



Joint Task Force-State (JTF-State)

Highlights

- Provides command and control for all assigned state military assets deployed in support of civil authorities or an incident
- Facilitates information flow between deployed units and the JFHQ-State
- Deployable with a CST, CERF-P, HRF, quick reaction force, medical, aviation and ground transportation units
- Works closely with the incident commander to insure resources are effectively, safely and legally employed
- JTF commander is the senior military commander on the scene and appointed by The Adjutant General
- Commander must know the capabilities of the forces within the state and is responsible for the safe and efficient employment of military forces



Providing requested support to states during crisis

Mission: The National Guard (NG) JTF-State provides command and control for all assigned state military assets deployed in support of civil authorities or a specific incident. It also facilitates the flow of information between the Joint Force Headquarters-State (JFHQ-State) and deployed units.

Overview: When NG forces are deployed to support requests from civil authorities, a JTF-State may be created under the JFHQ-State to maintain command and control of those forces. The JTF-State commander works closely with the incident commander in an effort to maintain situational awareness of local, state, and federal actions, ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of response, support, and safety activities. As the senior military commander on the scene, the JTF-State commander is also responsible for the safe and efficient employment of all assigned military forces. If additional forces are required, the JTF-State commander can request that the JFHQ-State activate and deploy additional units.

For response to a major incident, the JTF-State commander may have a variety of forces deployed, including a Homeland Response Force (HRF), a Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team (WMD-CST); a Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive Enhanced Response Force Package (CERF-P); a reaction force, medical units, and various aviation and ground transportation units.

The JTF-State commanders may, with the consent of the governor and approval of the secretary of defense, be called into both federal and state service as a dual-status commander so that they may command both regular and NG forces, thus facilitating a unity of effort for all military forces at the incident site.