

**ANNEX 19**  
**ESF 19 - MILITARY SUPPORT**

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COORDINATING: South Carolina National Guard

PRIMARY: South Carolina State Guard

**I. INTRODUCTION**

- A. ESF-19 will coordinate Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) in accordance with the South Carolina Emergency Operations Plan (SCEOP) and existing South Carolina National Guard (SCNG) Operations Plans.
- B. The Governor has the authority to order all or any part of the SCNG and/or the SC State Guard onto State Active Duty (SAD) to assist State and local officials. The Governor may request Federal Title 32 funding once the SCNG is ordered onto SAD.
- C. When directed by the Governor or his/her representative, the Adjutant General of South Carolina will deploy military assets to assist civil authorities.

**II. PURPOSE**

Coordinate military support to civil authorities throughout South Carolina in times of a major or catastrophic disaster.

**III. CONCEPT OF OPERATIONS**

- A. The SCNG consisting of the Army Guard, Air Guard, and State Guard is responsible for the coordination of all ESF-19 administrative, management, planning, training, preparedness, and mitigation, response, and recovery activities to include developing, coordinating, and maintaining the ESF-19 SOP.
- B. Supporting agencies will assist the SCNG in planning and execution of the above.
- C. ESF-19 will advise the Director, SCEMD on SCNG (and State Guard) of capabilities and assets, ongoing mission status, troop numbers, estimated costs, and operational considerations.
- D. Upon issuance of a Governor's Executive Order, the Adjutant General will mobilize and deploy military assets in support of emergency DSCA operations and provide support to other ESFs as directed by SCEMD.
- E. As an emergency develops, or upon the occurrence of a disaster, the SCNG will dispatch the ESF-19 support cell to the State Emergency Operations Center (SEOC).
- F. ESF-19 will assess and validate capabilities for all mission requests, and coordinate with other ESFs, the State Guard and the SCNG Joint Operations Center (JOC) to

determine appropriate military assets and ensure the timely execution of assigned missions.

G. Military Assistance

1. Military assets will normally be committed as a supplement and enhancement to civil resources as required in order to cope with the loss of essential public services, humanitarian aid, and property protection requirements caused by an emergency event.
2. Military assistance is limited to missions that, because of experience and/or the availability of needed resources, can be accomplished by the military more effectively than another agency of government.
3. Military units will maintain task force, unit, and detachment integrity always. This ensures Unit Commanders can coordinate logistical support, mission support, and personnel accountability.

H. ESF-19 will coordinate closely with the Federal military organizations (Active Duty/Federalized Reservists) to include the Defense Coordinating Element (DCE) to ensure proper coordination of all missions and mutual support when appropriate.

I. DSCA operations will terminate as soon as civil authorities resume control of civil emergency response operations.

#### IV. ESF ACTIONS

A. Prevention/Protection

1. Organize and staff ESF-19 with the capability to function on a 24-hour schedule.
2. Planning
  - a. Develop plans for the rapid alert, notification, and assembly of units to be called to SAD/Title 32.
  - b. Develop plans to provide support as required for operations such as:
    - Evacuation operations
    - Security operations
    - Riot control operations
    - Debris/obstruction clearance operations
    - Water purification operations
    - Supply

- Flood operations
- Transportation and distribution of supplies

3. Training

- a. Ensure ESF-19 staff is trained on the SCEOP, the SEOC SOP, Palmetto, and pertinent SCNG plans and procedures.
  - b. Synchronize bilateral training with SCEMD and other State agencies.
  - c. All ESF-19 personnel must complete all required NIMS training, as outlined in the Department of Homeland Security (DHS) training guidance.
4. Ensure procedures are in place for the SCNG and State Guard to document costs for any potential reimbursement.
  5. Participate at least annually in State exercises and/or conduct an exercise to validate this annex and supporting SOPs.
  6. Participate with SCEMD in all appropriate planning and training workshops.
  7. Ensure liaison officers (LNOs) are trained at least biannually and capable of advising counties of SCNG and State Guard capabilities during emergency responses.

B. Response

1. Provide ESF-19 support upon notification by SCEMD that an emergency condition exists or is imminent requiring activation of the SERT or the personnel and resources of the SCNG.
2. Activate the SCNG upon the governor's State of Emergency of Declaration
3. Coordinate all valid mission tasking in support of current operations and general State operations and coordinate mission requests in support of other ESFs.
4. Coordinate with the SCNG JOC to identify and obtain required assets to efficiently accomplish the mission.

C. Recovery

1. Continue to coordinate DSCA operations during the recovery period.

D. Mitigation

1. Support and plan for mitigation measures including monitoring and updating mitigation actions in the State Hazard Mitigation Plan.
2. Review, evaluate and comment on proposed State Hazard Mitigation Plan amendments, upon initiation and within review period.
3. Support requests and directives from the Governor and/or FEMA concerning mitigation and/or re-development activities.
4. Document matters that may be needed for inclusion in agency or State/Federal briefings, situation reports and action plans.

**V. RESPONSIBILITIES**

A. General. ESF-19 lead, and support agencies will maintain a list of personnel and equipment to establish and operate from ESF-19 for all DSCA operations.

B. South Carolina National Guard

1. Identify and assign SCNG personnel to staff ESF-19 in the SEOC.
2. Notify ESF-19 supporting agencies upon activation.
3. Coordinate with Air Branch Operations and provide personnel as required.
4. Upon issuance of a Governor's Executive Order, The Adjutant General will mobilize SCNG and/or State Guard forces to SAD, deploy military assets to the emergency and conduct DSCA operations to support State operations in the following areas:
  - Evacuation operations
  - Search and rescue operations
  - Transportation of supplies
  - Engineering support
  - Aviation operations
  - Security operations in support of law enforcement
  - Debris clearance operations
  - Water purification operations
  - Communications support

- Support to logistics staging area operations
  - Support to firefighting and HAZMAT operations
  - Support to county Points of Distribution (POD)
5. Contact the supported agency's local point of contact for mission coordination and determine the number of personnel and type of equipment necessary for specific mission assignments.
  6. Provide support to local law enforcement for security operations.
  7. Assist the Logistics Cell in supporting Logistical Staging Areas (LSA) to include:
    - Coordinating, staffing, and equipping LSAs
    - Providing transportation to and assisting with material handling at LSAs
- B. South Carolina Air National Guard
1. Identify, train, and assign personnel to maintain contact with and prepare to execute missions in support of ESF-19 and/or Air Branch Operations during periods of activation.
- C. South Carolina State Guard
1. Identify, train, and assign personnel to maintain contact with and prepare to execute missions in support of SCNG during periods of activation.
  2. Provide personnel to support SCNG operations.
  3. Coordinate State Guard mission assignments, reporting, and tasks through SCNG JOC.

## **VI. FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

- A. This Annex has no counterpart in the National Response Framework (NRF).
- B. ESF-19 will coordinate mission tasking with the DCE when the State of South Carolina requests Department of Defense (DoD) resources or assistance.