

History

Strengthen: Our theater theater security cooperation program is designed to assist the armies of Mexico and Canada in the fight against common threats that affect North America. We also work closely with: Customs and Border Protection; U.S. Coast Guard; Drug Enforcement Administration; Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives; and the Federal Bureau of Investigation to enhance their capabilities.

Prepare: The heart of Army North's mission is to prepare a broad array of specialized reaction forces capable of responding to any homeland contingency mission. Our Civil Support Training Activity works to create a holistic training approach to prepare and evaluate units responsible for responding to WMD attacks or high-end industrial accidents. We assumed responsibility for operational control of Joint Task Force – Civil Support and Joint Task Force – North in October 2008.

Respond: When directed, Army North will rapidly respond to any contingency in the homeland. Our Defense Coordinating Officers and Elements are permanently embedded with the staffs of FEMA's 10 regional headquarters.



U.S. Army North is a three-star command located on Fort Sam Houston, Texas.

The headquarters consists of more than 500 Soldiers and Civilians. USARNORTH, as the Army Service Component Command for U.S. Northern Command, is responsible for:

- **Homeland Defense.**
- **Defense Support of Civil Authorities.**
- **Army to Army Theater Security Cooperation with Canada, Mexico and the Bahamas.**

Joint Task Force – Civil Support

JTF-CS provides DoD support to federal agencies for chemical, biological, radiological, nuclear and high-yield explosive consequence management operations.

JTF-CS is the only military organization dedicated solely to planning and integrating DoD forces for consequence management support to civil authorities in a CBRNE situation.

Joint Task Force – North

JTF-N is DoD's organization supporting U.S. federal law enforcement agencies in stopping international terrorism, drug and human trafficking, the use of weapons of mass destruction within the United States and the delivery systems for such weapons that threaten the American people and our way of life.

Defense Coordinating Elements

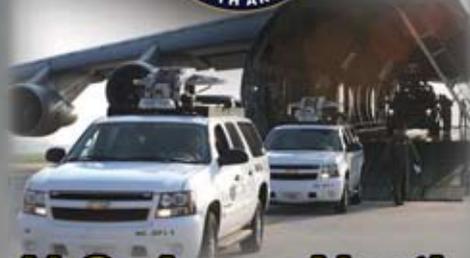
Serve as DoD's single point of contact within each of the 10 FEMA regions on the use of military resources during natural or man-made disasters.

Are subject-matter experts for state and regional emergency response plans.

Serve as key players in local, state, federal and DoD homeland defense or civil support training exercises.

Perform operational control of Army Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers within the region.

Provide oversight of base support installation operations for military installations within their region.



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