

JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS: ARIZONA

Joint Force Headquarters includes the executive leadership team for the Arizona National Guard headed by The Adjutant General.

The Joint Staff is led by a Brigadier General and is responsible for five major functions. The first major function is emergency response, using an all-hazards approach to provide Arizona National Guard capabilities in response to natural or manmade disasters to save lives and protect property.



Second, the Joint Counter Narco -Terrorism Task Forces assists law enforcement in the interdiction of illegal drugs. Third, the 91st Civil Support Team provides an immediate response to

threats of chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear incidents. Next, the Arizona National Guard has a partnership with the Republic of Kazakhstan with an interagency focus on building democratic institutional capacity. Finally, the Joint Staff is responsible for developing strategic plans and policies and administering the continuous process improvement program.

When directed, the Arizona National Guard mobilizes, deploys, and conducts Defense Support to Civil Authorities operations within Arizona or throughout the United States and its territories to support civil authorities, mitigate the effects of a disaster, protect life and property, and provide for public safety.



Above: Joint Force Headquarters Arizona logo

Left: Members of the 91st Civil Support Team train with first responders

MISSION STATEMENT

Provide Ready, Responsive, and Reliable support to the Community, State, Nation, and our International Partners

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JOINT STAFF MISSIONS

- » **Joint Counter Narco-Terrorism Task Force (JCNTF):** JCNTF is a fulltime Army/Air National Guard program that provides Investigative Case and Analyst Support, Communications Support, Ground Reconnaissance, Aerial Reconnaissance with the OH-58 and RC-26 platforms, Civil Operations, and Joint Substance Abuse support to the Arizona National Guard, community coalitions, and over thirty local, state, federal and tribal law enforcement agencies throughout the State of Arizona, resulting in over \$103 million known, drug-related seizures.
- » **Director of Military Support:** The Office of Military Support is responsible for the overall security and safety of three Arizona Army National Guard installations and a multitude of Arizona Army National Guard owned and leased facilities. The Military Support Office provides physical security, electronic security, anti-terrorism protection, and security forces to combat criminal and terrorist threats.
- » **91st Civil Support Team (CST):** The 91st CST is a fulltime Army/Air National Guard unit that provides assessments and presumptive identification to analyze most known Chemical, Biological, Radiological, and Nuclear (CBRN) agents and substances. The CST's sophisticated detection, analytical, and protective equipment allows operations to take place in environments that contain many different Toxic Industrial Materials and CBRN materials. The 91st CST has a unique ability to assess CBRN events by means of computer-based modeling programs, advanced medical training, sample collection, and analytical identification of CBRN agents and substances.
- » **State Partnership Program:** The Arizona State Partnership Program links Arizona and the Republic of Kazakhstan in support of common national interests. The program seeks to establish and maintain long-term relationships between Arizona and Kazakhstan through the National Guard at all levels of society (military, civil, and business). During the past year, the Arizona National Guard participated in nine events with personnel from Kazakhstan's Ministry of Defense.
- » **Strategic Plans and Policies – Continuous Process Improvement:** Continuous Process Improvement functions include ensuring strategic priorities cascade across the organization with implementation support from executive leadership. The strategic plan represents the roadmap to accomplish the highest priority objectives that are set by executive leadership. The strategic plan is reviewed consistently to assess progress across the organization. Executive leadership identifies and maps improvement opportunities and ensures continuous improvement efforts are aligned to organizational objectives and achieves results.



Above: A UH-60 Blackhawk departs the Capitol Mall with members of the Arizona National Guard, The Legislative, Judicial, and Executive Branches of the State Government for a Continuity of Government Planning exercise. (Arizona National Guard photo)