



Minnesota National Guard **FACT SHEET**

FLOOD FIGHT 2009 UPDATE

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More than 230 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: 99 personnel and 106 vehicles



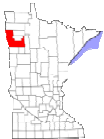
Water levels continue to decline. Although operations ended in Clay County, Soldiers will conduct vehicle and equipment maintenance operations from the Moorhead Training and Community Center.

Norman County: 28 personnel and vehicles



Norman County Task Force is providing dike patrols and monitoring and securing of pumps within the cities of Perley, Hendrum, and Halstad. Conditions continue to improve as water levels continue to decline.

Polk County: 27 personnel, 8 vehicles

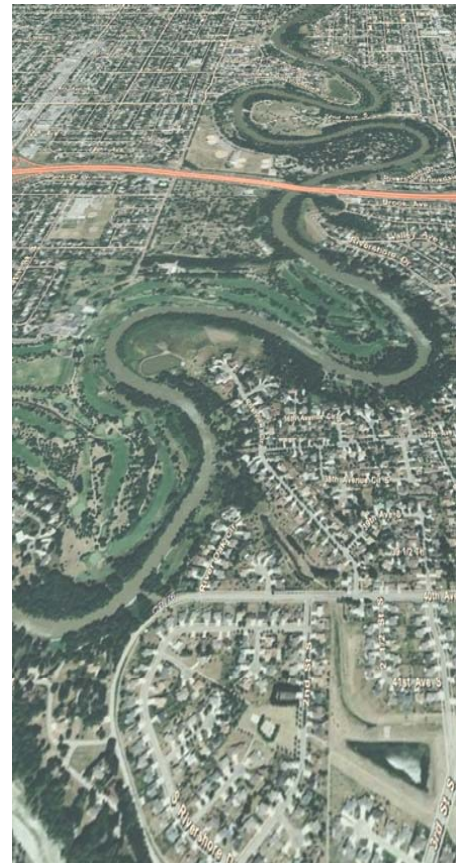


Polk County Task Force conducted 3 route observation patrols. Overland flooding continues to be the primary issue with flooding moving from east to west.

Marshall County: 16 personnel, 5 vehicles



Marshall County Task Force is conducting dike monitoring patrols and traffic control points in the city of Oslo. Overland flooding has caused the road to wash out east of Oslo closing it to all military and civilian traffic. MNDOT is currently on scene evaluating the situation and making repairs. Currently the 16 Soldiers are isolated in the city of Oslo, however the city remains dry at this time. Minnesota National Guard analysis predicted this situation as Oslo generally becomes surrounded on an annual basis.



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**

- 3– 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 100 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.

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

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) will continue to support **Polk County** and is providing route reconnaissance over 62 miles of Polk County. 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.

Soldiers from 2-136 IN (CAB) have been relieved of duty in **Kittson County** by the Kittson county Sherriff and operations have ended in the county.

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