity in the Spirit of America.

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): VACANT

MINNESOTA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.hsem.state.mn.us/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Michael Campion, Commissioner of Public Safety
Kris Eide, Director, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Organization: Minnesota Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management.

Mission: The mission of Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) is to help Minnesota prevent, prepare for, respond to and recover from natural and human-caused disaster. Our team develops and maintains partnerships; collects and shares information; plans; trains and educates; coordinates response and resources; and provides technical and financial assistance.

Structure: Minnesota has created a Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) which is co-chaired by the Commissioners of Public Safety and Health. The membership represents all first responder disciplines and other pertinent disciplines that coordinate with state government regarding protection, prevention, response and recovery. There are 23 sub-work groups that represent the ten disciplines, non-government agencies and government agencies that are responsible for preparedness and response.

Mission: The mission of the Senior Advisory Committee (SAC) is to proactively enhance the statewide integration of disciplines and coordinate statewide strategies and resources involved in homeland security. We share ideas, continually improve the state strategy and make policy recommendations to the commissioners of Public Safety and Health to ensure the coordination of state agencies responsible for administering federal preparedness grants.

Public Health: <http://www.health.state.mn.us/>

Department of Agriculture: <http://www.mda.state.mn.us/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Minnesota School Preparedness Guide](#); [Department of Public Safety Strategic Plan](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Michael Campion, Commissioner of Public Safety of Minnesota

MISSISSIPPI

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.homelandsecurity.ms.gov/>

Homeland Security Advisor: J.W. Ledbetter, Director, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

How Created: Reorganization immediately following September 11, 2001.

Mission: The Office of Homeland Security has the duty of providing leadership in the protection of the citizens of Mississippi from terrorist attacks, both foreign and domestic. Homeland Security is also responsible for providing timely advice to the Governor and cabinet in order to efficiently and immediately address potential terrorist threats or acts. Additionally, Homeland Security is tasked with providing leadership for preventing, preparing against, mitigating, and recovering from any man-made or natural crisis.

National Interagency Incident Management System (NIIMS): Former Governor Musgrove signed [Executive Order # 851](#) on October 16, 2001 implementing NIIMS as the state standard for all responses. On May 5, 2005, Governor Barbour signed Executive Order #932 implementing NIMS as the State standard for all responses. [Executive Order #932](#)

Public Health: [Public Health Emergency Preparedness](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): J.W. Ledbetter, Director, Mississippi Office of Homeland Security

MISSOURI

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.dps.mo.gov/HomelandSecurity/>

Homeland Security Advisor: John Britt, Director, Department of Public Safety

Organization: Missouri Department of Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security

How Created: The Missouri Office of Homeland Security was established on September 26, 2001. Missouri was the first state in the nation to create an Office of Homeland Security in response to the disaster of September 11, 2001.

On July 21, 2005 then-Governor Matt Blunt signed [Executive Order 05-20](#) effectively moving the Missouri Office of Homeland Security under the Missouri Department of Public Safety. Placing the office under this Department has allowed for better coordination between the Public Safety agencies that do much of the daily work that makes up Homeland Security, such as the State Emergency Management Agency and the Missouri State Highway Patrol.

Homeland Security Advisory Council: In Executive Order 05-20, Governor Blunt established the Homeland Security Advisory Council to review state and local security plans and grant funding requests and make recommendations for changes to better protect Missourians. Governor Blunt designed the Homeland Security Advisory Council to be comprised of the Director of the Department of Public Safety and relevant Public Safety Division Directors, but equally as important, Directors of other state departments.

By [Executive Order 06-09](#), dated February 10, 2006, Governor Blunt made permanent the Homeland Security Advisory Council. It also recognizes the position for a Homeland Security Coordinator, who works at the direction of the Director of the Department of Public Safety. The order also added the Director of the Department of Mental Health.

Public Health: <http://www.dhss.mo.gov/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council Report](#) and [Vendor Questions](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): John Britt, Director, Department of Public Safety

MONTANA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.state.mt.us/dma/des/homelandsecurity/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Brigadier General John Walsh, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard

Organization: Montana Department of Military Affairs, Disaster & Emergency Services, Montana Homeland Security

How Created: Former Governor Martz created the Homeland Security Task Force by [Executive Order No. 28-01](#).

