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This publication applies to all civilian employees and uniformed members of the Regular Air Force, the Air Force Reserve, the Air National Guard, the United States Space Force, the Civil Air Patrol when conducting missions as the official Air Force Auxiliary, all Department of the Air Force civilian employees, and those with a contractual obligation to abide by the terms of Department of the Air Force issuances. Refer recommended changes and questions about this publication to OPR, 1480 Air Force Pentagon (1E730), Washington, D.C. 20330-1480 or af.a3oa.workflow@us.af.mil using AF Form 847, *Recommendation for Change of Publication*. Route AF Form 847 from the field through the appropriate functional authority's chain of

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SUMMARY OF CHANGES

This document has been substantially revised and needs to be completely reviewed. Major changes include updates to titles of the office of primary responsibility from AF/A3OB (Current Operations Division) to AF/A3OA (Civil Support Division); addition of United States Space Force and other Headquarters Air Force organizations; policy; and reference documents in this publication, as well as clarification of organizational roles and responsibilities to manage Department of the Air Force efforts to prepare for, respond to, recover from, and mitigate natural or man-made disasters.

1. Overview.

1.1. Defense Support of Civil Authorities is support provided by U.S. federal military forces, DoD civilians, DoD contract personnel, DoD Component assets, Civil Air Patrol (when performing Air Force-assigned missions in AF Auxiliary status), and National Guard forces (when the Secretary of Defense, in coordination with the governors of the affected states, elects and requests to use those forces in Title 32, United States Code (USC), status) in response to a request for assistance from civil authorities for domestic emergencies, law enforcement support, cyberspace incident response, and other domestic activities or from qualifying entities for special events. Defense Support of Civil Authorities includes support to prepare, prevent, protect, respond, and recover from domestic incidents. Defense Support of Civil Authorities is not support provided in response to foreign disasters (e.g., foreign consequence management or foreign humanitarian assistance/disaster response).

1.2. This policy directive assigns responsibilities and establishes policy for Department of the Air Force organizations providing Defense Support of Civil Authorities in coordination with lead federal agencies and law enforcement officials, in accordance with Public Law, Executive Orders, and DoD policy. Department of the Air Force warfighting capabilities constitute the basis for support to designated domestic civil authorities as outlined in the *National Response Framework* and the *National Strategy for Homeland Security*.

2. Policy. To ensure readiness to conduct Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations, the Department of the Air Force will:

2.1. Establish measureable operational and enabling standards and requirements derived from warfighting capabilities in order to determine the equipment, training, manpower, and ancillary resources needed to conduct and sustain Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning activities and response operations.

2.2. Develop and incorporate Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response concepts into appropriate Department of the Air Force guidance and appropriate training and education courses.

2.3. Develop Defense Support of Civil Authorities concepts, policies, and guidance as necessary to assist with national efforts to synchronize national (federal, state, local, tribal, and territorial) preparedness.

2.4. Ensure appropriate Department of the Air Force inspections and assessments include an evaluation of a unit's compliance with Defense Support of Civil Authorities related policy, guidance, and instructions.

2.5. Plan, program, and budget for and report warfighting capabilities that may be used to support Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations.

2.6. Obtain reimbursement for support provided to civil authorities when authorized or mandated by Public Law (*Robert T. Stafford Disaster Relief and Emergency Assistance Act*, Title 42 USC Sections 5121-5207, or *Economy Act*, Title 31 USC Section 1535), Executive Order (Executive Order 12656, *Assignment of Emergency Preparedness Responsibilities*), and DoD policy in coordination with the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller (SAF/FM).

2.7. Organize, train, equip and fund a Department of the Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer program.

2.8. Establish policy, guidance, and instruction for Department of the Air Force support of law enforcement activities consistent with military preparedness, national security requirements, and applicable law.

3. Responsibilities.

3.1. Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services (AF/A1) will:

3.1.1. Provide incident response guidance to recover chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear contaminated human remains and their associated personal effects; and coordinate storage and handling of fatalities to designated collection points within the incident site.

3.1.2. Provide mortuary affairs support as directed.

3.1.3. Implement policy and provide guidance for integrating and vetting Defense Support of Civil Authorities education and training requirements or learning outcomes into professional military education and ancillary training.

3.1.4. Coordinate with the SAF/FM to provide Manpower Appropriations Days to support reserve forces tasked to respond to a request for assistance supporting a lead federal agency.

3.2. Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations (AF/A2/6) will:

3.2.1. Implement policy and provide guidance for planning, programming, training, and budgeting resources necessary to ensure the Department of the Air Force has the capability to provide incident awareness and assessment data to supported agencies to prepare for, respond to, and recover from natural or man-made disasters in accordance with the Executive Order 12333, *United States Intelligence Activities*, Joint Publication 3-28, *Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA)*, and applicable federal statutes.

3.2.2. Oversee the development and sustainment of integrated, interoperable and network-centric communications infrastructure that is survivable in all-hazard environments.

