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References: See Enclosure B.

1. Purpose. This instruction establishes policy and assigns responsibilities for domestic operations supported by the National Guard Bureau (NGB) and conducted by National Guard (NG) forces in the States, Territories, and the District of Columbia, hereinafter referred to as “States,” in accordance with (IAW) reference a through reference e.
2. Cancellation. This instruction cancels and replaces the previous version, Chief of the NGB (CNGB) Instruction 3000.04, 24 January 2018, “National Guard Bureau Domestic Operations.”
3. Applicability. This instruction applies to all elements of the NG including the NGB Joint Staff (NGBJS), the Office of the CNGB, the Army National Guard (ARNG) Directorate, the Air National Guard (ANG) Directorate, and the NG of the States, Territories and the District of Columbia.
4. Policy. It is NGB policy to assist, advise, coordinate, report, and track the activities and status of NG personnel employed during domestic operations. NG domestic operations will only be conducted when authorized by appropriate approval authorities. The NG will conduct domestic operations IAW applicable Federal and State statutes and Department of War (DoW) policy. NG Domestic Operations for State activities will be performed with the approval of State officials using State resources. NG Domestic Operations that use DoW resources will be performed in accordance with DoW policy.
5. Definitions. See Glossary.
6. Responsibilities. See Enclosure A.
7. Summary of Changes. There are substantive changes to this instruction including changing the title from “National Guard Bureau Domestic Operations” to “National Guard Domestic Operations.” Information regarding NG support of homeland security is included, relevant elements of reference f are included in staff responsibilities, one of the NGB directorates has been changed, and the references have been updated.

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8. Releasability. This instruction is approved for public release; distribution is unlimited. It is available at <<https://www.ngbpmc.ng.mil/>>.

9. Effective Date. This instruction is effective upon publication and must be reviewed annually by the Proponent/Office of Primary Responsibility for continued validity, and must be revised, reissued, canceled, or certified as current every ten years.



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Enclosures:

- A -- Responsibilities
- B -- References
- GL -- Glossary

ENCLOSURE A

RESPONSIBILITIES

1. Vice CNGB (VCNGB). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB the VCNGB will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
2. Director of the ARNG. Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, the Director of the ARNG will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
3. Director of the ANG. Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, the Director of the ANG will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
4. The Adjutants General (TAGs), the Commanding General of the District of Columbia (CG), and NG Joint Force Headquarters-State (NG JFHQs-State). TAGs, the CG, and NG JFHQs-State will conduct activities IAW with reference b.
5. NGB Director of Staff (NGB-DS). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, the NGB-DS will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
6. NGB Comptroller. Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, the NGB Comptroller (NGB-CT) will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
7. NGB General Counsel (NGB-GC). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, the NGB General Counsel will execute responsibilities IAW reference g.
8. Director of NGB Manpower and Personnel (NGB-J1). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J1 will:
 - a. Support the CNGB's advisory role to the Secretary of War (SecWar) concerning NG personnel readiness and sustainment within the NG.
 - b. Serve as the proponent and office of primary responsibility to provide human resource strategic planning, integration, analysis, manpower and personnel policy, and oversight for the CNGB regarding domestic operations.
 - c. Provide coordination and support as part of the associated Adaptive Response Staff (ARS).
 - d. Provide oversight of manpower and personnel support during domestic operations.
 - e. Manage strength reporting, personnel accountability tracking, and receive NG JFHQs-State personnel status reports through systems of record; monitor NG Common Operating Picture, Army Disaster Personnel Accountability and Assessment System, and Air Force Personnel Accountability and Assessment System.

- f. Analyze, compile, and submit personnel reports as required.
- g. Provide manpower and personnel information to support operations.

9. Director of NGB Joint Intelligence (NGB-J2). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J2 will:

a. Conduct strategic-level coordination on foreign intelligence, incident awareness and assessment (IAA), intelligence oversight, and security-related matters with various partners within the intelligence community, including the Service Intelligence Components, civilian Federal agencies, as well as NG JFHQs-State.

b. Serve as the primary advisor to the CNGB for all IAA, intelligence and intelligence-related matters IAW reference h and reference i, and as the channel of communication to the NG JFHQs-State on all IAA, intelligence, and intelligence-related matters.

c. Provide IAA and, should there be a foreign threat or link, intelligence reporting during domestic operations.