Task Force Composition: The Task Force is chaired by the DES Administrator and composed of such additional members of the State Emergency Response Commission (SERC) as may be designated by the Chairperson; Chief Information Officer/Department of Administration; Administrator of the Division of Criminal Investigation/Department of Justice; Adjutant General or his/her designee; Public Health Disaster Coordinator/Department of Public Health and Human Services; and any such other members as the Chairperson, in his/her discretion, may designate.

[Task Force Members](#)

Mission: The mission of the task force is to coordinate efforts to detect, prepare for, prevent, protect against, respond to, and recover from terrorist attacks within Montana.

Public Health: The [Montana Department of Health and Human Services](#) provides Health Alert Network (HAN) Advisories and Updates regarding bioterrorism issues including information on anthrax and other biological agent threats. This and other bioterrorism information is included on the department's web site.

Homeland Security Documents: [Montana's Citizen's Guide to Homeland Security Preparedness](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Brigadier General John Walsh, Adjutant General, Montana National Guard

NEBRASKA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.nema.ne.gov/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, Director of Homeland Security

Organization: Nebraska Emergency Management Agency, Nebraska State Homeland Security

Mission: The Homeland Security initiative is designed to develop, coordinate and implement a comprehensive strategy for the protection of the citizens and assets of Nebraska from attacks using weapons of mass destruction - chemical, biological and nuclear. The Nebraska Homeland Security Policy Group is charged with assessing strategic alternatives and recommending broad courses of action for the development of the comprehensive strategies.

Public Health: <http://www.hhs.state.ne.us/>

Documents: [Nebraska's Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Lieutenant Governor Rick Sheehy, Director of Homeland Security

NEVADA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.homelandsecurity.nv.gov/>

Homeland Security Director: Jearld L. Hafen, Director, Department of Public Safety

Organization: Nevada Commission on Homeland Security

How Created: Nevada Legislature – effective July 1, 2003

Composition: Comprised of the following committees – Grants; Law Enforcement; Communication; Planning, Public Health; Strategic Planning; and Training.

[Commission Members](#)

Mission: To analyze and provide timely advice to the Governor of Nevada on all homeland security issues that might affect the state.

Public Health: <http://health2k.state.nv.us/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Nevada Homeland Security Citizen's Guide](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Jearld L. Hafen, Director, Department of Public Safety

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.nh.gov/safety/divisions/bem/index.html>

Homeland Security Director: Christopher M. Pope, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Organization: New Hampshire Department of Safety, Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Public Health: http://www.dhhs.state.nh.us/DHHS/DHHS_SITE/default.htm

Homeland Security Documents: [State Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Christopher M. Pope, Director of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

NEW JERSEY

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.state.nj.us/njhomelandsecurity/>

Homeland Security Director: Mr. Richard L. Cañas, Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness

Organization: New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness

How Created: On March 16, 2006, Governor Jon S. Corzine created a cabinet level Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness with Executive Order #5. [Executive Order #5](#)

New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Task Force: The Task Force is responsible for preserving, protecting and maintaining the domestic security of the state and for developing, implementing and managing comprehensive responses to possible terrorist attacks or other technological disasters.

How Created: The Task Force was created by the New Jersey Domestic Security Preparedness Act, signed into law on October 4, 2001. Under Executive Order 5 (Corzine, March 2006), the Task Force is part of the Office of Homeland Security and Preparedness and is chaired by the Director of OHSP, Richard L. Cañas.

Task Force Composition: Director, Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness; Attorney General; the Superintendent of State Police; the Adjutant General of Military and Veterans Affairs; the Commissioner of Transportation; the Commissioner of Community Affairs; the President of the Board of Public Utilities; the Director of the Office of Information Technology; the Secretary of Agriculture; the Commissioner of Environmental Protection; the Commissioner of Health and Senior Services; the Coordinator of the Office of Recovery and Victim Assistance; and three public members appointed by the Governor with the advice and consent of the Senate. One of the public members must have a background or experience in chemical or biological agents used in acts of terrorism. [Committee Membership](#)

Task Force Mission: The task force's activities are designed to reinforce and expand New Jersey's existing antiterrorism efforts by enhancing and integrating security, planning and preparedness measures throughout the state

Task Force Subgroups: Two major subgroups were created to assist the task force in fulfilling its mission: an Infrastructure Advisory Committee and a Domestic Security Preparedness Planning Group.