3.3. Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations (AF/A3) will:

3.3.1. Serve as the Air Force focal point for Defense Support of Civil Authorities policy, guidance, and instruction in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Services, Combatant Commanders, National Guard Bureau, and other federal and state offices and agencies.

3.3.2. Oversee the development, coordination, and implementation of Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations doctrine, policy, guidance, instructions, and operational standards.

3.3.3. Coordinate with AF/A1 to integrate processes and principles of Defense Support of Civil Authorities into institutional education and training requirements in the appropriate venues (e.g., accessions, professional military education, functional and unit training) prior to employment of the Total Force.

- 3.3.4. Oversee the development, coordination, and implementation of the Department of the Air Force Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer program.
 - 3.3.5. Oversee the development, coordination, and implementation of the Continuity of Operations program.
 - 3.3.6. Coordinate with the Office of the Inspector General (SAF/IG) to establish Defense Support of Civil Authorities inspection requirements, as applicable.
 - 3.3.7. Coordinate with the Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection (AF/A4) to integrate Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations doctrine, policy, guidance, and instructions with emergency management, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear response, explosive ordnance disposal, and force protection-related doctrine, policy, guidance, and instruction.
 - 3.3.8. Coordinate with SAF/FM and AF/A1 to forecast Manpower Appropriations Days to support reserve forces tasked to support a lead federal agency.
- 3.4. Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics, Engineering and Force Protection (AF/A4) will:
- 3.4.1. Plan, program, organize, train, and exercise AF/A4 in support of Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations.
 - 3.4.2. Oversee the aspects of explosive ordnance disposal, chemical, biological, radiological, and nuclear consequence management and Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations.
 - 3.4.3. Manage Air Force Incident Management System to integrate policy, procedures and oversight relative to Department of the Air Force Defense Support of Civil Authorities policies and procedures, the National Incident Management System and installation support requested under the *National Response Framework*.
 - 3.4.4. Coordinate with the Air Force Installation and Mission Support Center and the Air Force Civil Engineer Center to integrate management and oversight of Air Force Installations in support of Defense Support of Civil Authorities missions.
- 3.5. Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs (AF/A8) will ensure Air Force strategic plans and program objective memorandums incorporate plans, programs, manpower, and equipment requirements to support Defense Support of Civil Authorities activities within the Office of the Secretary of Defense directed fiscal guidance.
- 3.6. Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration (AF/A10) will develop Department of the Air Force policy and guidance for the nuclear enterprise and countering weapons of mass destruction mission.
- 3.7. Chief Operations Officer (SF/S2/3/4/6/7/10) will:
- 3.7.1. Serve as the United States Space Force focal point for Defense Support of Civil Authorities policy, guidance, and instruction in collaboration with the Office of the Secretary of Defense, Joint Staff, Services, Combatant Commanders, National Guard Bureau, and other federal and state offices and agencies.

3.7.2. Oversee the development, coordination, and implementation of Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations doctrine, policy, guidance, instructions, and operational standards.

3.7.3. Coordinate with Chief Human Capital Officer (SF/S1) to integrate processes and principles of Defense Support of Civil Authorities into institutional education and training requirements in the appropriate venues (e.g., accessions, functional and unit training, and professional military education) prior to employment of the Total Force.

3.7.4. Oversee the development, coordination, and implementation of the Continuity of Operations program.

3.7.5. Coordinate with the SAF/IG to ensure Defense Support of Civil Authorities inspection requirements, as applicable.

3.7.6. Coordinate with SAF/FM and SF/S1 to forecast Manpower Appropriations Days to support reserve forces tasked to support a lead federal agency.

3.8. Office of The Judge Advocate General (AF/JA) will advise the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretariat, the Chief of Staff of the Air Force, Chief of Space Operations, and, through functional chains, United States Air Force and United States Space Force commanders, and others involved in planning and executing Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations, on the legality of the proposed Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations. In addition, in coordination with The Office of the Air Force General Counsel as appropriate, AF/JA will ensure that Air Force Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations doctrine, strategy, policy, guidance, and instructions comply with applicable law, Presidential Directives, Executive Orders, and DoD policy and guidance.

3.9. Office of the Surgeon General will:

3.9.1. Provide medical expertise to support the development of Department of the Air Force policies and procedures and associated medical response capabilities for Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations.

3.9.2. Provide functional expertise to integrate medical response capabilities into Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning activities and response operations to ensure medical forces are properly organized and trained to support Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations.

3.9.3. Serve as the chief medical advisor of the Air Force to the Director of the Defense Health Agency on matters pertaining to military health readiness requirements and safety of members of the Air Force and Space Force.

3.10. Office of the Inspector General (SAF/IG) will advise the Defense Support of Civil Authorities enterprise on Department of the Air Force inspection policy in accordance with Department of the Air Force Policy Directive 90-3, *Inspector General*, and, as necessary, provide inspection feedback and tools to support unit capability to conduct and sustain Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations consistent with their mission(s).

3.11. Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller (SAF/FM) will publish policy and guidance pertaining to reimbursement and accountability of United States Air Force, United States Space Force, Air National Guard, and Air Force Reserve appropriations expended in Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning through response phases of operations.

