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Ohio National Guard would continue operations for state and national response during federal government shutdown

COLUMBUS, Ohio — The Ohio National Guard will continue conducting national defense operations and responding to state emergencies, despite any potential federal government shutdown.

“The government shutdown would certainly have a financial impact on federal operations and the Ohio National Guard employees who may be furloughed. However, the Ohio National Guard considers the readiness of our Soldiers and Airmen one of our highest priorities,” said Maj. Gen. Mark E. Bartman, Ohio adjutant general. “We will continue to be ready to perform the vital missions to assist our citizens who depend on the National Guard every day to be ‘Always Ready, Always There.’”

The nearly 1,000 Ohio National Guard Soldiers and Airmen who are currently deployed around the world will continue to conduct normal operations regardless of a potential government shutdown. Emergency and other military functions necessary to protect lives and property will continue to be performed. All federal employees who are not deemed mission essential would be furloughed until a budget agreement or continuing resolution is passed.

In the absence of a budget agreement or another continuing resolution, all Ohio National Guard employees, technicians and Active Guard Reserve members, must report for duty as scheduled on Monday, Jan. 22 to implement an orderly shutdown of activities. Members of Ohio Army and Air National Guard units scheduled to drill this weekend will report for duty at the assigned time on Saturday, Jan. 20.

A federal government shutdown could have a financial impact on the Ohio National Guard of approximately \$650,000 per day in lost wages and contracts.

“We understand the hardship this furlough may mean for our men and women, and we will work with our community partners to provide support to those who may experience financial difficulties as a result,” Bartman said.

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