

NEWS: Department of Military Affairs furlough day set for Friday, Sept. 3

Wisconsin Department of Military Affairs (DMA) will operate on a limited basis on Friday, Sept. 3, 2010 as state employees take a furlough day as required of all state employees. DMA will resume regular business hours on Tuesday, Sept. 7 following Labor Day.

The Department of Military Affairs (DMA) includes Joint Force Headquarters-Wisconsin, the Wisconsin Army National Guard, the Wisconsin Air National Guard, and the Wisconsin Division of Emergency Management (WEM). The furlough primarily affects DMA employees at JFHQ, 2400 Wright St. in Madison. Wisconsin National Guard federal employees are not affected by this furlough requirement.

Brig. Gen. Don Dunbar, the adjutant general of Wisconsin, said plans are in place to mitigate the impact of the furlough requirements. For example, the Wisconsin National Guard's Joint Operations Center (JOC) and the 24-Hour Emergency Management Duty Officer System will remain fully operational. WEM Administrator Mike Hinman has ensured that if a disaster or emergency should occur on Sept. 3, there are staff available to respond to the scene and to work in the state Emergency Operations Center.

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