3.12. Office of the Air Force General Counsel (SAF/GC) will advise the Secretary of the Air Force and Secretariat on Defense Support of Civil Authorities planning and response operations doctrine, strategy, policy, guidance, and instructions ensuring their compliance with applicable law, Presidential Directives, Executive Orders, and DoD policy and guidance, in coordination with AF/JA as appropriate.

3.13. Office of the Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs (SAF/MR) provides guidance, direction, and oversight for Defense Support of Civil Authorities policy of the Reserve Component in accordance with Public Law, Executive Orders, and DoD policy.

3.14. The Commander, Air Force Reserve Command will ensure reserve forces are trained and equipped to support Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations.

3.15. Director of the Air National Guard (NGB/CF) will:

3.15.1. Provide guidance and staff coordination for Defense Support of Civil Authorities issues related to the Air National Guard.

3.15.2. Supports State Adjutant Generals in efforts to maintain mission readiness to perform federal duties under Title 10, USC while also preparing to perform responsibilities under Title 32, USC or state active component.

3.16. Department of the Air Force Major Command, Field Command, Direct Reporting Unit, and Field Operating Agency commanders will develop plans, guidance, and procedures to organize and train forces to execute assigned Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations consistent with military preparedness, and coordinate Defense Support of Civil Authorities related activities, initiatives, and information through AF/A3.

3.17. The Curtis E. LeMay Center for Doctrine Development and Education will collect, validate, seek resolution, and disseminate lessons learned from major Defense Support of Civil Authorities operations and exercises.

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Attachment 1**GLOSSARY OF REFERENCES AND SUPPORTING INFORMATION*****References***

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Abbreviations and Acronyms

AF/A1—Deputy Chief of Staff for Manpower, Personnel and Services (United States Air Force)

AF/A2/6—Deputy Chief of Staff for Intelligence, Surveillance, Reconnaissance and Cyber Effects Operations (United States Air Force)

AF/A3—Deputy Chief of Staff, Operations (United States Air Force)

AF/A3O—Director of Current Operations (United States Air Force)

AF/A3OA—Civil Support Division (United States Air Force)

AF/A3OB—Current Operations Division (United States Air Force)

AF/A4—Deputy Chief of Staff for Logistics Engineering and Force Protection (United States Air Force)

AF/A8—Deputy Chief of Staff for Plans and Programs

AF/A10—Deputy Chief of Staff for Strategic Deterrence and Nuclear Integration (United States Air Force)

AFI—Air Force Instruction

AF/JA—Air Force Judge Advocate General

AFPD—Air Force Policy Directive

DAFPD—Department of the Air Force Policy Directive

DHS—Department of Homeland Security

DoD—Department of Defense

DoDD—Department of Defense Directive

DoDI—Department of Defense Instruction

DSCA—Defense Support of Civil Authorities

NGB/CF—Director, Air National Guard

SAF/FM—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Financial Management and Comptroller

SAF/GC—General Counsel of the Department of the Air Force

SAF/IG—Secretary of the Air Force, Office of the Inspector General

SAF/MR—Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower and Reserve Affairs

SF/S1—Chief Human Capital Officer (United States Space Force)

SF/S2/3/4/6/7/10—Chief Operations Officer (United States Space Force)

USC—United States Code

USSS—United States Secret Service

Terms

Civil Authorities—Those elected and appointed officers and employees who constitute the government of the U.S., the governments of the 50 States, the District of Columbia, the Commonwealth of Puerto Rico, U.S. possessions and territories, and political subdivisions thereof.

Continuity of Operations—An effort within individual organizations to ensure they can continue to perform their essential functions during a disruption of normal operations, including a wide range of emergencies, including localized acts of nature, accidents, and technological or attack related emergencies.

Emergency Preparedness—Measures taken in advance of an emergency to reduce the loss of life and property and to protect a nation's institutions from all types of hazards through a comprehensive emergency management program of preparedness, mitigation, response and recovery.

Emergency Preparedness Liaison Officer—A senior reserve officer (typically O-6 or O-5) who is a representative of one of the military departments or military services and is trained in Defense Support of Civil Authorities requirements, regulations, and law, and performs a liaison role in planning and coordinating military department and military service participation in support of civil authorities.

Title 10 USC (Armed Forces)—Portion of U.S. law that relates to the Armed Forces of the U.S. Guidance is divided into 5 subtitles; one on general military law and one each for the Army, Navy and Marine Corps, the AF and the Reserve Components. Title 10 USC Sections 271-284 govern military support for civilian law enforcement agencies.

Title 32 USC (National Guard)—Portion of U.S. law that governs the National Guard. In certain limited instances, specific statutory or Presidential authority allows for those forces to perform operational missions funded by the federal government, while they remain under the control of the governor. The majority of activities conducted pursuant to Title 32, USC directly relate to training or other readiness requirements established by the Army and the Department of the Air Force in order to prepare the National Guard forces for their warfighting mission. Any purpose, however, if approved by the President or Secretary of Defense, and otherwise permitted by law, may be accomplished in status under Title 32, USC in support of federal missions.