

Readiness

10-13 Homeland Defense

The Army has the responsibility to provide a component to the Consequence Management of Homeland Defense. Consequently, the Army conducts antiterrorism training, awareness outreach, protective service advance work, assessments of threat and vulnerabilities, and antiterrorism exercises. This mission includes the detection and prevention of hostile actions against the homeland as well as supporting civil authorities in consequence management, disaster relief and other roles as requested. The Army must have the ability to provide logistic, transportation, communications, utilities management, engineering and other services from both the active Army and the Army Reserve to properly support these missions.

The Army must maintain sufficient forces, trained and ready, to protect the U.S. domestic population, its territory and critical infrastructure against all attacks. At the same time, as our enemies in the 21st Century conflict alter their means of attack, our Army must be prepared to adapt - ensuring that it always has overwhelming dominance. The imbalance of today's Army limits its ability to support national security and decisively defeat those enemies who strive to destroy our freedoms.

WE THEREFORE RESOLVE to urge the Administration and Congress to:

- Authorize the President maximum flexibility to employ units and members of the Army Reserve, when necessary, to respond to major disasters and emergencies
- Fund technology, equipment, training, personnel manning, critical infrastructure and its protection, thereby enabling the Army to support Homeland Defense missions.