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EXECUTIVE ORDER

Calling Certain Elements of the Colorado National Guard to Active Duty to Assist with Emergency Response Efforts Related to Hurricane Katrina

Pursuant to the authority vested in the Governor of the State of Colorado and, in particular, pursuant to Article IV, Section 5 of the Colorado Constitution, and Sections 28-3-104 and 24-32-2100 *et seq.* of the Colorado Revised Statutes, I, Bill Owens, Governor of the State of Colorado, hereby issue this Executive Order calling certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to state active duty and implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact to assist the affected states with emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Katrina.

1. Background and Need

The Southeastern United States has recently suffered one of the worst natural disasters in our nation's history. Hurricane Katrina moved through this region leaving destructive effects in its path. The number of lives lost and property damaged is devastating. The State of Louisiana appears to have endured the most damage through this disaster.

President Bush has implemented decisive and coordinated federal action to respond to this disaster emergency. Each state must now contribute whatever resources they have to assist in this disaster response effort.

As a party to the Emergency Management Assistance Compact, § 24-60-2901 *et seq.*, the State of Colorado is able to provide assistance to states enduring a disaster emergency. By this Order, I call certain elements of the Colorado National Guard to active duty and direct the Colorado National Guard to assist states affected by Hurricane Katrina.

To further expedite this assistance, the State of Colorado has agreed to direct specific support to the state most significantly affected by this disaster. Louisiana Governor Kathleen Blanco and I have signed a Memorandum of Understanding which will structure the immediate deployment of Colorado personnel and equipment to assist in the emergency response efforts in Louisiana.

2. Mission and Scope

- A. Pursuant to § 28-3-104, C.R.S., as commander in chief of military forces, I hereby employ and call to active duty certain elements of the Colorado National Guard and implement the Emergency Management Assistance Compact. The State of Colorado shall provide support personnel and resources to assist in emergency response efforts related to Hurricane Katrina. This assistance shall be provided to states that qualify for such assistance under § 24-60-2901, *et seq.*, C.R.S.
- B. Assistance provided by the State of Colorado to the State of Louisiana shall be further guided by the Memorandum of Understanding between the State of Louisiana and the State of Colorado, and executed by Governor Blanco of Louisiana and myself on September 1, 2005.
- C. I hereby direct Adjutant General Mason Whitney of the Colorado National Guard to immediately coordinate and execute all directives issued by this Executive Order.
- D. All verbal orders that I issued in regards to this Order are hereby memorialized by this Executive Order and shall have the full force and effect of law as if they were contained within this Executive Order.

3. Duration

This Executive Order shall expire thirty days from its date of signature unless extended by Executive Order.

Given under my hand and
the Executive Seal of the
State of Colorado this 1st
day of September, 2005.



Bill Owens
Governor