

# Joint Forces Land Component Command COVID-19 Response



## Defense Support of Civil Authorities

U.S. Army North serves as U.S. Northern Command's Joint Force Land Component Command, employing Active and Reserve Component personnel in support of the Federal Emergency Management Agency. Through Defense Support of Civil Authorities we are helping state and federal agencies respond to COVID-19 in communities across the nation.

### Defense Support of Civil Authorities

- When requested, Army North rapidly deploys personnel in support of civil authorities to help local, state, and federal partners during natural or manmade disasters.

### 10 Defense Coordinating Officers/Elements

- 10-person planning cells, led by a senior Army colonel
- Co-located with each FEMA regional headquarters
- Mobilize at request of FEMA
- Secretary of Defense's liaison to coordinate requests for federal military assistance from the federal and state governments

### Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officers

- Specially trained and experienced U.S. Army Reserve officers
- Assist DCOs in each state and territory

### Federal Military Support

- Federal military support includes planning, logistics, medical supplies, personal protective equipment, emergency medical facilities, and personnel to help communities in need
- We plan, train, and exercise with partners year-round to be ready to support a broad range of disaster and emergency response requests

