

Emergency Support Function # 16 – Military Affairs

ESF Coordinator

Virginia National Guard Commander or designee

Primary Agency

Floyd County Emergency Management

Secondary/Support Agencies

Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Introduction

Purpose:

To outline the parameters on the use of all Department of Defense (DOD) and National Guard assets in support of a declared emergency.

Concept of Operations

General:

Floyd County does not have military installations within the jurisdiction and does not maintain stand-alone agreements with military assets.

DMA units will not directly respond to requests for assistance from local officials except to save human life, prevent human suffering, or to prevent great damage to or destruction of property. DMA units will advise local officials to submit requests for assistance through the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC).

The county will request a capability or need to the Virginia EOC as outlined in EOC procedures and ESF 7 Logistics.

It is at the determination of the Virginia Emergency Operations Center (VEOC) if DMA assets are best suited for the requested task. Assets will be limited to only accept missions or work assignments if within the original scope of deployment.

Support cannot be transferred to another agency without prior approval.

Once assets have been committed those responding will coordinate directly with local official to accomplish the objectives.

Organization:

The Governor of Virginia is the Commander-in-Chief of all forces in the Commonwealth organized under the DMA. The Adjutant General (TAG) of Virginia is the military commander.

DMA staffs and mans its Joint Force Headquarters (JFHQ). Within the JFHQ is the Joint Operations Center (JOC) that is operational 24/7. The Virginia Army National Guard, Virginia Air National Guard, and the Virginia Defense Force are three components that JFHQ-VA draw forces from to fulfill request for assistance requirements.

ESF #16 in the County will not be staffed but rather exists as a coordinating entity. Coordination will occur between the Emergency Management Coordinator and the response assets on specifics as it relates to duties assigned.

Policies:

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Military assets are only available during a declared state of emergency.

Responsibilities

- Provide Military Support to civil authorities on a mission request basis, within the Virginia National Guard's capability, and within the limitations of existing State law, military regulations, and the applicable Governor's Executive Order.