(1) Determine and recommend prioritized information requirements based on mission analysis and CNGB's planning guidance.

(2) Assist the NGB Operations Directorate (NGB-J3/4/7) in developing mission objectives and determining the availability, quality, and quantity of intelligence or IAA assessments, knowledge, and information related to the joint mission.

(3) Coordinate all Meteorological and Oceanographic Operations effects information requirements and briefings received from validated and trusted sources.

(4) Coordinate information requirements and briefings from the NGB liaison officer to the United States Army Corps of Engineers.

d. Monitor foreign and all-hazards threats during domestic events to include key critical infrastructure statuses and vulnerabilities; geographical locations of affected areas (for example, flooding and wildfires); movements of large crowds (for example, evacuees, not specific United States persons); the location of persons in distress (consent is implied in these circumstances); attempts by State and non-State foreign actors to exploit vulnerabilities during domestic operations; lines of communication analysis; and the effects of weather and terrain on planning and operations.

e. Synchronize and coordinate the application of NG intelligence component activities for IAA during domestic operations.

f. Coordinate with the NG JFHQs-State, ARNG Intelligence, ANG Intelligence, interagency partners and others to conduct IAA to provide information sharing and damage assessment in support of domestic operations.

- g. Establish domestic operations-related indications and warning requirements, monitor them, and report when thresholds are approached.
 - h. Prepare assessments related to the CNGB or supported TAGs or the CG critical information requirements in coordination with the NG Coordination Center.
 - i. Provide support to NGBJS planners and decision makers, and coordinate products supporting NGB domestic operations support activities, including support to current and future operations and planning, their associated cells, as required.
 - j. Review and approve Title 32 Proper Use Memorandums and Domestic Imagery Legal Reviews from NG JFHQs-State Intelligence Directorates in conjunction with the Office of the NGB-GC for all domestic IAA missions.
 - k. Assist with cyber incident response planning as a member of the Cyber Threat Working Group, in coordination with the NGBJS, ARNG and ANG Directorates, and applicable State representatives.
10. Director of NGB-J3/4/7. Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J3/4/7 will:
- a. Provide channels of communication, information, reporting, and coordination with TAGs, the CG, Office of the SecWar, Combatant Commands, and interagency partners on the employment and integration of NG forces called to duty regardless of duty status.
 - b. Advise and provide recommendations to inform the CNGB decisions and communications regarding continuity, readiness, mobilization, force generation, force management, logistics, installations, counterdrug operations, cyber operations, domestic Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear prevention and response, mission assurance, force protection, and NG law enforcement support.
 - c. Implement and synchronize procedures on behalf of the CNGB for NG domestic operations instructions, policy, manuals, requirements, and program planning guidance involving support of civil authorities, homeland defense, and homeland security missions.
 - d. Coordinate force protection, joint operations and planning, integration of resource management, and staff integration of the multiple aspects of NG domestic operations.
 - e. Coordinate NG support to Federal, State, and local agencies supporting domestic operations.
 - f. Assemble and manage a common operational picture that is focused on NG domestic operations.
 - g. Incorporate cost estimates with NG domestic response capabilities requirements.

