



Fact Sheet: Joint Task Force South-Illinois

Joint Forces Headquarters, Illinois National Guard

- At the direction of Major General Enyart, the Adjutant General of Illinois, the Illinois National Guard and Air National Guard has established Joint Task Force (JTF)-South in support of domestic operations taskings.
- JTF-South is commanded by Col Stephen Baggerly and is comprised of airmen and soldiers from the following units:
 - 183rd Fighter Wing, Air National Guard, Abraham Lincoln Capital Airport, Springfield
 - 65th Troop Command Brigade, Illinois Army National Guard, Camp Lincoln, Springfield
 - 126th Air Refueling Wing, Scott Air Force Base, Belleville
- The JTF-South provides command and control for state military assets deployed in Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) or a specific incident. It also facilitates the flow of information between the Joint Forces-State (JFHQ-State) and deployed units under control of the JTF.
- JTF-South will work closely with the civilian incident commander in an effort to maintain situational awareness of local, state, and federal actions, ensuring the adequacy and effectiveness of response, support and safety activities.
- As the senior military commander on the scene, the JTF-South commander is also responsible for the safe and efficient employment of all assigned military forces. If additional forces are required, the JTF-South commander can request that the JFHQ-State activate and deploy additional units.
- For response to a major incident, the JTF-South commander may have a variety of forces deployed, including a Weapons of Mass Destruction Civil Support Team, Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear and high-yield Explosive (CBRNE) Enhanced Response Force Package (CERFP), a quick reaction force, medical units, and various aviation and ground transportation units.
- The JTF-South commander may, with the consent of the President of the United States, be called into federal service and continue service under state regulations so that they may command both regular (Title 10) and National Guard forces, thus facilitating a unity of effort for all military forces at the incident.
- It is the responsibility of the JTF-South Commander to know what capabilities the various Guard units in the state possess and how they might be applied to the problem at hand so that they can be efficiently used to provide the most effective response.
- The soldiers and airmen of JTF-South will leave their own families, homes and jobs on a moment's notice to help those in need in any affected areas. They are citizens helping citizens.