

NATIONAL GUARD BUREAU FACT SHEET

National Guard Reaction Force



MISSION

The National Guard Reaction Force, or NGRF, is a specially trained team of Soldiers and Airmen from existing Guard units that provide each state, territory, and the District of Columbia with a rapid response capability focused on incidents requiring defense support of civil authorities.

The NGRF is designed to respond ahead of federal assets and is capable of delivering an initial element of 75-125 personnel within approximately eight hours and a follow-on element of up to 375 personnel within 24 hours.

All NGRFs are organized as temporary task forces and perform their mission primarily under the command and control of their home state, territory, or the District of Columbia.

OPERATIONS

- ★ Site security
- ★ Roadblocks and checkpoints
- ★ Civil disturbance control
- ★ Critical infrastructure protection
- ★ Personnel security

CAPABILITIES

- ★ Organic personal protective gear (face shields, body shields, body armor and shin guards)
- ★ Organic counter-personnel equipment – TASERS, Oleoresin Capsicum Spray and baton
- ★ Logistically self sustaining up to 72 hours



Current as of August 2025