- h. Operate the NG Coordination Center and maintain channels of communications through the NGB, for operational deployment and employment coordination among ARNG, ANG, United States Northern Command (USNORTHCOM), United States Indo-Pacific Command (USINDOPACOM), Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA), NG JFHQs-State, and other Federal and State planning partners.
- i. Manage Operations, facilities, and Continuity of Operations plans for the NGB IAW reference j and reference k.
- j. Provide integrated program management for the NG Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Enterprise (NG CRE) IAW reference l.
- k. Establish processes for rapidly alerting, deploying, and recalling NG CRE elements for Federal, State, and local response.
- l. Coordinate manning and support requirements for all ARS nodes.
- m. Provide integrated program coordination for the management and situational awareness of Anti-Terrorism, Force Protection, integrated criminal threat and information sharing, NG Law Enforcement support capability operational readiness and activity, and Mission Assurance activities during NG support to domestic operations.
- n. Draft, publish, and maintain appropriate CNGB Issuances to establish policy, assign responsibilities, and institute procedures for developing, managing, and monitoring capabilities, operational readiness, and planning for NG Law Enforcement and Mission Assurance support activities.
- o. Coordinate with DoW and Federal, State, and local interagency Law Enforcement partners to provide Force Protection and Anti-Terrorism information sharing and situational awareness of criminal threat information pertinent to NG operational needs.
- p. Coordinate intra-Guard threat-sharing between the NGB and the States through the NGB Protection Working Group process, in conjunction with NGB-J2.
- q. Serve as the primary advisor to the CNGB for joint logistics matters relating to domestic operations, to include equipment, supply, maintenance, and transportation issues, and coordinate installation, facilities, engineering, and environmental concerns.
- r. Provide channels of communication, information, reporting, and coordination with the Joint Logistics Enterprise, to include the Joint Chiefs of Staff J4, the FEMA Logistics Management Division, USNORTHCOM, USINDOPACOM, ARNG, and ANG Director of Logistics.
- s. Collect, assess, and prioritize equipment, supply, maintenance, transportation, and engineering matters.

t. Coordinate, facilitate, and provide guidance on capturing lessons learned from NG domestic operations. Annually prepare and publish the NG domestic operations Lessons Learned Report IAW reference m and reference n.

u. Sustain a specialized domestic operations training program IAW USNORTHCOM and USINDOPACOM training, exercise, and evaluation programs.

11. Director of Strategy, Policy, Plans, and International Affairs Directorate (NGB-J5). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J5 will:

a. Be responsible for all planning activities related to NGB membership in the Joint Planning and Execution Community. These activities include the development, coordination and review of Joint Planning and Execution Community plans, doctrine, instructions, and directives.

b. Support USNORTHCOM and USINDOPACOM in developing plans for the employment and integration of NG capabilities into operations conducted in support of State or Homeland Defense and Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) missions IAW policies prescribed by the Under SecWar for Policy, the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, the Secretary of the Army, and the Secretary of the Air Force.

c. Act as NGB's principal focal point to support the Nation's strategic planning objectives through building enduring and trusted partnerships with Federal, States, local, tribal, and territorial agencies, non-Governmental organizations, and the private sector.

d. Research, develop, coordinate, and communicate NGB strategy, policy, plans, initiatives, and concepts related to domestic operations.

e. Develop and sustain strategic interorganizational partnerships that support integrated planning and situational awareness (FEMA, Red Cross, Salvation Army, and Council of Governors).

f. Provide coordination, policy, training, and planning guidance and assistance to the States for the development of State and regional domestic response plans.

g. Participate in joint operations planning efforts conducted with the ARNG, ANG, NG JFHQs-State, DoW, and the inter-organizations supporting domestic operations.

h. Organize and direct Future Planning Coordination Center activations in support of domestic operations, planning and response.

12. Director of C4 Systems and Chief Information Officer Directorate (NGB-J6). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J6 will:

a. Serve as the primary advisor to the CNGB for all C4 systems and IT.

b. Analyze, evaluate, establish, and maintain systems that support information exchanges and collaboration for NG domestic operations in coordination with the ANG and ARNG. Provide integrated, interoperable, and collaborative information sharing and communications capabilities for the NGB and NG JFHQs-State offices.

c. Provide Joint C4 situational awareness throughout NG JFHQs-State, USNORTHCOM, USINDOPACOM, FEMA, and interagency partners.

d. Establish and maintain the NGB Joint C4 Coordination Center.

e. Supervise and administer the NG Spectrum Management in coordination with USNORTHCOM and USINDOPACOM for domestic operations and communications.

f. Coordinate C4 support to NG domestic response operations, national special security events, contingency operations, and exercises.

g. Develop strategies supporting the Joint C4 support environment within the States.

