

COVINGTON POLICE DEPARTMENT STANDARD OPERATING PROCEDURE

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I. Purpose

To establish a procedure for the notification of the Georgia National Guard during emergencies such as breach of the peace, riots, disasters, etc.

II. Statement of Policy

It shall be the policy of the Covington Police Department to request assistance from the Georgia National Guard any time a situation develops that is beyond the capabilities of local enforcement agencies to address.

III. Procedure

- A. Whenever any situation arises that continues an outbreak of insurrection, riot, breach of the peace or a combination to oppose the enforcement of the law by force or violence within the City of Covington and such unlawful combination or disaster has progressed beyond the control of the local authorities, the Chief of Police will notify the Mayor of Covington, the Sheriff of Newton County or a Superior Court judge to request for assistance from the National Guard.
- B. The Mayor, Sheriff and Superior Court judge have the authority to request the National Guard by notifying the Governor.
- C. The Governor may then, at his discretion, order the Guard into active service of the state for such period, to such extent and in such manner as he may deem necessary. (OCGA 38-2-6). [Georgia Code Chapter List](#)

This SOP supersedes any SOP previously issued.

BY ORDER OF THE CHIEF OF POLICE:

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