

Office of the Governor

Mission and philosophy

The mission of the Office of the Governor is to provide leadership that builds public trust through accessibility, service, accountability and cooperation. Governor Freudenthal and his staff believe in personal responsibility, professionalism, high ethics and honesty, requiring accountability, efficiency and respect. The role of the Governor's Office is to provide opportunity, through partnerships, to meet the needs of Wyoming, today and tomorrow.

The governor's vision for Wyoming includes a state that values and nurtures family and community; a state with an enhanced economic base, thriving businesses, community development and protection for its social and natural environment; a state with natural resources developed in a safe and clean manner; a state whose residents have access to the latest and most productive technology; a state where high-quality education effectively prepares the state's youth for a meaningful and challenging future; and a state where government services are delivered using financial resources in an effective and efficient manner.

Results of outcomes

Increase the user-friendliness of state government

The Governor's Office staff is knowledgeable and informed of the duties and capabilities of all major state agencies, making the office effective in directing constituent inquiries when appropriate. The office website is under construction, and has already vastly improved in user-friendliness and information accessibility. Automated phone systems have been eliminated as primary call interceptors to ensure the greatest degree of personal interaction possible. Constituents may encounter a recorded message only when all lines are busy, and/or outside of business hours.

Constituents feel represented by state government and therefore respond positively to governmental policies

Striving to ensure constituents know their concerns are heard at the state level, the Governor's Office, in concert with state agencies, seeks resolution of inquiries, whether written or call-in, within two weeks of initial contact. Timely response within this deadline occurs an estimated 90 percent of the time. Governor Freudenthal, on occasion, directly takes constituent calls and chooses to personally respond by phone to Wyoming residents with particularly troublesome or urgent circumstances. While this is

General information

Governor Dave Freudenthal

Agency contact

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200 W. 24th St.
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Year established

1890

Statutory references

Wyoming Constitution, Article 4;
Wyoming Statute 9-1-201

Authorized personnel

53 full-time

Organizational structure

Governor's Office, State Planning Office, Office of Homeland Security

Clients served

Wyoming residents

Budget information

General Fund:	\$1,720,678
Federal Funds:	3,844,046
Other Funds:	420,000
TOTAL:	\$5,984,724

possible for only a small portion of all constituent inquiries, Governor's Office and Governor's Planning Office staff ensure that Governor Freudenthal is appraised and consulted on emergent issues before responding on his behalf. Constituents are openly informed and credited when their recommendations, inquiries and complaints drive policy and systematic improvements.

Ensure openness in Governor's dealings while allowing privacy to constituents who so desire

To encourage public awareness of and access to Governor Freudenthal's calendar, a public schedule is announced weekly, and questions regarding private meetings can always be directed to the Governor's Press Secretary for further information. Moreover, individual constituents and officials frequently meet with the Governor, while press releases and current events are posted regularly on the website.

Fiscally conservative and easily understandable state budget that is fairly developed and easily justified

To encourage a fiscally conservative, fairly developed, and readily justifiable budget, significant and adequate time is set aside in months prior to the budget session for working with agency heads to compile their budget. Agencies have clear direction and guidance for compiling and submitting their budgets to the Governor's Office. Governor Freudenthal exhibits remarkable knowledge of individual agency budgets and clearly communications sound and constant rationale in budget decision-making.

Avoid redundancy of duties within the governor's office

Inquiries and correspondence received by the Governor's Office are immediately directed either to the appropriate state agency, or specifically to a Governor's Planning Office staff member for review and response. All correspondence to the Governor's Office is tracked.

Additional accomplishments

Above and beyond activities formally noted in the strategic plan, Governor Freudenthal continued to attend troop deployment ceremonies around the state as Wyoming-based military members were sent overseas in the ongoing war on terror in Iraq.

Governor Freudenthal approved rulemaking by the School Facilities Commission which adopted statewide facility design guidelines for school construction. These guidelines provide adequate schools for Wyoming children as required by the Wyoming Constitution while maintaining fiscal responsibility for Wyoming taxpayers.