13. Director of Programs and Requirements Directorate (NGB-J8). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-J8 will:

a. Conduct oversight of domestic operations programming requirements in coordination with the NGB Comptroller and the Office of the SecWar, Director of Capability Assessments and Program Evaluation.

b. Serve as office of primary responsibility for the coordination of and submission of the NG Unfunded Priority List that includes domestic operations requirements.

c. Provide support to the ARS and participate as a member of the current and future operations and planning cells.

d. Assess capabilities gaps gathered through the annual Joint Capability Assessment and Development Process in the NG's ability to perform Defense Support of Civil Authorities and homeland defense functions.

e. Identify and coordinate DoW and Service-specific resourcing guidance for NG CRE mission on behalf of the CNGB during programming and Program Budget Review phases. Coordinate Director of the ARNG and Director of the ANG support for acquiring resources during the review for NG CRE forces to meet mission requirements.

14. Director of the NGB Office of the Joint Surgeon General. Under the authority and direction of the VCNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of the NGB Office of the Joint Surgeon General will:

a. Oversee, coordinate, and synchronize all NG medical activities related to advising the CNGB on all health matters, including ARNG and ANG.

- b. Communicate, collaborate, and coordinate NG domestic medical responses with ARNG Surgeons, ANG Surgeons, and the appropriate local, State, and Federal agencies.
- c. Formulate strategic health policy, including medical policies associated with domestic response, for the NG.
- d. Provide information regarding NG medical assets to the CNGB, the VCNGB, and NGBJS.
- e. Provide medical, technical, and planning support guidance to NG CRE.
- f. Provide medical and planning support expertise during the course of domestic operational missions.
- g. Manage and direct the NG Regional Medical Plans Officers for all FEMA regions and ensure Regional Medical Plans Officers fulfill the following:
 - (1) Train military and civilian stakeholders in joint medical operations, including NG CRE response, DSCA and Emergency Management Assistance Compact frameworks, Request for Forces procedures, and medical management policy.
 - (2) Assist in Federal, State, local, and regional NG CRE medical domestic operations planning.
 - (3) Provide interactive medical situational awareness facilitating transparency coordination between the NG and Federal, State, and local response authorities.
 - (4) Respond to domestic emergencies supporting NGB and the States.
 - (5) Provide medical expertise as part of the ARS, when needed.
- h. Coordinate medical supply, equipment refurbishment, and equipment maintenance through the Consequence Management Support Center.
- i. In coordination with NGB-J5, develop whole-of-Government solutions to domestic medical operations to establish and maintain cooperation across the organization and interagency coordination planning and execution with Federal, State, and local partners.
- j. Advise and provide recommendations to inform the CNGB decisions and communications regarding force medical readiness in coordination with the Army and Air NG-SGs and the NG CRE medical readiness and training requirements, and Force Health Protection and Service member exposure guidance to NG JFHQs-State during response operations.

15. Director of Public Affairs and Strategic Communications (NGB-PA). Under the authority and direction of the CNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the VCNGB and the NGB-DS, the Director of NGB-PA will:

- a. Develop strategic communications plans and messages for CNGB priorities and programs under CNGB purview, in coordination with the NGB Chief's Action Group, Office of the CNGB Communications and Synchronization Branch, NGB Office of Legislative Liaison, NGB-GC, and other NGB staff, as needed.
- b. Be knowledgeable of social media, news media, cultural and political trends, and intergovernmental priorities through close coordination with Office of the SecWar, the Services, and interagency peers.
- c. Oversee, coordinate, and synchronize NGB-PA activities, including NG JFHQs-State, ARNG and ANG, DoW, and government interest organizations public affairs activities.
- d. Synchronize and authorize communication messages in coordination with Federal entities, States' Public Affairs activities, and ARNG and ANG Service staffs to represent the States' forces, capabilities, missions, and activities.
- e. Assess the public affairs environment and synchronize communications for the CNGB to ensure the flow of accurate and timely information to the American public during NG domestic operations.
- f. Advise the NG Coordination Center and NGB leadership on all public affairs matters, respond to national and regional news media inquiries, and facilitate media opportunities.
- g. Provide information to educate the American public through NGB websites and social media channels.

