



# Civil Disturbance Operations



## Civil Disturbance Operations in Recent Years

**2020** - There was significant national response to Civil Unrest following of the murder of George Floyd. The total National Guard response required 629,659 personnel days for National Guard service members.

The highest numbers of National Guard Service Members was on 7 June 2020, with a total of 43,351. 124 Air National Guard Sorties were utilized to transport personnel to Civil Unrest missions in June of 2020.

**2021** - 25,671 personnel supported the Capital Police during Operation Capital Response. During 2021, 970,437 National Guard personnel days in support of Civil Unrest.

The peak personnel on orders was during the Presidential inauguration with 33,345 personnel on orders. A majority of personnel on 18 January served in Washington DC, with service members from all 54 states, while 7,851 Service Members served in support of operations in 30 States.



The 7th New York Militia Regiment reaches Washington D.C., April 1861



Federalized National Guard troops on the campus of the University of Alabama, June 1963

## Throughout National Guard History

- **1792** - Congress first authorized the President to call forth the militia in order to repel invasions, suppress domestic insurrections, and enforce federal laws.

- **1794 and 1799** - Presidents George Washington and John Adams called upon state militia and volunteer units to suppress the Whiskey Insurrection and Fries' Rebellion.

- **1861** - President Abraham Lincoln called up a militia force of 75,000 men to suppress the southern slaveholders' rebellion, known as the Confederacy.

- **1960's** - Presidents Eisenhower, Kennedy, and Johnson federalized the National Guard under Title 10 U.S. Code to enforce the expansion of civil rights and to ensure public order. Notable incidents include the desegregation of Central High School in Little Rock in, the University of Mississippi in 1962, the University of Alabama and Alabama public schools in 1963. The Alabama National Guard was also called into federal service for the Selma-Montgomery March in 1965.

- **1967 - 1992** - The National Guard supported law enforcement agencies in response to civil unrest in the King Assassination Riots in 1968, the New York Postal Strike in 1970, and the Los Angeles Riots in 1992.