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MEMORANDUM FOR ALL STATES, TERRITORIES, AND THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

Subject: National Guard Quick Reaction Force Implementation

References:

- (a) Interim National Defense Strategy, dtd 2025
- (b) White House, Executive Order 14339, "Additional Measures to Address the Crime Emergency in the District of Columbia", 25 August 2025
- (c) Secretary of War, "National Guard Domestic Civil Disturbance and Law Enforcement Training and Domestic Response Force", 24 September 2025
- (d) National Guard Regulation 500-5, "National Guard Domestic Law Enforcement Support and Mission Assurance Operations", 18 August 2010
- (e) Chief National Guard Bureau Manual 3300.02, "Readiness Reporting", 10 May 2017

1. This memorandum establishes the standards for creation, implementation, manning, training, and equipping of a National Guard Quick Reaction Force (NGQRF) in support of Secretary of War direction pursuant to reference (a) and (b).

2. **Requirement.** National Guard Bureau (NGB) will train, equip, and make NGQRFs operational NLT 1 January 2026. NGQRFs are an additional mission set of the CBRN Assistance Support Element (CASE) portion of the Homeland Response Force (HRF) (200 personnel) trained in civil disturbance operations and prepared to deploy with 25% of the force in 8 hours, 50% of the force responding in 12 hours, and 100% of the requirement in 24 hours.

3. **Personnel and Equipment.** NGB will field each CASE State with 100 sets of crowd control equipment to be used to support this requirement. NGB will authorize each CASE two (2) full-time equivalent (FTE) (ADOS) personnel to manage this mission set from a training, equipping, and response perspective. Services will designate funding streams.

4. **Training.** All units are authorized an additional five (5) days of training to accomplish Level 1 and 2 training requirements. HRF/CASE Commanders will be responsible for maintaining a small cadre of trainers to ensure initial and sustainment training required to ensure operational readiness. The Army Interagency Training and Education Center (AITEC) through NGB Combating Weapons of Mass Destruction Division (NGB J3/4/7-W) is available for scheduling and conducts 'Train-the-Trainer' courses for Level 1 and 2 requirements. States must use Interservice Nonlethal Individual Weapons Instructor Course (INIWIC) trained instructors to obtain Level II proficiency. Attachment 2 provides the civil disturbance training instruction.

Civil Disturbance Training Requirement

Level One Training (Basic)

1. Crowd Management Techniques
2. De-escalation of Force Techniques
3. Handheld Radio Communication
4. Domestic Civil Disturbance Training
5. Control Force Formations Movements
6. Proper Use of Baton and Body Shields
7. Graduated Response Techniques

Level Two Training (Intermediate)

8. Employment of non-lethal weapons (TASER/Oleoresin Capsicum Spray)

5. **Reporting.** The Defense Readiness Reporting System-Strategic (DRRS) remains the primary tool for reporting readiness. All HRF/CASE Commanders are required to provide monthly NGQRF readiness reports on personnel, training, and equipment no later than the 20th of each month. The first NGQRF report is due 20 October 2025 using the DRRS reporting instructions provided in Attachment 3. NGB will continue to develop and refine DRRS reporting requirements and will provide updated reporting requirements NLT 01 January 2026.

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Attachments:

- 1 – State Directed NGRF Requirements
- 2 – Civil Disturbance Training Instruction
- 3 – DRRS Initial Reporting Requirements