Public Health: <http://www.state.nj.us/health/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mr. Richard L. Cañas, Director, New Jersey Office of Homeland Security & Preparedness

NEW MEXICO

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.nmdhsem.org>

Homeland Security Director: John Wheeler, Director, New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Organization: New Mexico Department of Homeland Security & Emergency Management

Mission: To protect the people of New Mexico and the nation through a comprehensive, consolidated, and coordinated program of mitigating hazards, preparing for emergencies, preventing attacks, and responding and recovering from events that occur without regard to cause.

How Created: As one of his first acts as Governor, Bill Richardson created the Governor's Office of Homeland Security in 2003. The Office worked in conjunction with the Office of Emergency Management. During the 2007 legislative session, the two offices were joined to create the cabinet level agency of the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management. Today, the Department of Homeland Security and Emergency Management leads the State's response to emergencies and disasters while providing for the safety and welfare of its citizens. Emergencies and disasters can be defined as something caused by natural or human-made events or any other circumstances determined by the Governor.

Public Health: www.health.state.nm.us

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): John Wheeler, Director, Office of Homeland Security

NEW YORK

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.security.state.ny.us/>

Homeland Security Director: Tom Donlon, Director, New York Office of Homeland Security

Organization: New York State Office of Homeland Security

How Created: Former Governor Pataki created the NYS Office of Public Security via Executive Order on October 10, 2001. Chapter 1 of the Laws of 2004, among other provisions, created the NYS Office of Homeland Security in statute. Former Governor Spitzer reorganized NYS Government by establishing Deputy Secretaries to oversee specific functions, such as public safety, health, and education. Prior to this all state agencies reported to the Governor through a State Director of Operations.

Mission: The New York State Office of Homeland Security directs and coordinates a comprehensive counter-terrorism and "all-hazards" prevention, preparedness and response strategy to protect the people of New York State.

Public Health: <http://www.health.state.ny.us/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Tom Donlon, Director, New York Office of Homeland Security

NORTH CAROLINA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.nccrimecontrol.org/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Reuben Young, Secretary, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

How Created: The Department of Crime Control & Public Safety serves as North Carolina's Office of Homeland Security and is the state's lead agency for response to natural disasters and criminal activity. The Department was created in 1977 to strengthen the state's public safety efforts by concentrating the responsible agencies into one department. The mission of CCPS is to continuously improve the quality of life of North Carolinians by reducing crime and enhancing public safety. The Secretary of Crime Control & Public Safety serves as the sole representative on the Governor's Cabinet for the state's law enforcement and emergency response community.

Organization: Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; Governor's Anti-Terrorism Task

Force

How Created: Task Force was created by former Governor Easley subsequent to September 11, 2001. The duties of the task force was transferred to the [State Emergency Response Commission](#) by Gov. Easley.

Composition: Chairman, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety; Vice-Chairman, Division of Emergency Management; Commissioner, Department of Transportation; Commissioner, Sheriffs' Association; Commissioner, Community Colleges; Commissioner, State Highway Patrol; Commissioner, NC EMS Administrators; Commissioner, NC Division of Public Health; Commissioner, NC Department of Labor; Commissioner, NC Office of the State Fire Marshall; Commissioner, NC Association of Police Chiefs; Commissioner, State Bureau of Investigation; Commissioner, NC Office of Emergency Medical Services; Commissioner, NC Dept. of Environment and Natural Resources; Commissioner, Metro Coalition; Commissioner, NC Emergency Management Association; Commissioner, NC Fire Chiefs Association; and Commissioner, NC Dept. of Agriculture. [Commission Members](#)

Public Health: <http://www.ncpublichealth.com/>; [University of North Carolina Center for Public Preparedness](#)

Department of Agriculture: <http://www.ncagr.com/> and [North Carolina State Animal Response Team \(START\)](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Reuben Young, Secretary, Department of Crime Control and Public Safety

NORTH DAKOTA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.nd.gov/des/homeland/>

Homeland Security Coordinator: Greg Wilz, Director, Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Organization: North Dakota Department of Emergency Services, Division of Homeland Security

How Created: The North Dakota Division of Emergency Management and State Radio Communications became the Department of Emergency Services on July 1, 2005, based on action by the 59th Legislative Assembly of 2005. House Bill 1016 created the Department of Emergency Services consisting of two Divisions; the Division of Homeland Security and the Division of State Radio Communications.

Mission: To save lives, and protect property and the environment through its statewide communications capability and emergency management system.

