



WISCONSIN LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL ACT MEMO

2005 Wisconsin Act 257
[2005 Senate Bill 642]

**Local Emergency Planning &
Mutual Aid Box Alarm System**

2005 Wisconsin Act 257 requires the Adjutant General to promulgate, as rules, standards for fire, rescue, and emergency services for local emergency planning programs that include the adoption of the Mutual Aid Box Alarm System as a mechanism that may be used for deploying personnel and equipment in a multi-jurisdictional emergency.

Prior to the Act, a statutory provision required the Adjutant General to promulgate standards for emergency management programs for counties, towns, and municipalities; including a requirement that county, town, and municipal emergency management programs use the incident command system during a declared state of emergency or in any other multi-jurisdictional or multi-agency emergency response.

The Act replaces the words “towns and municipalities” in the statutory provision described above with the words “cities, villages, and towns.” The Act adds a requirement that the standards for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services 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 Act requires the Adjutant General to promulgate these standards as rules.

Under a nonstatutory provision created by the Act, the Adjutant General must submit the proposed rules for fire, rescue, and emergency medical services described above to the Legislative Council staff by the first day of the eighth month beginning after April 19, 2006 (the date of the Act’s publication).

Effective Date: The Act takes effect on April 20, 2006.

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This memo provides a brief description of the Act. For more detailed information, consult the text of the law and related legislative documents at the Legislature’s Web site at: <http://www.legis.state.wi.us/>.