16. Director of the NGB Office of the Joint Chaplain (NGB-CH). Under the authority and direction of the VCNGB, and under the supervision and coordination of the NGB-DS, the Director of the NGB Office of the Joint Chaplain will:

- a. Serve as the channel of communication for all religious matters for NG forces.
- b. Advise the CNGB on matters relating to religion, morals, and morale.
- c. Direct, oversee, develop, and implement religious activities for the CNGB.
- d. Support the CNGB as an advisor to the Combatant Commanders on NG religious affairs that pertain to domestic missions, support planning, and coordination for activities.
- e. Coordinate, synchronize, and facilitate religious support for NG domestic operations while communicating and collaborating regularly with NG JFHQs-States' Religious Support Teams.
- f. Collaborate with the offices of the ARNG and ANG Chaplains to ensure unity of effort and maximize Chaplain operational capabilities.

g. Coordinate with appropriate interagency and faith-based organizations regarding operational response capabilities.

ENCLOSURE B

REFERENCES

PART I. REQUIRED

- a. Department of Defense (DoD) Directive 5105.77, 30 October 2015, "National Guard Bureau (NGB)," Incorporating Change 1, 10 October 2017
- b. DoD Directive 5105.83, 05 January 2011, "National Guard Joint Force Headquarters-State (NG JFHQs-State)," Incorporating Change 2, 31 March 2020
- c. DoD Directive 3025.18, 29 December 2010, "Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)," Incorporating Change 2, 19 March 2018
- d. DoD Instruction 3025.22, 26 July 2013, "The Use of the National Guard for Defense Support of Civil Authorities," Incorporating Change 1, 15 May 2017
- e. DoD Instruction 1235.12, 07 June 2016, "Accessing the Reserve Components (RC)," Incorporating Change 1, 28 February 2017
- f. Chief of the National Guard Bureau (CNGB) General Order 2024-02, 31 July 2024, "Assignment of Functions and Responsibilities Within the Office of the Chief of the National Guard Bureau and the National Guard Bureau Joint Staff"
- g. CNGB Instruction 5101.01A, 31 July 2024, "National Guard Bureau Organization and Principal Official Responsibilities," Incorporating Change 1, 27 September 2024
- h. Executive Order 12333, 04 December 1981, "United States Intelligence Activities"
- i. CNGB Instruction 2000.01D, 18 January 2022, "The Conduct and Oversight of National Guard Intelligence Activities," Incorporating Change 1, 15 June 2023
- j. CNGB Manual 3202.01, 29 April 2019, "NGB Continuity of Operations Plan" (S//NF)
- k. CNGB Instruction 3202.01A, 22 April 2019, "National Guard Continuity Program"
- l. CNGB Instruction 3510.01A, 08 March 2021, "National Guard Chemical, Biological, and Nuclear Response Management"
- m. CNGB Instruction 8201.01B, 08 November 2021, "National Guard Joint Capability Assessment and Development Process"
- n. DoD Directive 7730.65, 31 May 2023, "DoD Readiness Reporting System"

PART II. RELATED

- o. Public Law 93-288, “Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act,” As amended, 2019
- p. Title 10 United States Code, Section 12310c, “Operations Relating to Defense Against Weapons of Mass Destruction and Terrorist Attacks”
- q. 10 United States Code, Section 1011, “National Guard Bureau”
- r. 32 United States Code, “National Guard”
- s. DoD Directive 3160.01, 25 August 2008, “Homeland Defense Activities Conducted by the National Guard,” Incorporating Change 2, 06 June 2017
- t. DoD Instruction 1215.06, 11 March 2014, “Uniform Reserve, Training, and Retirement Categories for the Reserve Components,” Incorporating Change 2, 12 July 2022
- u. DoD Instruction 1235.13, 18 October 2013, “Administration and Management of the Individual Ready Reserve (IRR) and the Inactive National Guard (ING),” Incorporating Change 1, 30 April 2020
- v. DoD Instruction 3025.19, 29 November 2011, “Procedure for Sharing Information with and Providing Support to the U.S. Secret Service (USSS), Department of Homeland Security (DHS),” Incorporating Change 1, 13 March 2017
- w. Office of the Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, December 2025, “DoD Dictionary of Military and Associated Terms,” as amended.
- x. Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff Instruction 3125.01D, 07 May 2015, “Defense Response to Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) Incidents in the Homeland”
- y. CNGB Instruction 3000.01A, 30 September 2019, “Joint Liaison Teams”
- z. CNGB Instruction 3300.02, 13 November 2014, “Readiness Reporting”
- aa. CNGB Instruction 3300.03, 04 November 2016, “Joint Lessons Learned Program”
- bb. CNGB Instruction 5000.01C, 17 February 2023, “Chief of the National Guard Bureau Issuances Program”
- cc. CNGB Instruction 5200.01, 03 February 2017, “National Guard Bureau All Hazards Support Plan”
- dd. CNGB Manual 3000.02A, 06 June 2019, “Adaptive Response Staff”