Public Health: <http://www.health.state.nd.us/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Greg Wilz, Director, Homeland Security/Emergency Management

NORTHERN MARIANA ISLANDS

Homeland Security Special Advisor and GHSAC Member: Patrick J. Tenorio, Special Advisor for Homeland Security

OHIO

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://homelandsecurity.ohio.gov/>

Homeland Security Executive Director: William Vedra, Executive Director, Ohio Homeland Security Division, Ohio Department of Public Safety

Organization: Ohio Department of Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security

How Created: Ohio Homeland Security became a division within the Ohio Department of Public Safety on September 26, 2003. The Ohio Homeland Security Division was created by House Bill 95 and signed by former Governor Bob Taft on June 26, 2003.

Ohio Security Task Force: Comprised of state representatives from: health; agriculture; mental

health; environmental protection; emergency management; fire marshal; transportation; education; adjutant general; administrative services; public utilities; highway patrol; emergency medical services; natural resources; criminal justice; community service; attorney general; insurance; the Ohio Senate; and Ohio House of Representatives.

Security Task Force Mission: To plan, develop, and coordinate statewide resources in support of public and private entities responsible for preventing terrorism, raising awareness, reducing vulnerabilities, responding to and recovering from terrorist acts.

Terrorism Awareness & Prevention Program: A community-based educational training for Ohio citizens that provides residents with critical information on terrorist goals and threats; demonstrates how residents may better protect themselves through safety and security planning; builds partnerships with residents, law enforcement, first responders and community service providers; and identifies ways Ohioans can actively participate in creating safer neighborhoods and communities.

Public Health: <http://www.odh.ohio.gov/>

Homeland Security Document: [Ohio Homeland Security Strategic Plan](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): William Vedra, Executive Director, Ohio Homeland Security Division, Ohio Department of Public Safety

OKLAHOMA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.ok.gov/homeland/>.

Homeland Security Advisor: Lieutenant Colonel Kerry Pettingill, Director, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

Mission: The mission of the Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security is three-fold: prevent terrorist attacks; reduce the state's vulnerability to attacks; and respond and recover if a terrorist attack should occur.

Public Health: <http://www.health.state.ok.us/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Lieutenant Colonel Kerry Pettingill, Director, Oklahoma Office of Homeland Security

OREGON

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.oregon.gov/OMD/>;
<http://www.oregon.gov/OSP/CTS/index.shtml>

Homeland Security Advisor: Major General Raymond Rees, Director, Oregon Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Oregon Office of Homeland Security.

How Created: [Executive Order 04-05](#)

Mission: To provide leadership in the protection of Oregonians, their property, the environment, and Oregon's economy from disasters and acts of terrorism through prevention, preparedness, and responsiveness and recovery efforts.

Public Health: <http://oregon.gov/DHS/ph/index.shtml>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General Raymond Rees, Director, Oregon Office of Homeland Security

PENNSYLVANIA

Homeland Security Web Site:

http://www.portal.state.pa.us/portal/server.pt/community/homeland_security/14251

Homeland Security Director: James F. Powers, Jr., Director, Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security

Organization: Pennsylvania Office of Homeland Security

Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Forces: The Task Forces are aggregated county groups augmented by the various state and federal officials having regional responsibilities in the Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Force area. These partners include the Federal Bureau of Investigation, Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco and Firearms; Pennsylvania State Police; National Guard, Environmental Protection; and Health and Medical organizations. The objectives of the program are to develop county task forces; develop Regional Counter-Terrorism Task Forces; integrate federal/state/county response; institutionalize mutual aid in the region; establish standing regional response groups; and encourage regional networking.

Public Health: <http://www.dsf.health.state.pa.us/health/site/default.asp>

Information Sharing: The Commonwealth is committed to a counter-terrorism strategy that is based upon prevention through the exchange of information and intelligence. Several programs have been implemented to achieve those goals: the Pennsylvania Emergency Incident Report System (PEIRS); the [Justice Network \(JNET\)](#); and the Pennsylvania Incident Response System (PAIRS).

