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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Delegation of Authority for Colorado National Guard Training Activities

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Office of the Governor of the State of Colorado, and in particular, Art IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution, I Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order regarding calling members of Colorado National Guard to State Active Duty for training purposes.

1. Background

The Colorado National Guard plays a critical role in the state's emergency preparedness and disaster response plans. The Colorado National Guard is a supporting agency for nearly every state emergency function including wildfire suppression activities and Homeland Security and Homeland Defense plans. Members of the Colorado National Guard must receive specialized training to be prepared for these duties.

Military units of the Colorado National Guard are under the command and control of the Governor of Colorado until and unless federalized, and are available for call-up to State Active Duty only by the Governor. It is inefficient for the Governor to call-up members of the Colorado National Guard for every training exercise.

I have determined that the state Adjutant General is in the best position to determine when members of the Colorado National Guard should be called to State Active Duty for training purposes. By this Executive Order, I delegate this limited function to the Adjutant General.

2. Directive

- A. I hereby delegate to the state Adjutant General the authority to call-up members of the Colorado National Guard for State Active Duty for training purposes.
- B. Members of the Colorado National Guard who are called to State Active Duty under this process shall be subject to military chain of command and the authority of the Colorado Code of Military Justice.

- C. This delegation does not extend to the call-up of the National Guard for state missions and this Executive Order does not authorize the use of state emergency funds.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall remain in full force and effect unless or until modified or rescinded by future Executive Order.

GIVEN under my hand and the
Executive Seal of the State of
Colorado, this 26th
day of May, 2004.

Bill Owens
Governor