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§ 20142. Organization.

There shall be in the Office of the Governor, an office the “CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management.”

(a) The CNMI Special Assistant Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) shall be the executive head of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. The Special Assistant, shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be responsible for carrying out the programs for the homeland security and emergency preparedness for the CNMI. The Special Assistant shall coordinate the activities of all agencies and organizations for homeland security and emergency preparedness within the CNMI and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and organizations of other state, territories and of the federal government. The Special Assistant shall also serve as the Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and State Coordinating Officer (SCO). The appointee for the Special Assistant of Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall possess the following minimum qualifications shall also serve as the Homeland Security Advisor (HSA) and the State Coordinating Officer (SCO). The appointee for the Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall possess the following qualifications:

(1) Bachelor’s Degree from regionally accredited university. Advanced degree in accounting, management, law, or business/public administration highly preferred with a five year homeland security or emergency management experiences; or

(2) Ten years of experience in management in law enforcement, fire service, or emergency management; and

(3) Meets the minimum requirements or credentials to pass a U.S. Department of Homeland Security “Secret” Clearance.

(4) Meets the minimum FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS) Certification or the Incident Command System (ICS).

(b) The Deputy Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management (HSEM) shall be the deputy executive head of the CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management Agency. The Deputy Special Assistant, shall be appointed and serve at the pleasure of the Governor, shall be responsible in assisting in carrying out the programs for the homeland security and emergency preparedness for the CNMI. The Deputy Special Assistant shall serve as the Deputy State Coordinating Officer (DSCO). The Deputy Special Assistant shall coordinate the activities of all agencies and organizations for homeland security and emergency preparedness within the CNMI and shall maintain liaison with and cooperate with homeland security and emergency preparedness agencies and organizations of other state, territories and of the federal government. The appointee for the Deputy Special Assistant for Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall possess the following qualifications:

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(1) Bachelor's Degree from regionally accredited university. Advanced degree in accounting, management, law, or business/public administration highly preferred with a one year homeland security or emergency management experiences; or

(2) Five years of experience in management in law enforcement, fire service, or emergency management; and

(3) Meets the minimum requirements or credentials to pass a U.S. Department of Homeland Security "Secret" Clearance.

(4) Meets the minimum FEMA National Incident Management System (NIMS).

(c) The CNMI Homeland Security and Emergency Management shall be staffed with sufficient operational and support staff to ensure an efficient and effective operation.

Source: PL 14-63, § 4; repealed and reenacted by PL 18-4 § 5 (§ 102) (March 15, 2013).

Commission Comment: Pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(e) and (g), the Commission corrected manifest typographical errors and struck figures that were repetitions of written words. The Commission corrected the phrase "shall be shall be" in subsection (a) to "shall be" pursuant to 1 CMC § 3806(g).