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Robert French, Director, Pennsylvania Emergency Management Agency

PUERTO RICO

Homeland Security Special Advisor and GHSAC Member: Javier Varela, Acting Director, Office of Public Safety Affairs

RHODE ISLAND

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.riema.ri.gov>

Homeland Security Advisor: Major General Robert T. Bray, Director, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

Organization: Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency (RIEMA)

Public Health: <http://www.health.ri.gov/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General Robert T. Bray, The Adjutant General and Director, Rhode Island Emergency Management Agency

SOUTH CAROLINA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.sled.sc.gov/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Reginald I. Lloyd, Chief, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

Organization: South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

Mission: The primary mission of the State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) is to provide quality manpower and technical assistance to law enforcement agencies and to conduct investigations on behalf of the state as directed by the Governor and Attorney General.

[Executive Order](#)

Counter-Terrorism Coordinating Council: SLED Chief; SC Emergency Management; President Pro Tempore of the Senate; Speaker of the House; Attorney General; Adjutant General; SC Superintendent of Education; SC State Fire Marshal; U.S. Attorney; Federal Bureau of Investigations SAC; SC Sheriffs' Association; SC Police Chief's Association; SC Firemen's Association; SC Emergency Medical Services Association; SC Emergency Management Association; National Emergency Numbers Association; SC Health and Environment; SC Budget and Control Board; SC Natural Resources; SC Transportation; SC Public Safety; SC Probation and Parole; Coast Guard Commander; SC Hospital Association; American Red Cross; SC Chamber of Commerce; SC Municipal Association; Low Country Coordinating Council; Midlands Coordinating Council; Pee Dee Coordinating Council; and Piedmont Coordinating Council.

[Organization Chart](#)

Counter-Terrorism Coordinating Council Mission: To support and advise the SLED concerning its counter terrorism mission in an effort to facilitate and foster cooperation and coordination among various governmental and private entities and disciplines both statewide and regionally.

Public Health: [South Carolina Department of Health and Environmental Control](http://www.southcarolina.gov/health/)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Reginald I. Lloyd, Chief, South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED)

SOUTH DAKOTA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.state.sd.us/homeland/>

Homeland Security Director: Alan Bock, Director of Homeland Security

Organization: South Dakota Department of Public Safety, Office of Homeland Security

Mission: Coordinate an extensive information sharing network between all levels of government and local officials, assist city, county and tribal governments to determine their anti-terrorism needs, and manage anti-terrorism Homeland Security grants to assist city, county and tribal governments with the acquisition of resources needed to both prevent acts of terrorism and to respond and recover should one occur.

Public Health: <http://www.state.sd.us/doh/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Alan Bock, Director of Homeland Security

TENNESSEE

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://state.tn.us/safety/>

Homeland Security Director: David Mitchell, Commissioner, Department of Safety and Homeland Security

Organization: Tennessee Department of Safety; Office of Homeland Security

How Created: The Office of Homeland Security was created by Executive Order. In July, 2007 the Office merged with the Department of Safety

Office of Homeland Security Mission: The office has the responsibility and authority for directing statewide activities pertaining to the prevention of, and protection from, terrorist related events. This responsibility includes the development and implementation of a comprehensive and coordinated strategy to secure the state from terrorist threats and attacks. Further, the office of Homeland Security serves as a liaison between federal, state and local agencies, and private sector on matters relating to the security of our state and citizens.

Tennessee Homeland Security Council: Comprised of Director, Department of Safety and Homeland Security; Deputy Governor, Office of the Governor; Attorney General; Commissioner, Department of General Services; Commissioner, Department of Transportation; The Adjutant General, Department of Military; Director, Tennessee EMA; Commissioner, Department of Health; Director, Tennessee Bureau of Investigation; Commissioner, Department of Agriculture; Commissioner, Department of Environment and Conservation; Commissioner, Department of Finance and Administration; Chief Information Officer; Assistant Commissioner, State Fire Marshall's Office, Chief, Tennessee Wildlife Resources Agency; Mayor, City of Cleveland; County Executive, Jefferson County; Deputy Chief of Police, Knoxville; Sheriff, Madison County; Emergency Management Director; Putnam County; and Fire Chief, Sparta Fire Department. [Tennessee Office of Homeland Security Council](http://www.tennessee.gov/homeland/)

Public Health: <http://health.state.tn.us/>

Agriculture: <http://www.tennessee.gov/agriculture/>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): David Mitchell, Commissioner, Department of Safety and Homeland Security

TEXAS

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.texashomelandsecurity.com/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Stephen McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety

Organization: Texas Homeland Security – Office of the Governor

Public Health: <http://www.dshs.state.tx.us/comprep/default.shtm>

Department of Agriculture: http://www.agr.state.tx.us/agr/index/0,1911,1848_0_0_0,00.html

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Stephen McCraw, Director, Texas Department of Public Safety

UTAH

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://homelandsecurity.utah.gov/home/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Col. Keith D. Squires, Director, Division of Homeland Security, Utah Department of Public Safety

Organization: Utah Department of Public Safety, Division of Homeland Security

Division Mission: HLS coordinates emergency management efforts between federal, state and local governments. These efforts include preparedness, recovery, response and mitigation.

