

Governor's Office

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's residents.

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 has undergone a significant revision to improve its 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. Governor Freudenthal often directly takes constituent calls and chooses to personally respond by phone to Wyoming residents. The Governor's Office and Governor's Planning Office staff ensure that Governor Freudenthal is apprised of 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.

Additionally, Governor Freudenthal accepts invitations and deliberately schedules visits in nearly all of Wyoming's towns and communities each year. As governor of a large and rural state, he recognizes that personal contact is crucial not only to building a connection between constituents and state government, but also to increase his understanding of the issues.

General information

Office of the Governor
2005 Annual Report
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Director's name and official title
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Other locations

Governor's Planning Office: Herschler Bldg., 1st Floor East
Office of Homeland Security: Herschler Bldg., 1st Floor East

Year established

1890

Statutory references

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

Number of authorized personnel

55

Organizational structure

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

Clients served

Wyoming residents

Budget information

General Fund	\$5,004,457
Federal Funds	21,972,579
Other Funds	359,655
TOTAL.....	\$27,336,691

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.

Goals from new strategic plan

The Office of the Governor will continue its statutory duties, as well as its commitment to being responsive to the public, remaining in touch with the issues that affect the lives of Wyoming residents and helping state agencies realize the "10 Wyoming Result Statements."

Additional accomplishments

In addition to the activities described above and those duties assigned to the governor by statute, Governor Freudenthal and his staff were actively engaged on initiatives, including the following:

- Wildlife Trust Fund
- Impacted Communities
- State Employee Compensation
- Children and Families Initiative
- Federal Land Planning/NEPA Training
- Split Estates
- Local Government Coordinating Council
- Health Care Commission
- Preparing for Wyoming's Retirees ("Ahead of the Curve")
- Self-Sufficiency Standard
- Electrical Transmission
- Enhanced Telecommunications

State Planning Office

Mission

The mission of the State Planning Office is to assist the Governor in his effort to ensure that the direction of state government is coherent, consistent, and responsive to the needs of Wyoming residents. This assistance is provided by conducting research, developing policies, working with and coordinating the planning and activities of state agencies, participating in federal agency planning processes, and responding in a timely way to the needs of constituents.

Results of outcomes

The State Planning Office directly assisted all state agencies in their strategic planning processes. This included reviewing and monitoring their progress, and coordinating efforts between and among agencies.

The State Planning Office participated in all stages in the development of the U.S. Bureau of Land Management's Resource Management Plans, the U.S. Forest Service's Forest Plan Revisions, and all significant federal Environmental Impact Studies.

The State Planning Office conducted research on issues and developed and proposed policies. In addition, the office provided timely, accurate, and courteous constituent services.

The State Planning Office informed and guided efforts on behalf of Governor Freudenthal on initiatives and projects including:

- Wyoming Health Information Network
- Interagency Council on Homelessness
- Boards and Commissions Training
- Wildlife Trust Fund
- Impacted Communities
- State Employee Compensation
- Children and Families Initiative
- Federal Land Planning/NEPA Training
- Health Care Commission
- Preparing for Wyoming's Retirees ("Ahead of the Curve")
- Self-Sufficiency Standard

Office of Homeland Security

Mission

The Office of Homeland Security seeks to protect the residents of Wyoming from natural and man-made disasters, as well as terrorist acts through systems of prevention, detection, alert, and support.

Legislative progress

Title 19, Chapter 13 – The Wyoming Homeland Security act; and Title 35, Chapter 9 – The Wyoming Emergency Response Act

- "Homeland Security" replaces "Emergency Management"
- "Coordinator" changed to "Deputy Director"
- Eliminated the "Emergency Management Advisory Board"

- Procured Mobile Support Vehicle #1, which provides:
- Radio/other communications protocol capability
- Internet/satellite capability
- Provides for immediate enhanced and expanded response and support
- May be utilized by local/state authorities as support/command

Additional accomplishments

Provided funding to Wyoming Game and Fish to purchase chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear, explosive (CBRNE) prevention and response watercraft for the state's waterways.

Procured a Mass Decontamination Tent to allow the Regional Response Division to deploy and supplement Regional Emergency Response Teams with a mass decontamination capability statewide for both ambulatory and non-ambulatory victims.

Hosted the first homeland security training conference in February 2005. More than 150 individuals attended the conference.

Conducted "Operation Broadhead" exercise, which comprised of the following two components:

- Participation of executive heads of the various state departments to include the governor and the secretary of state.
- A combined seminar for the governor's senior homeland security advisors. This was followed by an exercise which simulated two hostage-taking events.

Completed the Wyoming State Hazard Mitigation plan.

Wyoming Office of Homeland Security responses and activations.

- I-80 multi-vehicle crash response
- Hurricanes Charley, Frances and Ivan deployments
- Supported response to white powder incidents throughout the state
- Thermopolis "suspected" pipe bomb
- Incendiary letter at the state mail facility
- White powder incident at the Wyoming Tribune Eagle
- I-80 hazardous materials spill
- Flooding
 - Lincoln County (Kemmerer and Diamondville)
 - Sheridan County (Sheridan, Dayton, Ranchester)
 - Albany County (Laramie)
 - Fremont County (Riverton, Lander)
 - Johnson County (Kaycee, Buffalo)
- Provided communications assistance as needed for first responders during the Riverton drug ring apprehensions
- Little America – Truck leaking radiological material

- US Hwy 191 – Truck fire with radioactive sources on board
- Flying J Truck Stop in Rawlins – possible radiological materials leaking from truck – no release of radiological material

Calibrated, tested or exchanged 2,988 radiological instruments.

State exercise program

- Thirteen tabletop exercises conducted – 206 participants
- Seven functional exercises conducted – 260 participants
- Nine full-scale exercises conducted – 375 participants
- One exercise seminar conducted – 45 participants

Managed Office for Domestic Preparedness (ODP) grants ensuring 80 percent of funding is allocated to local jurisdictions.

- 2004 ODP Grant
 - Total -- \$14,276,000
 - Allotment to local jurisdictions (80 percent) -- \$11,420,800
- 2005 ODP Grant
 - Total -- \$9,049,826
 - Allotment to local jurisdictions (80 percent) -- \$7,239,861

Governor's Office organizational chart