ee. Army Techniques Publication 3-28.1, 11 February 2021, "DSCA, Multi-Service Tactics, Techniques, and Procedures for Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)"

ff. Department of Homeland Security Publication, Fourth Edition, 28 October 2019, "National Response Framework"

GLOSSARY

PART I. ACRONYMS

ANG	Air National Guard
ARNG	Army National Guard
ARS	Adaptive Response Staff
C4	Command, Control, Communications, and Computer
CBRN	Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear
CG	Commanding General of the District of Columbia
CNGB	Chief of the National Guard Bureau
DoD	Department of Defense
DoW	Department of War
FEMA	Federal Emergency Management Agency
IAA	Incident Awareness and Assessment
IAW	In accordance with
NG	National Guard
NG CRE	National Guard Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear Response Enterprise
NG JFHQs-State	National Guard Joint Force Headquarters-State
NGB	National Guard Bureau
NGB-CH	National Guard Bureau Office of the Joint Chaplain
NGB-CT	National Guard Bureau Comptroller Directorate
NGB-DS	National Guard Bureau Director of Staff
NGB-GC	Office of the National Guard Bureau General Counsel
NGB-J1	National Guard Bureau Manpower and Personnel Directorate
NGB-J2	National Guard Bureau Joint Intelligence Directorate
NGB-J3/4/7	National Guard Bureau Operations Directorate
NGB-J5	National Guard Bureau Strategy, Policy, Plans, and International Affairs Directorate
NGB-J6	C4 Systems and Chief Information Officer Directorate
NGB-J8	National Guard Bureau Programs and Requirements Directorate
NGBJS	National Guard Bureau Joint Staff
NGB-PA	Office of National Guard Bureau Public Affairs and Strategic Communications
SecWar	Secretary of War
TAGs	The Adjutants General
USINDOPACOM	United States Indo-Pacific Command
USNORTHCOM	United States Northern Command
VCNGB	Vice Chief of the National Guard Bureau

PART II. DEFINITIONS

Civil Authorities -- Those elected and appointed officers and employees who constitute the Government of the United States, the governments of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, the United States Territories, and political subdivisions thereof. See reference x.

Common Operational Picture -- A single, identical display of relevant information shared by more than one command that facilitates collaborative planning and assists all echelons to achieve situational awareness. See reference w.

Continuity of Operations -- The degree or state of being continuous in the conduct of functions, tasks, or duties necessary to accomplish a military action or mission in carrying out the national military strategy. See reference w.

Defense Support of Civil Authorities -- Support provided by United States Federal military forces, Department of Defense civilians, Department of Defense contract personnel, Department of Defense component assets, and National Guard forces (when the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the Governors of the affected States, elects and requests to use those forces in Title 32 United States Code status) in response to requests for assistance from civil authorities for domestic emergencies, law enforcement support, and other domestic activities, or from qualifying entities for special events. See reference c.

Domestic Emergency -- A civil defense emergency, civil disturbance, or major disaster affecting the public welfare and occurring within the United States and its Territories. See reference w.

Homeland Defense -- The military protection of United States sovereignty and territory against external threats and aggression or, as directed by the President, other threats. See reference w.

Homeland Security -- A concentrated national effort to prevent terrorist attacks within the United States and to reduce our vulnerability to terrorism, major disasters, and other emergencies. See reference w.

National Guard Domestic Operations -- Support provided by the National Guard, of several States while in State active duty status or Title 32 duty status, to civil authorities for domestic emergencies and designated law enforcement and other activities. See reference ee.

Natural Disaster -- A situation that poses significant danger to life and property that results from a natural cause. See reference w.