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I. INTRODUCTION

A. PURPOSE

The purpose of this appendix is to provide for the organization of military support to the State Emergency Response Team (SERT) during disasters and/or civil unrest.

B. SCOPE

The scope of military support operations varies. Military support will be provided through U.S. Department of Defense resources under state or federal authorities to the SERT.

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 governments.
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 any or all of the NCNG to active duty under state authorities.
4. NCNG assistance will be limited to missions that can be accomplished more effectively by the NCNG compared to other agencies of government.
5. Additional military support may be requested when the disaster exceeds the capabilities of local and state resources.

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6. Counties surrounding or adjoining military installations have entered 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 NCNG resources.

B. SUPPORTING STATE AGENCY

1. NC DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY (NCDPS)

NORTH CAROLINA NATIONAL GUARD (NCNG)

- a. Provide a representative of the SERT at the State EOC to serve as the functional lead for military support as well as any additional personnel and resources required for coordination, command, and control of military resources.
- b. Provide military support to civil authorities. Missions may include, but are not limited to:
 - Communications;
 - Cybersecurity;
 - Debris clearance;
 - Medical and refugee evacuation;
 - Search and rescue;
 - Food and water supply;
 - Health, sanitation and medical services;
 - Housing and shelter;
 - Maintaining law and order;
 - Emergency repair of streets, roads, and bridges;
 - Transportation;
 - Damage assessment;

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- Emergency flood control; and
- Aviation support.

- c. Provide NCNG force packages which refers to a pre-identified, mission-specific group of personnel and equipment organized to rapidly respond to a particular emergency or support need.
- d. Provide personnel and resources to support the coordination, command, and control of military aviation assets to the SERT Air Operations Branch as outlined in North Carolina State and Local Aviation Planning Guide.

IV. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS

A. GENERAL

The NCNG will operate from the State EOC to coordinate mission requests in support of the SERT and to advise the SERT Leader on military support capabilities and resources. The NCNG will provide military support to civil authorities in accordance with the North Carolina National Guard All Hazards CONPLAN (contingency).

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. 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.

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 through the dual status command structure. This will allow for the integration of military support resources under state as well as federal authorities under a single command and control structure to reduce duplication of effort and improve operational efficiencies.

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Requests for assets and/or capabilities of the larger U.S. Department of Defense are routed through the State EOC for approval and routing through FEMA. These requests do not impact the ability for any commander of a federal military installation to support an immediate threat to life, limb, or eyesight under their immediate response authority in support of local or state civil authorities.

Military support to civil authorities will terminate as soon as possible after civil authorities are capable of handling the emergency with a priority of demobilization of military support resources deployed under federal authorities prior to resources mobilized under state authorities.

B. NOTIFICATION

When a disaster has occurred or is imminent, the NCEM Operations Chief or designee will notify military support agencies. NCNG will use existing unit alert and mobilization plans to alert, mobilize, and demobilize personnel and assets.

C. RESPONSE ACTIONS

- a. Deploy state personnel and equipment resources as necessary.
- b. Assess impacts and needs.
- c. Evaluate and coordinate military assistance requests.
- d. Relieve military units as soon as mission is complete or when civilian assets can assume mission requirements.
- e. Provide generators as requested.
- f. Provide wreckers to support evacuation.
- g. Provide NCNG force packages.

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.

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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 Director of Military Support will keep mission status information.

C. FEDERAL

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

VI. REFERENCES

- A. North Carolina State and Local Aviation Plan
- B. NCNG CONPLAN