

Emergency Support Function # 16 – Military Support

Primary Agency

Department of Military Affairs – Virginia National Guard

Secondary/Support Agencies

Emergency Management
Virginia Department of Emergency Management

Introduction

Purpose:

Emergency Support Function (ESF) #16 – Military Affairs is to assist and provide Military Support (Virginia National Guard) in times of a major or catastrophic disaster, and/or civil unrest.

Concept of Operations

General:

The Virginia National Guard, when directed by the Governor of the Commonwealth of Virginia, can employ Virginia National Guard personnel, equipment, and resources, through appropriate commanders, to assist civil authorities.

The Virginia National Guard will provide Military Support to Civil Authorities in accordance with the existing Virginia National Guard Operation Plan for Military Support to Civil Authorities.

Organization:

The Virginia National Guard is a support agency for the other Emergency Support Functions located in the Emergency Operations Center.

Policies:

In accordance with existing National Guard Bureau Regulations, it is understood that the primary responsibility for disaster relief shall be with the locality.

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.