



WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT

Washington Military Department

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Washington National Guard Deployments





Washington National Guard Pending Requirements

- Federal Missions (Title X)

- NORTHCOM: 130 pax
- USCENTCOM: 15 pax
- USINDOPACOM: 50 pax
- AFRICOM: 200 pax
- EUCOM: 10 pax

- State Active Duty

- Cyber Security (Secretary of State)
- Wildland Firefighting (Department of Natural Resources)
 - 5 hand-crews (1 Air; 4 Army)
 - 10 military liaison teams (Army, Air, WSG)
 - 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters (CASEVAC, Aerial Fire Fighting)

- National Guard Response Force





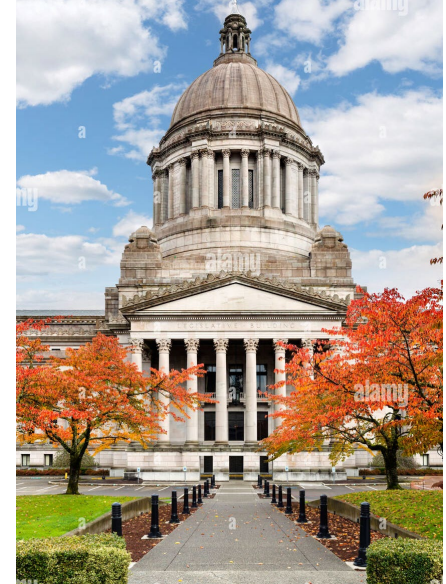
Support to Federal Workers during the shutdown

- Approximately 700 National Guard technicians were affected
 - 75% struggled to meet their essential financial obligations
 - 42% used personal savings and resources to cover essential needs
 - 18% risked eviction
- Actions taken by the Washington Military Department
 - \$26,250 issued in grocery/ gas gift cards to Soldiers & Airmen statewide
 - 478 families served at Turkey Drop
 - 4 food drives (supported by local food banks, bakeries, WMD employees) served approx. 1,000 servicemembers and their families
- 217 service members require follow up support



Pending Agency Requests

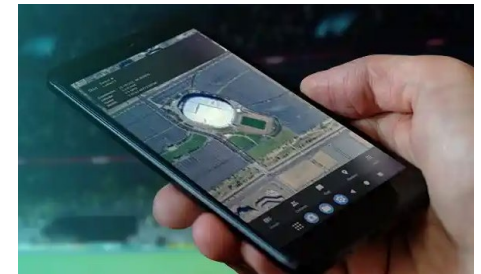
- Proposed legislation
 - Amending custodial sexual misconduct law (WYCA)
 - Establishing victim protection chapter within WCMJ (NG)
 - Civil Air Patrol as a division within WMD
 - Public Record Exemption – critical infrastructure (EMD)
- Decision Packages
 - Operating Budget
 - Disaster Response Account
 - 911 program
 - State Public Infrastructure Assistance program
 - State Individual Assistance Account
 - Capital Budget
 - Joint Force Readiness Center
 - King County Readiness Center
 - King County Vehicle Maintenance Shop





Countering Unmanned Aerial System (UAS) threats in Washington

- Legislation/Authorities
 - Department of Defense Base Protection authority exists
 - Congressman Larsen's bill:
 - Re-establishes covered sites, events and entities
 - Expands detection, identification, monitoring and tracking authority
 - State legislation needed to support response readiness
- WMD Support
 - First in nation CUAS annex (added to WA CEMP)
 - Civil Support Team response capability
 - WA State Guard capability
- Yakima Training Center national training/testing site
 - FBI Training Center
 - Counterdrug School
 - Interagency partnership includes local and Tribal law enforcement
- Preparing to Support World Cup/America250





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Discussion