Public Health: <http://health.utah.gov/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Utah Emergency Checklist for Schools](#); and [Utah Homeland Security Advisory System](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Col. Keith D. Squires, Director, Division of Homeland Security, Utah Department of Public Safety

VERMONT

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.dps.state.vt.us/homeland/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Captain Chris Reinfurt, Director of Homeland Security, Vermont Department of Public Safety

Organization: Vermont Department of Public Safety; Homeland Security Unit

Mission: To provide state, regional and local terrorism response planning; gather, evaluate, and disseminate terrorism intelligence information; coordinate state and federal terrorism response training; and manage and administer federal terrorism grants.

Vermont Homeland Security Advisory Council

How Created: Governor Douglas created the Vermont Homeland Security Advisory Council on February 20, 2003 [Executive Order](#)

Mission: To assess Vermont's overall Homeland Security preparedness, policies, and communications and to advise strategies on improvement.

[Governor's Homeland Security Advisory Council](#)

Public Health: <http://healthvermont.gov>

Homeland Security Documents: [Vermont Homeland Security Strategy](#); [State of Vermont Homeland Security Advisory System](#); [Weapons of Mass Destruction: Coping with an Attack](#); and [Vermont First Responders Guide to an Act of Terror](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Captain Chris Reinfurt, Director of Homeland Security, Vermont Department of Public Safety

VIRGINIA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.commonwealthpreparedness.virginia.gov/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Mr. Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness

Organization: Office of Commonwealth Preparedness

Secure Commonwealth Panel: [Panel Background Paper](#)

How Created: Then Governor Warner created the Virginia Security Panel under the authority of [Executive Order 69](#)

Panel Composition: The Panel Chairman is the Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness. The panel consists of 29 members and includes: three members of the House of Delegates and two non-legislative citizens to be appointed by the Speaker of the House of Delegates; three members of the Senate of Virginia and two non-legislative citizens to be appointed by the Senate Committee on Rules; the Lieutenant Governor; the Attorney General; the Secretaries of Commerce and Trade, Health and Human Resources, Public Safety, Technology and Transportation; two local first responders; three local government reps; two physicians with knowledge of public health; and four additional members from the private sector. Additional ex officio members may be appointed to the Panel by the Governor at his discretion.

Mission: To monitor and assess the implementation of statewide prevention, preparedness, response and recovery initiatives and where necessary to review, evaluate and make recommendations relating to the emergency preparedness of government at all levels in the Commonwealth.

Public Health: The [Virginia Department of Health](#) maintains a Bioterrorism Preparedness and Response Program web page that provides the general public and health care professionals with fact sheets, FAQs, and related guidelines.

Homeland Security Document [Virginia State Homeland Security Strategy](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mr. Robert P. Crouch, Jr., Assistant to the Governor for Commonwealth Preparedness

VIRGIN ISLANDS

Homeland Security Advisor: Roylando Smith, Director, Virgin Islands Office of Homeland Security

Organization: USVI Homeland Security Executive Committee

How Created: October 24, 2004, the then Governor of the US Virgin Islands, Charles W. Turnbull signed into law Act No.6695 which established both the Office of Homeland Security and the Homeland Security Executive Council. This Act also established the position of Director/SAA of the Department of Homeland Security for the US Virgin Islands.

Composition: The membership of the Homeland Security Executive Committee are commissioners and directors of various first responder agencies as well as support agencies of the government of the US Virgin Islands: National Guard, Police Department, Fire Services, Department of Health, Emergency Management, Agriculture, Planning and Natural Resources, Tourism, Public Works, Waste Management, & Power Authority, Port Authority, Private Sector Group.

Mission: Act as the governance for all Homeland Security matters. In coordination with the Homeland Security Director/SAA, and participating stakeholders, first responder agencies, develop a comprehensive plan and program for Homeland Security, not inconsistent with federal law, including a plan for the security of critical infrastructure licensed or regulated by agencies of the federal government. The plans and programs must be integrated and coordinated with the federal and territorial plans. All plans and programs are approved by the Department of Homeland Security's Office for Domestic Preparedness.

