



VT National Guard Emergency Response

Audience: Town, City,
& County Governments

The Vermont National Guard has a dual mission:

Supporting the Governor

DOMOPS Mission: On order, the Vermont National Guard (VTNG) conducts Domestic Operations (DOMOPS) in support of Civil Authorities (CA) in order to save lives, prevent human suffering, mitigate property damage, and protect Critical Infrastructure (CI) upon request of state or federal authorities.

Supporting the President

Army Mission Statement: To deploy, fight, and win our Nation's wars by providing ready, prompt, and sustained land dominance by Army forces across the full spectrum of conflict as part of the Joint Force.

Air Force Mission Statement: to fly, fight, and win...airpower anytime, anywhere.

The legal authorities for our existence and source of funding are for the federal mission. Consequently, the federal mission always takes precedence **and** we are obligated to collect reimbursement when we respond. Luckily, often the federal government will cover expenses from a federal emergency declaration. A town's inability to pay will **never** prevent us from responding.

What does the Vermont National Guard Offer?

Two things:

- Capabilities
- Equipment Lease/Loans

In Eleven Categories:

- Command and Control
- Chemical, Biological, Radiological, Nuclear, and High-Yield Explosives Response
- Aviation & Airlift
- Engineering
- Medical
- Communications
- Transportation
- Security
- Logistics
- Maintenance
- Cyber

Example Capabilities and Lease/Loans

Fire Response (Mutual Aid or Large-Scale)



HAZMAT Response



Bomb Response



Community Relations



Example Capabilities and Lease/Loans

Ground Transportation Support



Incident Command Support



Flooding Response/Support



Airlift/Air Transportation Support



Search and Rescue



Civil Disturbance Response



...and other capabilities...

How to Request

Appropriate individual (i.e. town manager) contacts VEM:



Department of Public Safety

Vermont Emergency Management

Headquarters

45 State Drive

Waterbury, VT 05671-1300

(800) 347-0488

(802) 244-8721

(888) 545-7598 (TTY)

Who: Give a point-of-contact at the location

What do you need? (Ideally, describe what you need rather than a thing)

✓ "We need 500 gal of water a day"

✗ "We need an army water buffalo"

When do you need it?

Where do you need it?

Street address works best

Limitations

Often, a military response is inappropriate in an emergency, here are some common reasons.

- We are performing a federal mission.
- An available commercial service exists for the equipment/capability being requested unless they exceed capacity. *We cannot take business away from folks.*
 - Ex) Bulk water, tent rental, regular aeromedical transport
- An available service exists in the public sector at a local level.
 - Ex) Police, fire, or EMS if there isn't an existing mutual aid agreement
- Some requests might get tricky or be prohibitive.
 - Ex) Surveillance, fugitive searching, distinctly military equipment to law enforcement etc...



Would you like to know more?

IS-75: Military Resources in Emergency Management

<https://training.fema.gov/is/courseoverview.aspx?code=IS-75>

How can we be reached?



Military Support

- Air Force Lieutenant Colonel Jason Galipeau
 - jason.t.galipeau.mil@army.mil or 802-338-3342
- Army Major Geoffrey Lee
 - geoffrey.s.lee4.mil@army.mil or 802-338-3428



Joint Operations Center (JOC)

- 802-338-3050



Other phone numbers are on the website:

- <https://vt.public.ng.mil/Contact-Us/>