



Ohio Adjutant General's Department

JOHN R. KASICH, GOVERNOR

MAJOR GENERAL MARK E. BARTMAN, ADJUTANT GENERAL

July 22, 2015
Log # 15-12

For Immediate Release

Ohio National Guard taking steps to increase security at recruitment offices and Guard facilities

COLUMBUS, Ohio — At the instruction of Ohio Governor John R. Kasich, the Adjutant General of Ohio, Major General Mark E. Bartman, is updating policies and training requirements for personnel at Ohio National Guard recruitment offices and reviewing all security measures at these facilities - granting authorization for them to carry a firearm.

"The governor has made it very clear that we must take action to protect our members who are actively engaged in public recruitment efforts," said Maj. Gen. Bartman. "We are updating our policies and strengthening small firearm training so that those men and women staffing our recruitment offices may protect themselves in the event of a threat."

Earlier this week, Ohio temporarily closed four of its Ohio National Guard "store front" recruitment offices in Painesville, Findlay, Columbus and Dayton in response to the Chattanooga, Tennessee shootings. Staff at those facilities have been moved to nearby armories.

- 30-

FOR MORE INFORMATION CONTACT: Maj. Nicole Ashcroft, ONG State Public Affairs Officer, at 614-336-7077 or nicole.l.ashcroft.mil@mail.mil.

<http://ong.ohio.gov>.

<http://www.facebook.com/TheOhioNationalGuard>

<http://twitter.com/OHNationalGuard>

<http://www.flickr.com/ohionationalguard>

<http://www.youtube.com/OhioNationalGuard>