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): VACANT

WASHINGTON

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://emd.wa.gov/>

Homeland Security Director: Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg, Adjutant General

Organization: Washington State Committee on Homeland Security

How Created: In January 2000, Governor Gary Locke directed the formation of the Committee on Terrorism (COT). In 2004, it became known as the Washington State Committee on Homeland Security (CHS).

Composition: Core membership consists of representatives from the following state entities: Ecology; Agriculture; Health; Information Services; Transportation; Emergency Management; Social and Health Services; National Guard; Financial Management; State Patrol; Fire Protection Division; and Labor and Industries. In addition there are representatives from local emergency management; local emergency medical service (EMS); local fire departments; local law enforcement (Chiefs and Sheriffs); local public health; and the Association of Hospitals. Advisory members include the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI); Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA); Public Health Services; Department of Personnel; Coast Guard; Department of Defense; Environmental Protection Agency (EPA); and the Employment Security Department.

Mission: To provide advice and recommendations on statewide Homeland Security policies and plans. Objectives of CHS include: facilitate the implementation and maintenance of Washington's Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan; recommend policy to improve and enhance statewide preparedness; provide a forum for coordination and exchange of information; recommend, monitor and where appropriate develop systems and processes to accomplish Homeland Security priorities; and to serve as a principle forum for synchronization of all statewide Homeland Security activities. Originally, this group was named the Washington State Committee on Terrorism, but has changed its name to better reflect the entire body of work and scope that the committee focuses on.

Public Health: <http://www.doh.wa.gov/default.htm>

Homeland Security Documents: [The Washington Statewide Homeland Security Strategic Plan](#) and [State of Washington Telecommunications Service Priority \(TSP\) Plan](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Major General Timothy J. Lowenberg, Adjutant General

WEST VIRGINIA

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.wvs.state.wv.us/dmaps/>

Homeland Security Advisor: Jim Spears, Secretary Military Affairs and Public Safety

Organization: West Virginia of Military Affairs and Public Safety (DMAPS), Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management

Mission: The primary purpose of the West Virginia Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management is to provide coordination to assist local emergency managers and first responders to provide for the protection of life and property.

Public Health: <http://www.wvdhhr.org>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Jim Spears, Secretary, Military Affairs and Public Safety

WISCONSIN

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://homelandsecurity.wi.gov>

Homeland Security Advisor: Brigadier General Donald Dunbar, Adjutant General

Organization: Wisconsin Homeland Security

State Homeland Security Mission: To assist state, county, local, and tribal governments, as well as, businesses and citizens in initiating standardized actions as the result of changes in the United States and the State of Wisconsin Homeland Security Threat Condition Advisory Systems.

Governor's Homeland Security Council: In March 2003, Governor Jim Doyle created the Governor's Homeland Security Council to help coordinate and direct the state's efforts to prevent

and respond to potential terrorist attacks in Wisconsin.

Council Composition: Administrator, Wisconsin Emergency Management; Administrator, Division of Criminal Investigation, Department of Justice; Chief, Wisconsin State Capitol Police; Executive Director of the Office of Justice Assistance; the Superintendent of the Wisconsin State Patrol; Administrator, Division of Public Health; DATCP; and DNR. [Council Membership](#)

Council Mission: To coordinate the state's terrorism preparedness efforts, assist local governments and agencies and make recommendations to the Governor to enhance Wisconsin's homeland security measures.

Public Health: <http://dhfs.wisconsin.gov/>

Homeland Security Documents: [Wisconsin Homeland Security Report](#)

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Brigadier General Donald Dunbar, Adjutant General

WYOMING

Homeland Security Web Site: <http://www.wyohomelandsecurity.state.wy.us>

Homeland Security Director: Mr. Joe Moore, Wyoming Homeland Security Director; Larry Majerus, Deputy Director

Organization: Governor's Office of Wyoming Homeland Security

How Created: Former Governor Gehringer created the Homeland Security Council under the authority of Executive Order 2002-1.

Mission: To detect and prevent terrorist activities and to alert and support the state's citizens and first responders.

Public Health: <http://wdh.state.wy.us/main/index.asp>

Governors Homeland Security Advisor Council (GHSAC): Mr. Joe Moore, Wyoming Homeland Security Director