Governor Freudenthal continued work on balanced energy development and transmission infrastructure by:

- ◆ Promoting the advancement of clean coal technologies, both in the next cycle of coal fired

power plant construction and the opportunity to add value to the vast coal resource through coal-to-fuel and coal gasification technologies,

- ◆ Encouraging the commercial growth of the wind power industry, in combination with base load coal-fired electric generation, to increase use of renewable energy resources,
- ◆ Revitalizing Wyoming oil production through enhanced oil recovery applications,
- ◆ Supporting increased and sustained production of natural gas in a manner which addresses and mitigates the associated impacts to land, air, water and wildlife, and by
- ◆ Leading regional planning initiatives identifying high priority electric transmission facilities in Wyoming and the Rocky Mountain area to develop new electric generation capacity to serve the growing demand for electric power at home and in major customer load centers.

Governor Freudenthal also continued to pursue policy initiatives (in concert with the Wyoming Telecommunications Council) supporting the further development of advanced telecommunications services across Wyoming.

State Planning Coordinator's Office

Status of result priorities

The state planning coordinator's staff reviewed all July 1, 2004 to June 30, 2008 agency plans to enhance their understanding of all state agencies. An improved Results Based Accountability Model was identified to replace the existing process for strategic plans, and full statewide roll-out of this new model is slated to begin in August, 2004. This effort is intended to inform the work of all strategic plans submitted in September 2005, to encourage simplified, useful future planning documents.

The State Planning Coordinator's Office is deeply involved in the development of U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plans, the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Plan Revisions, and several Environmental Impact Statements, including:

- ◆ Big Horn National Forest: coordinated comments to point of Draft Environmental Impact Statement (DEIS) release,
- ◆ Medicine Bow Forest Plan: completed,
- ◆ Black Hills National Forest Plan: coordinated comments to point of DEIS release,
- ◆ Jack Morrow Hills Coordinated Activity Plan: Record of Decision (ROD) and Environmental Impact Statement (EIS) completed, applied

- ◆ Governor's consistency review,
- ◆ Grizzly Bear Forest Plan Amendments: strengthened process for reviewing DEIS,
- ◆ Lynx Amendment: coordinated state agency comments and responded to DEIS,
- ◆ Platte River: coordinated state agency comments for EIS,
- ◆ Kemmerer and Casper Resource Management Plans (RMPs): participated in initial alternative development with state agencies, county commissioners and conservation districts,
- ◆ Pinedale and Rawlins RMPs: participated in alternative development and DEIS review,
- ◆ Jonah: coordinated preferred alternative for DEIS,
- ◆ Questar: coordinated proposed alternative for Draft Environmental Assessment,
- ◆ National Park Service Winter Use Plan: coordinated efforts in preparation for Environmental Assessment of snowmobile use,
- ◆ Crandall Communications: coordinated work of local communities and Forest Service in preparation for EA for communications tower,
- ◆ Sage Grouse comments for 90 day finding,
- ◆ Wolf Plan: coordinated state response,
- ◆ Prebles Jumping Mouse: developed petition to delist
- ◆ Colorado Butterfly: worked with U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and landowners to prepare conservation easements,
- ◆ Powder River Working Group: implemented Powder River EIS
- ◆ Thunder Basin National Grassland Implementation Plan: participated in monthly meetings, and
- ◆ State and Federal Coordination Committee: monthly coordination on land management agency actions and efforts,

In its work conducting research on issues, developing and proposing priorities, the state planning coordinator's office has informed and guided efforts on behalf of Governor Freudenthal including:

- ◆ The Children and Families Initiative,
- ◆ The Governor's Council on Impaired Driving,
- ◆ State Homelessness Coalition,
- ◆ Wyoming Health Information Network,
- ◆ Formal Training for Governor's Boards and Commissions,
- ◆ The Anti-methamphetamine Initiative,
- ◆ Wyoming's State Partnership with Tunisia,
- ◆ Improved State Employee Compensation Plan,
- ◆ The distribution of TANF funds,
- ◆ Statewide roundtables preparing Wyoming for its aging demographics,
- ◆ The Family Economic Self Sufficiency Study,
- ◆ Coordination of Brucellosis Taskforce,
- ◆ Tobacco Master Settlement Fund distribution,

- ◆ Affordable housing development,
- ◆ Formation of "Association of Non-profits,"
- ◆ Access and Opportunity to Higher Education,
- ◆ Wildlife Endowment Fund,
- ◆ NEPA Training and Implementation for State and Local Cooperators,
- ◆ Federal release of Pre-decisional Information to Cooperator Constituents,
- ◆ Off-site Mitigation,
- ◆ Strengthening and Streamlining of Natural Gas Development,
- ◆ Drought request coordination with Department of Agriculture,
- ◆ Wildlife Livestock Disease Partnership, and
- ◆ Questar year-round drilling effort in Pinedale area.

