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CONNECTICUT NATIONAL GUARD PREPARED TO ASSIST CITIZENS IN ADVANCE OF WINTER STORM JUNO

HARTFORD, Conn., - Maj. Gen. Thaddeus J. Martin, Adjutant General and Commander of the Connecticut National Guard announced that Soldiers and Airmen throughout the state are reporting for duty and readying equipment to assist the citizens of Connecticut in response to Winter Storm Juno.

The Connecticut National Guard's focus overnight will be in supporting the Connecticut State Police assisting any stranded motorists on state highways or responding to any emergency coastal evacuations during high tide. A total of 16 highway assistance teams equipped with four-wheel drive vehicles have been positioned at more than a dozen military facilities throughout the state.

During the storm's recovery phase the Guard will also be prepared to provide route clearance assistance and snow removal support.

"Our Soldiers and Airmen have a great deal of experience assisting the citizens of Connecticut during significant weather events," Maj. Gen. Martin said. "We take pride in our ability to mobilize quickly and respond to a storm in support of relief efforts throughout the state."



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Approximately 400 Connecticut Army and Air National Guard members are expected to be on duty by Monday evening ready to respond to the storm's expected severe impact.

The Connecticut Guard's 24-hour operations center at the Gov. William A. O'Neill Armory in Hartford will be fully manned by 4 p.m. today with representatives from all key divisions and major commands.

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