



National Guard Bureau Joint Operations Center

Facts:

Incidents of critical significance requiring the JOC to coordinate operations and/or resources may:

- Occur at any time with little or no warning.
- Require significant information sharing at the unclassified levels across multiple jurisdictions between the military and private sectors and between State and Federal entities.
- Involve single or multiple States, Territories, and FEMA Regions.
- Have significant regional effects and/or require regional information sharing, resource coordination and/or assistance.
- Span the spectrum of incident management to include preparedness, prevention, response, and recovery.
- Involve multiple, varied hazards or threats on a local, state, regional, tribal, or federal scale.
- Result in numerous casualties, fatalities, displaced persons, property loss, and disturbance of normal life support systems, essential public services, basic infrastructure, and significant damage to the environment.
- Require short notice asset coordination and response timelines.
- Require prolonged, sustained incident management operations and support activities.



Overview:

The NGB JOC will enable efficient, synchronized information flow and operational coordination across the National Guard (NG) and will enable shared situational understanding between Federal and State mission partners. The NGB JOC will obtain, analyze, and distribute multi-domain information to promote understanding of the operational environment and facilitate senior leader decision-making. The NGB JOC will facilitate State-to-State support, communications, and decision-making across NG operations.

Mission:

Provide and promote shared situational awareness of NG personnel and operations to assist the Chief, National Guard Bureau (CNGB), Vice CNGB, Secretary of Defense, Secretary of Homeland Security, Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, Combatant Commanders, The Adjutants General (TAGs), and Joint/Interagency partners. Obtain, analyze, and distribute multi-domain information to promote an understanding of the operational environment and facilitate senior leader decision-making. Operate as the Current Operations Center (CUOC) during Adaptive Battle Staff (ABS) operations.

Incident Management Activities:

Incident management activities are conducted according to National Incident Management System/Incident Coordination System (NIMS/ICS) policy and procedures. Incidents will be managed at the lowest organization and jurisdictional level. The expertise and capabilities of the NG, State and Federal Emergency Management Agencies (EMAs), private sector, and non-governmental organizations (NGOs) may be required to prepare for, respond to, and recover from, incidents of critical significance. The NGB ABS may be activated to support domestic operations and government agency response when required. Deployment of resources and incident management actions during an actual or potential terrorist incident are conducted in conjunction with appropriate authorities. Federal Government Agencies such as the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) will support incidents determined to be a federal level of disaster to provide timely and effective mutual aid and/or intergovernmental assistance. The degree of NGB JOC involvement will depend upon the specific authority and/or jurisdiction. Other factors that may be considered include: requests for Information (RFI) and Requests for Assistance (RFA) for external support or ability to manage an incident, type of incident or location of an accident, severity and magnitude of an incident, and guidance from the CNGB.