MISSION

The Delaware Army and Air National Guard are federally-authorized, requirements-driven, capabilities-based forces with both federal and state missions. The federal mission is to maintain properly-trained and equipped units available for prompt mobilization in the event of war, national emergency or other contingencies. In this capacity, command and control is within the purview of the President of the United States. The state mission is to provide trained and disciplined forces for domestic emergencies or as otherwise directed. In a peacetime environment or operation, short of federal mobilization, the organizational command and control is directed by the Governor of Delaware. The Delaware National Guard provides these capabilities by employing a full-time and part-time workforce paid using federal, state or combined funding sources.

KEY OBJECTIVES

The objectives of the Delaware National Guard are to:

- Maintain a balanced force structure authorization of 1,650 troops in the Delaware Army National Guard and 1,115 personnel in the Air National Guard;
- Concentrate on the fundamentals of mission readiness, including individual qualifications, leadership development and unit training; and
- Maintain quality accession and retention programs, as well as professionally planned and executed training programs.

BACKGROUND AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Delaware National Guard provides personnel and equipment in the event of a natural disaster, civil disturbance or an actual armed conflict. Therefore, the service provided by the Delaware National Guard can be to a local community and/or to the entire population of the State of Delaware and/or the United States of America. The following are some of the activities in which the Delaware National Guard has participated:

- Responded to the hurricane relief effort in Mississippi and Louisiana by mobilizing and deploying 412 personnel for various periods of time;
- Worked with the Delaware State Police in the Drug Education for Youth Program (DEFY);
• Integrated Delaware Army and Air National Guard headquarters at the Joint Force Head Quarters (JFHQs) Operations Center, enabling 24/7/365 operations and a single site command post for missions and exercises;

• Worked hand-in-hand with Delaware mentoring and family assistance programs;

• Continued the Tuition Assistance Program, through which Guard members have been afforded the opportunity to attend school and further their education;

• Conducted annual emergency preparedness exercises with the Delaware Emergency Management Agency (DEMA) regarding the Salem Nuclear Power Plan;

• Worked hand-in-hand with the Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control in various environmental arenas;

• Participated with federal, state and local agencies in the Anti-terrorism Advisory Council; and

• Supported local communities through a myriad of programs and initiatives including:
  − Holiday concert for citizens of the First State;
  − Adopt-a-Family;
  − Salvation Army kettle drive;
  − Operation “Shoe Box”;
  − Special Olympics “Plane Pull”;
  − “Coats for Kids” Campaign;
  − HOSTS Mentoring Program;
  − Drug Education For Youth Programs;
  − Thanksgiving Basket Brigade;
  − NASCAR opening ceremonies;
  − DNG Youth Camp; and
  − Delaware National Guard & Reserve Emergency Assistance Fund.

### PERFORMANCE MEASURES

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### ACTIVITIES

• Provide administrative, maintenance, security and facilities for training the Delaware National Guard to meet its state and federal missions.

• Provide maintenance, repairs and payment of operating costs of daily operations of the Army and Air National Guard facilities in accordance with the Service Contract Funding Agreements with the federal government.