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The Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security Moves Under the Office of the Military

The Nevada Division of Emergency Management / Homeland Security (DEM) is pleased to announce the realignment of the division to the Office of the Military. Governor Sisolak signed Assembly Bill 485 into law moving the DEM from under the Nevada Department of Public Safety to the Nevada Office of the Military, effective on July 1, 2021.

“These organizational changes will strengthen our mission and commitment to serve our local emergency managers at the city, county and school levels, Tribal Nations and private sector partners by improving efficiency and streamlining decision making throughout the organization,” said DEM Chief Dave Fogerson. “By improving our operational focus and fine-tuning our strategic execution, we will ultimately strengthen our public service mission.”

This organizational change was made to further strengthen the division’s five missions (prevent, protect, mitigate, respond, and recover), improve efficiency, and better serve and support Nevada’s local jurisdictions as needed. The only change made during the legislation was the reporting structure. All operational responsibilities and authorities of DEM were retained. This realignment ensures a coordinated effort to respond to emergency and disaster situations to reduce the loss of life and property, mitigate future incidents, respond quickly to save lives, protect property and infrastructure, meet basic human needs, and provide economic growth and resilience in the aftermath of a catastrophic incident.

“As the coronavirus spread rapidly in March of 2020, Governor Sisolak directed and entrusted our two agencies in leading an elevated and unprecedented role in the state’s emergency response,” said Maj. Gen. Ondra Berry, Nevada Adjutant General. “Our state’s response during the pandemic highlighted our longstanding, collaborative relationship with the Division of Emergency Management that dates back to the creation of the DEM several decades ago.”

As a reminder DEM urges Nevadans to prepare for an emergency that would require self-reliance without utilities, water, access to a supermarket or local services, household medical needs, and possibly without response from first responders. Create a basic disaster supply kit, today, for your household to last at least two weeks.



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