



NATIONAL GUARD REACTION FORCES

Critical to the first line of defense in counter-terrorism

Elements

- Provide every state a ready combat arms force capable of delivering roughly 75-125 Guard personnel within eight hours and up to 375 within 24 hours
- Designed for quick response on a rotating basis between units
- Serve under the command and control of the governor of their home state

Missions Include:

- Providing site security
- Establishing roadblocks, checkpoints, or both
- Assisting civil authorities in controlling civil disturbances
- Protecting Department of Defense-selected critical infrastructure

Capabilities:

- 240 Platoon-sized Riot Control Modules throughout the 54 States
- Provides force protection and escalation of force options to commanders
- Consists of personal protective gear (face shields, body shields and shin guards) and counter personnel equipment (Tasers, Oleoresin Capsicum spray and riot batons)



Reaction Force Mission: The National Guard Reaction Forces (NGRF) are a trained and ready force able to provide Governors or combatant commanders with quick reaction and rapid response capabilities in each state or territory. The NGRFs are capable of responding and assisting in the protection of critical infrastructure, other state or national assets, and any other missions as directed to promote stability and security in the state, territory, and nation. The NGRFs are equipped with non-lethal capabilities in order to enhance their ability to respond to Domestic Homeland Defense/Security missions and provide force protection measures and capabilities for NGRF personnel.

Overview: Reaction Forces provide every state with a ready combat arms force capable of delivering, at the request of the Governor or President, an initial force package of 75-125 personnel who can respond within eight hours. A follow-on force of up to 375 personnel can arrive within 24 hours at the request of the Governor.

A critical element in the first line of counter-terrorism defense, the NGRF is designed to respond to an incident ahead of federal assets with the capability to be logistically self-sustaining for up to 72 hours. Formed from current units and personnel resources, NGRFs are organized as temporary task forces and perform their mission primarily under the command and control of the governors of their home states.

Learn More:

<http://www.ngb.army.mil/features/HomelandDefense/ngrf/factsheet.html>

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