

## **Domestic Operations**

**What is it?** National Guard Domestic Operations fall into three mission areas: (1) Homeland Defense (2) National Guard Civil Support (3) The National Guard Baseline Operating.

### **What has the Air National Guard done?**

Homeland Defense operations are conducted in the air, land, maritime, and space domains and in the information environment. Certain National Guard units have been assigned roles in support of Homeland Defense missions, including the Air Defense of the Homeland and the Anti-Missile Defense of the Homeland. The general focus of National Guard Homeland Defense missions is on deterring and detecting external threats to the Homeland.

National Guard Civil Support missions are conducted to assist in:

(a) Supporting civil authorities whose capabilities or capacity is insufficient to meet current requirements. (b) Protecting the life, property, and safety of U.S. citizens and U.S. persons. (c) Protecting critical U.S. infrastructure. (d) Providing humanitarian assistance during disaster response and domestic emergencies. (e) Providing support to designated law enforcement activities and operations. (f) Providing support to designated events, programs, and other activities.

### **The National Guard Baseline Operating Posture**

The National Guard Baseline Operating Posture is intended to: (a) Assist in deterring and preventing attacks on the U.S. Homeland. (b) Maintain well trained and well equipped units prepared to conduct or support state or federal missions. (c) Maintain situational awareness and detect threats or concerns. (d) Conduct mandated ongoing domestic operations e.g., counterdrug operations.

### **What continued efforts have the Air National Guard planned for the future?**

- Air National Guard Domestic Operations is not recognized, resourced, sourced or structured within existing Joint and/or Service doctrine, processes or programs.
- The Air National Guard seeks to gain Service recognition of Title 32 Domestic Operations requirements as well as identify ANG Title 32 doctrine - resourcing - sourcing - and structure that emulates Title 10 in support of State/Federal agencies and/or Geographic Combatant Commanders (CCDR).
- Way ahead is for the Air Force to recognize Domestic Operations as a core function and assign the Domestic Operations mission to the Air National Guard as the primary force provider to Organize Train & Equip forces to meet State/Federal agency and Geographic CCDR domestic requirements.

### **Why is this important to the Air National Guard?**

The Air National Guard currently meets the demands of its OPTEMPO both domestic and in support of overseas contingency operations. The ANG's concern is that it would become stressed to support all missions if it were to have a major domestic incident or near simultaneous events requiring major military support.