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More than 600 Soldiers and Airmen are conducting flood fight operations in the Red River Valley, and are prepared to stand up additional forces if necessary.

Minnesota National Guard *by county*

Clay County: 334 personnel and 118 vehicles



Clay County Task Force is currently prepared for Quick Reaction Force (QRF) operations consisting of two reaction forces equipped with capabilities to respond to citizen evacuation and dike breaches. Roving patrols and pump monitoring operations are ongoing in Moorhead. Military trucks are staged with sandbags in preparation for sandbagging crews. Pump refueling and monitoring operations continue in Oakport. Generators are on stand-by. Presence patrols are assisting local law enforcement.

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. Route observation patrols continue.

Polk County: 69 personnel, 16 vehicles

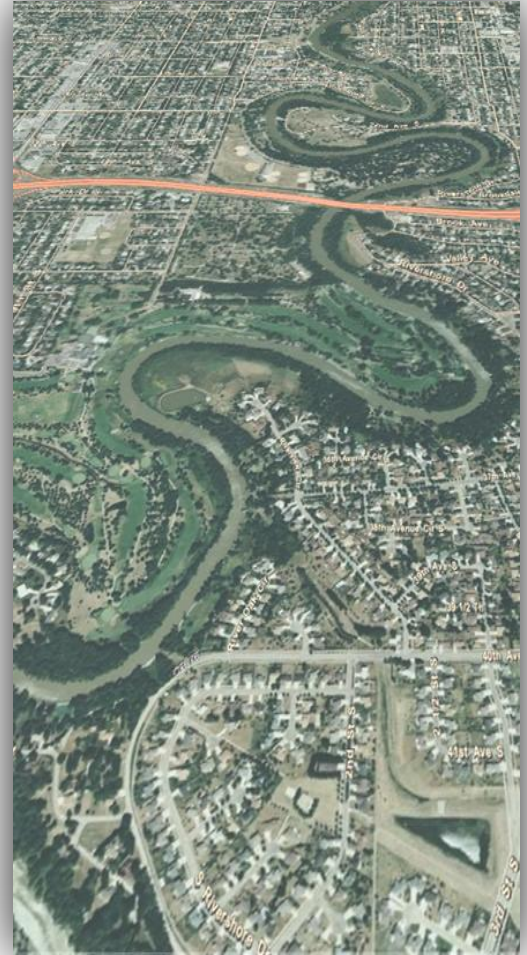


Polk County Task Force staged in Crookston Armory. Joint Communications Platform (JCP) trailer staged in Crookston for potential communications back up. Conducting route observation and presence patrols.

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– CH-47 Chinook helicopters (Both have hoist capabilities)
- 1 – Joint Communication Platform trailer in Crookston
- 1 – Joint Communication Platform trailer in Moorhead
- 2 – forklifts
- 32 – generators
- More than 150 military vehicles

Minnesota National Guard **in the next 24 hours**

The 2nd Combined Arms Battalion, 136th Infantry Regiment, or 2-136 IN (CAB), continues to support **Clay County** with a Quick Reaction Force (QRF) consisting of two reaction forces equipped with capabilities to respond to citizen evacuation and dike breaches. Observation patrols continue in Moorhead. Pump refueling and monitoring operations continue in Oakport.

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

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) will continue to support **Polk County** and is 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.

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

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

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