
**AN ACT to amend 166.03 (2) (a) 3. and 166.22 (1) (c); and to create 166.02 (7m) of the statutes; relating to: standards for emergency management programs for public works departments.**

**Analysis by the Legislative Reference Bureau**

Under current law, the adjutant general, of the Department of Military Affairs, is required to develop standards for the emergency management programs of local governments. These standards must be promulgated as rules. The adjutant general is required to include in the standards the utilization of the incident command system during a state of emergency and the adoption of the intergovernmental cooperation Mutual Aid Box Alarm System for deploying fire, rescue, and emergency medical services personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional emergency response.

This bill requires the adjutant general to include in the standards for agencies that manage public works the suggestion that the local agencies adopt a mutual assistance agreement created by the division of emergency management for the intergovernmental collaboration of public works personnel, equipment, and resources in a multi-jurisdictional emergency.

The people of the state of Wisconsin, represented in senate and assembly, do enact as follows:
SECTION 1. 166.02 (7m) of the statutes is created to read:

166.02 (7m) “Public works” means the physical structures and facilities developed or acquired by a city, village, town, county, or Native American tribe or band to provide services and functions for the benefit and use of the public, including water, sewerage services, waste disposal, power, and transportation.

SECTION 2. 166.03 (2) (a) 3. of the statutes is amended to read:

166.03 (2) (a) 3. Furnish guidance and develop and promulgate standards for emergency management programs for counties, cities, villages, and towns, and prescribe nomenclature for all levels of emergency management. The standards shall include a requirement that county, city, village, and town emergency management programs under sub. (4) (a) utilize the incident command system during a state of emergency declared under sub. (1) (b) 1. or s. 166.23 (1) or in any other multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response. The standards for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services shall include the adoption of the intergovernmental cooperation Mutual Aid Box Alarm System as a mechanism that may be used for deploying personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response. The standards for agencies that manage public works shall include the suggestion that the city, village, town, county, or Native American tribe or band adopt a mutual assistance agreement created by the division for the intergovernmental collaboration of public works personnel, equipment, and resources in a multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response. The adjutant general shall promulgate these standards as rules.

SECTION 3. 166.22 (1) (c) of the statutes is amended to read:

166.22 (1) (c) “Local agency” means an agency of a county, city, village, or town, or county, including a municipal police or fire department, a municipal health
organization, a county office of emergency management, a county sheriff, an
emergency medical service, a local emergency response team, or an agency that
manages public works department.

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