

HB 615 -- Civil Disaster Response Corps

Sponsor: Holsman

This bill establishes the Civil Disaster Response Corps within the Department of Public Safety. The duties of the corps include developing expertise in a group not to exceed 1,150 people for emergency response, hazard mitigation, and disaster recovery in rapid deployment upon a call-up by the Governor when an emergency has been proclaimed or by a resolution of the General Assembly. A member of the corps will be available for call-up for a period of up to 21 days each year and will not be eligible for a federal call-up. A member will receive an annual stipend of \$3,000 and have the same protections from unlawful termination of civilian employment as a member of the Missouri National Guard upon call-up. The corps will be organized into three regional battalions, each comprised of three companies of approximately 120 members each, assigned to the nine Congressional districts as their boundaries existed in 2009. A separate headquarters unit will contain up to 25 members as needed.