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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this appendix is to provide for military support to the state during disasters and/or civil unrest.

B. SCOPE

The scope of military support operations varies. Federal military support will be provided, as available, through the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) Defense Coordinating Officer.

II. SITUATION AND ASSUMPTIONS

A. SITUATION

A large-scale disaster will result in widespread loss or damage to the civilian infrastructure. In addition, there may be widespread displacement of people because of damage to or loss of structures and housing. To quickly assess effects on the population and to provide immediate response, an impact assessment will be required immediately following a disaster.

B. ASSUMPTIONS

1. A catastrophic disaster will overwhelm the resources of local government.
2. North Carolina National Guard (NCNG) resources will be made available to assist civil authorities provided that support does not interfere with an essential military mission.
3. To assist local officials, the Governor may order all or any part of the NCNG to active duty.
4. NCNG assistance will be limited to missions that can be accomplished more effectively by the Guard than other agencies of government.
5. Federal military assistance may be requested when the disaster exceeds the capabilities of local and state resources. Such requests must be routed through the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC) to FEMA's Federal Coordinating Officer (FCO).

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6. During a disaster, when waiting for instructions from higher authority would preclude effective response, a National Guard Commander may take action necessary to save human life, prevent immediate human suffering, or lessen major property damage or destruction. The Commander will report his/her actions to higher military and civil authority as soon as possible. NCNG Assistance will not be delayed for lack of reimbursement commitment or for lack of liability certification from the requestor.
7. Military support to civil authorities will terminate as soon as possible after civil authorities are capable of handling the emergency.
8. Counties surrounding or adjoining military installations are encouraged to enter into Memoranda of Agreement with the local military base for support during local emergencies. Such memoranda should address financial accounting and liability, operations liability, and commercial operations.

III. ORGANIZATION AND ASSIGNMENT OF RESPONSIBILITIES

A. LEAD STATE AGENCY

1. NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NCDPS)

NORTH CAROLINA EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT (NCEM)

- a. Provide assistance as needed through field services personnel.
- b. Coordinate requests for resources from all state agencies.
- c. Request federal assistance as required.

B. SUPPORTING STATE AGENCY

1. NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NCDPS)

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD (NCNG)

- a. Provide a representative of the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) at the Emergency Operations Center (EOC).
- b. Provide military support to civil authorities. Missions may include, but are not limited to:
 - Communications;
 - Debris clearance;

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- Medical and refugee evacuation;
- Search and rescue;
- Food and water supply;
- Transportation;
- Health, sanitation and medical services;
- Housing and shelter;
- Maintaining law and order;
- Emergency repair of streets, roads, and bridges;
- Transportation;
- Damage assessment;
- Emergency flood control; and
- Aviation support.

c. Coordinate all air missions in support of the State Emergency Response Team.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. GENERAL

The NCNG will operate from the State EOC to coordinate mission requests in support of other SERT agencies and to advise the SERT Leader on NCNG capabilities and resources. The NCNG will provide military support to civil authorities in accordance with the North Carolina National Guard State Area Command Operation Plan.

When ordered into active duty by the Governor, the Adjutant General will mobilize personnel and equipment in and around the disaster area or potential disaster area as required to restore/preserve law and order and to provide support for the other SERT activities as directed by the SERT Leader. In disasters of sufficient magnitude to require federal Department of Defense (DOD) response, the NCNG Adjutant General and his staff will serve as liaison between North Carolina and the active component commander.

B. NOTIFICATION

When a disaster has occurred or is imminent, the North Carolina Emergency Management (NCEM) Operations Chief will notify military support agencies by office or cellular telephone. NCNG will use existing unit alert and mobilization plans to notify troops.

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C. RESPONSE ACTIONS

1. INITIAL

- a. Personnel and equipment resources will be staged as necessary.

2. CONTINUING

- a. Impact and needs assessments will be ongoing.
- b. Personnel and equipment resources will be deployed.

D. RECOVERY ACTIONS

1. INITIAL

- a. Evaluate and coordinate military assistance requests.

2. CONTINUING

- a. Relieve military units as soon as mission is complete or when civilian forces can assume mission responsibility.

V. DIRECTION, CONTROL AND COORDINATION

A. LOCAL

Each local jurisdiction is responsible for the management of disasters to the extent its resources allow. When local and mutual aid resources have been exhausted, local jurisdictions may request assistance from the state.

B. STATE

Requests for military support are received in the State EOC and forwarded to the NCNG Adjutant General for approval. If the NCNG can support the request, the mission will be scheduled. The NCNG emergency coordinating officer will keep mission status information.

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C. FEDERAL

Requests for federal military assistance will be made by NCEM to FEMA. In the event of a major disaster or when the potential for a major disaster exists, FEMA will dispatch a Defense Coordinating Officer to the North Carolina EOC. This officer will help prepare and coordinate requests for federal military resources.