The State Planning Coordinator's Office strives to respond to constituent inquiries within two weeks, meeting this standard an estimated 90 percent of the time. A method to track customer satisfaction has not been officially implemented, however, no constituent inquiry is closed until resolution is reached, or every effort has been made to do so.

Office of Homeland Security

Governor Freudenthal created the Office of Homeland Security, which sprang from the existing structure of the Wyoming Emergency Management Agency and incorporates workers from the Wyoming Highway Patrol and the state Department of Health. Through the department, he has since approved millions of dollars of federal homeland security funding to be distributed to local governments. While a formalized strategic plan on which to report is yet forthcoming, the activities and accomplishments of the Office of Homeland Security are outlined as follows:

- ◆ Supported responders with white powder incidents throughout state.
 - ◆ Personnel responded to scene
 - ◆ Personnel off-scene coordinated efforts to assist responders
- ◆ Purchased and installed WebEOC (Virtual Emergency Operations Center Software).
- ◆ Managed Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) grants ensuring 80 percent of funding is allocated to local jurisdictions.
 - ◆ 2003 ODP Grant
 - Total — \$17,611,000
 - Allotment to local jurisdictions (80 percent) — \$14,088,800
- ◆ Renovated State Operations and Coordination Center.
 - ◆ Public address system

- Physical enhancements
 - Networked facility for computer capability
 - Audio-visual capability
 - Continued to update and equip the Crisis Command and Control Center (4C). This will be utilized for the governor and key policy making government leaders to conduct operations in case of large statewide disasters or in incidents to include a terrorist attack.
- ◆ Purchased bomb/hazardous materials robot.
 - Trained bomb technicians on robot use — February
 - Robot deployed and utilized for Interstate 80 pipe bomb incident – March
- ◆ Purchased Forward Operations Center (FOC) trailer.
 - Equipped FOC
 - Radio capability
 - Internet capability
 - Provides for enhanced and expanded response and support.
- ◆ Purchased EOD bomb suits and helmets. Trained bomb technicians on use.
- ◆ Distributed 2,300 personnel protective equipment kits to first responders.
- ◆ Distributed equipment to each fire station. (145 within the state)
 - Two self contained breathing apparatus
 - Two spare air cylinders
 - One four-gas monitor
 - Two pair of binoculars
 - Two hazardous chemical reference guides
 - Six sets of protective clothing
- ◆ Regional Response Team (RRT) Division created – April
 - Purchased and equipped truck/trailers per legislation
 - Defined RRT concept
- ◆ Training activities
 - 37 course titles
 - 84 offerings
 - 1,402 students
- ◆ Instituted new quarterly newsletter for first responder audience.
- ◆ Instituted new monthly newsletter for county and city emergency managers.
- ◆ Calibrated, tested or exchanged 3,536 radiological instruments.
- ◆ National Flood Insurance Program
 - Conducted 43 Community Assistance Visits
 - Two major plans approved by FEMA Region VIII
- State Multi-hazard Flood Map Modernization Business Plan
- Five Year Floodplain Management Work Plan
- ◆ State Exercise Program
 - Six tabletop exercises conducted – 220 participants
 - Six functional exercises conducted – 225 participants
 - Eight full-scale exercises conducted with 1,195 participants
- ◆ Legislation approved House Bill 144, Wyoming Emergency Response Act.
 - This act established the State Emergency Response Commission, which approves:
 - The standards of the Regional Response Teams (RRT),
 - The hazardous material emergency response training confirmation,
 - Hazardous material or weapons of mass destruction incident response reporting,
 - The criteria for providing aid to regional emergency response teams, and
 - Liability procedures for first responders as members of RRT.
- ◆ Hosted annual hazardous materials conference in Cody – October.
- ◆ Seventeen counties/communities participated in the Community Emergency Response Team initiative, also known as CERT.

Office of the Governor organization chart

