



Jefferson County - City of Port Townsend
COMPREHENSIVE EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT PLAN



Part 3: Emergency Operations Guide

EOG 3.2.09 MILITARY SUPPORT TO CIVIL AUTHORITIES (ESF 20 equivalent) June 01, 2010

CIRCUMSTANCES AND CONDITIONS – Assets of the Washington State National Guard and the Department of Defense (DoD) are permitted to provide military support to civil authorities (MSCA). These conditions will apply:

- A local Declaration of Emergency has been made.
- Except for imminent threat to life (search and rescue operation), a Declaration of Emergency by the governor may be required (State EOC option).
- Local public and private resources suitable for meeting the need are or about to be exhausted.
- The military is capable of providing the type of support requested without interfering with its primary military mission.
- The military asset type requested is the only source of help to meet the specific need (military-unique capability).
- The request for MSCA is made through the appropriate channels at the Washington State Emergency Management Division (Emergency Operations Center).
- The military asset requested is for a specific, limited, and temporary assignment.

STATE AUTHORITY – Washington State employs National Guard resources under state control for state purposes and at state expense. Command and control rests with the governor.

INTACT CHAIN OF COMMAND – Military resources will be assigned to the appropriate local authority, but will retain unit integrity and chain of command.

MILITARY ASSISTANCE IS SUPPLEMENTAL – MSCA is considered supplemental to local efforts. Military assistance may not be approved until applicable local resources have been, or will imminently be, exhausted, or no such asset type is available that is mission appropriate.

COORDINATED REQUEST FOR SUPPORT – All military assistance will be requested through the State Emergency Management Division. Local resource ordering protocols will be observed¹, including approval of the request by the designated Emergency Management authority. Request for MSCA will include:

- Specific purpose of the requested resource (kind, type, number, and proposed assignment).
- Local point of contact.
- Staging instructions (including communications protocols).
- Logistics needs.

DEPLOYMENT TIME – The on-scene arrival of some military assets may take as long as 48 to 72 hours due to availability, assembly and travel time. Except for some types of aviation assets requested for imminent emergencies, local plans should provide for time lag.

¹ Use EOC Form 120 (Resource Order) or EOC Form 130 (Aviation Resource Order).

EXAMPLES OF MILITARY RESOURCES AND SERVICES

- Aircraft for search and rescue operations and medical evacuation.
- Aircraft for transportation of critical resources, reconnaissance and aerial photography.
- Vehicles for transporting critical resources.
- Personnel to assist law enforcement in securing roadblocks, civil disturbances and perimeter security.
- Limited mass feeding.
- Limited emergency electrical power generation.
- Limited potable water.
- Communications support.
- Homeland Security operations (under federal coordination).