

Strategic Policy Initiatives

The Department of Military and Veterans Affairs has identified several strategic policy initiatives for FY 2014-15 and beyond. For this performance evaluation, the Department has updated progress on the selected initiatives used in the November 3, 2014 Annual Performance Report that best capture some of the Department's strategic and operational priorities, and reflect the overall direction as identified by Department leadership. The updates reflect data as of June 30, 2015.

Additional detail for these, and other, strategic policy initiatives is available in the Department's Performance Plan, which may be accessed [here](#).

Improve Disaster Response Coordination

The lessons learned from both fire and flood response missions into policies and procedures which improve the speed at which the Department can respond in coordination with other response partners. This will include ensuring that the appropriate tools and the means to distribute them are available.

This goal will be achieved by conducting after action reviews in coordination with partner agencies to capture lessons learned and further improve coordination.

Expand service Provided to Underserved Veterans through Planning

Serving Colorado's veterans remains a cornerstone of the Department of Military and Veterans Affairs' efforts. Rural and student veterans stand out as being underserved within the state. Access to support services and peer-specific community is a problem for both groups. The preponderance of resources, including hospitals, support groups, student veteran chapters and veterans cemeteries are located along the I-25 corridor.

The Department seeks to update and improve those services it provides beyond this corridor. These consist primarily of grants and the Veterans Memorial Cemetery in Grand Junction, CO. The Department also provides grants which support such activities as transportation for veterans to appointments and counseling services across the state.

Provide low-cost disaster mitigation services

The Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol provides a low-cost aviation capability that can be utilized by law enforcement, local responders and other entities before, during, and after a disaster strikes. This has been demonstrated by the recent missions that the Civil Air Patrol has undertaken such as fire watch, searches for downed aircraft and post-flood damage assessments.

The Department, through the Colorado Wing of the Civil Air Patrol seeks to continue to provide these services with the same standard of professionalism and dedication that it has in the past, while working to share the message of what it provides to a broader audience.

Operational Measures

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Major Program Area - Colorado National Guard

Process - National Guard Federal and State programs encompass activities to provide both the Federal Government and the Governor of Colorado with a trained and ready National Guard force for execution of assigned federal and state missions. The Department ensures that the Colorado National Guard has the necessary personnel and equipment on hand, as well as training to ensure optimum disaster response coordination.

Measure	FY12 Actual	FY13 Actual	FY14 Actual	03/31/2015	06/30/2015	1-Year Goal	3-Year Goal
Percentage of Army National Guard Personnel authorized	98.0%	99.7%	100%	100%	101%	90.0%	90.0%
Percentage of Air National Guard Personnel authorized	93.3%	96.7%	99.36%	98.01%	98.34%	90%	90%
Percentage of Army National Guard Equipment authorized	94.0%	95.27%	96.03%	88.5%	78.66%	85.0%	87%
Percentage of Air National Guard Equipment authorized	98.0%	N/A	97.0%	NA	NA	95.0%	95.0%
Percentage of personnel completing Army National Guard training	92.2%	90.66%	89.68%	80.48%	83.6%	85.0%	87.0%
Percentage of personnel completing Air National Guard training	92.0%	90.66%	89.68%	NA	NA	85.0%	87.0%

Major Program Area - Division of Veterans Affairs

Process - The Veterans Affairs program encompasses activities to assist veterans, their family members, and survivors in securing benefits provided for prior service in the military. The Division provides training for County Veterans Service Officers who provide advocacy for Colorado's veterans as they seek to claim their earned federal benefits.

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Percentage of CVSOs trained	87.0%	86.0%	88.0%	87.0%	87%	90.0%	90.0%
Number of veterans receiving service	5,940	7,464	9,132	13,725	15,536	10,000	12,000

Major Program Area – Civil Air Patrol

Process – The Civil Air Patrol program encompasses activities to provide the Governor a trained and ready force to conduct emergency services missions.