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More than 600 Soldiers and Airmen are conducting flood fight operations in the Red River Valley

If significant flooding continues, we will back up the civil agencies as they require and are ready to stand-up additional military forces if necessary.

Minnesota National Guard by county

Clay County: 334 personnel and 118 vehicles



Clay County Task Force is currently conducting Quick Reaction Force operations consisting of two reaction forces equipped with capabilities to respond to citizen evacuation and dike breaches. Roving patrols, pump monitoring and sandbag operations are ongoing in Moorhead. Minnesota National Guard trucks are staging sandbags 24 hours a day in preparation for sandbagging crews. Operations continue to support local citizens and authorities in the refueling of pumps in the Oakport neighborhood.

Norman County: 83 personnel and 21 vehicles



Norman County Task Force is providing dike patrols, sandbag movement and the monitoring and securing of pumps within the cities of Perly, Hendrum and Halstad.

Polk County: 69 personnel, 16 vehicles



Polk County Task Force staged in Crookston Armory. Conducting route reconnaissance in Polk County when requested. A Joint Communications Platform (JCP) trailer staged in Crookston for potential communications back up. The task force continues sand bag site security in the city of East Grand Forks.

Marshall County: 16 personnel, 4 vehicles



Marshall County Task Force is conducting dike patrols and traffic control points in the city of Oslo.



The Minnesota National Guard, under the direction of the Governor, will continue to provide assistance to civil authorities in support of flood fighting efforts.

Minnesota National Guard equipment in use

6– UH-60 Black Hawk helicopters (2 with hoist capabilities)
2– CH-47 Chinook helicopters (Both have hoist capabilities)
1 – Joint Communication Platform trailer in Crookston
1 – Joint Communication Platform trailer in Moorhead
2 – forklifts
25 – generators
More than 150 military vehicles

Minnesota National Guard in the next 24 hours

2-136 IN (CAB) continues to support **Clay County** with a Quick Reaction Force consisting of two reaction forces equipped with capabilities to respond to citizen evacuation and dike breaches. Roving patrols, pump monitoring and sandbag operations are ongoing in Moorhead. Minnesota National Guard trucks are staging sandbags 24 hours a day in preparation for sandbagging crews. Operations continue to support local citizens and authorities in the refueling of pumps in the Oakport Township.

2-136 IN (CAB) continues to support **Norman County** with dike patrols, sandbag movement and the monitoring and securing of pumps within the cities of Perly, Hendrum and Halstad.

2-136 IN (CAB) continues to support **Polk County** and are ready to provide route reconnaissance when needed. A Joint Communications Platform (JCP) trailer is staged in Crookston for potential communications back up. The task force continues sand bag site security in the city of East Grand Forks.

2-136 IN (CAB) continues to support **Marshall County** by conducting dike patrols and traffic control points in the city of Oslo.

The 133rd Airlift Wing and 148th Fighter Wing continue to support the flood fight with specialized Joint Communications Platform (JCP) trailers in Crookston and Moorhead.

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