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**AIR FORCE SUPPORT TO CIVIL
AUTHORITIES**

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1. Major disasters, civil emergencies, and support to Federal, state, and local law enforcement may require local and national-level actions by the Air Force to save lives, prevent human suffering, or mitigate great property damage. This directive establishes policy and responsibilities for providing Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA) for Presidentially declared or undeclared major disasters and civil emergencies as well as for military support to law enforcement agencies (LEA).

2. The United States Air Force (USAF) will support civil authorities to the maximum extent practical.

2.1. This directive establishes the following responsibilities and authorities:

2.1.1. The Secretary of the Army is the Department of Defense (DoD) executive agent for MSCA

2.1.2. The Directorate of Military Support (DOMS) is DoD action agent for MSCA planning and execution.

2.1.3. In times of crisis, DOMS will designate Commanders in Chief (CINC) as a supported or supporting CINC in appropriate orders.

2.1.4. The Director of Operations, Deputy Chief of Staff, Plans and Operations (HQ USAF/XOO) is the Principal Planning Agent for planning and facilitating the execution of USAF MSCA operations.

2.1.5. HQ USAF/XOO provides USAF policy oversight and interface with the Office of the Secretary of Defense staff concerning MSCA policy and legislative initiatives.

2.1.6. HQ USAF/XOO will enforce and interpret USAF MSCA policy and resolve conflicting resource requirements when necessary.

2.1.7. The Regional Planning Agents (RPA) are the execution/tasking authority for MSCA support in their areas. HQ Air Combat Command is the US Atlantic Command RPA and HQ Pacific Air Forces is the Pacific Command RPA.

2.1.8. Commanders of major commands (MAJCOM), Air Force Reserve (AFRES), Air National Guard (ANG), field operating agencies (FOA), and direct reporting units (DRU) will establish an

office of primary responsibility (OPR) to coordinate support and reporting for MSCA operations, as determined by the RPAs.

2.1.9. Installation commanders will respond to higher authorities and exercise discretion when faced with a situation requiring immediate response.

3. USAF will support LEAs to the maximum extent practical as permitted by public law.

3.1. These are the USAF responsibilities and authorities:

3.1.1. The Assistant Secretary of the Air Force for Manpower, Reserve Affairs, Installations, and Environment (SAF/MI) is the executive agent for USAF support to LEAs.

3.1.2. The Principal Deputy Assistant Secretary of the Air Force (SAF/MIR) is the action agent for USAF support to LEAs concerning drug-related matters.

3.1.3. HQ USAF/XOO is the USAF focal point for cooperating with LEAs and provides a single HQ USAF OPR for processing requests for LEA assistance.

3.1.4. Commanders of MAJCOMs, AFRES, ANG, FOAs, and DRUs will establish an OPR to coordinate LEA support and reporting.

3.1.5. Installation commanders will establish an OPR to coordinate local area USAF support to LEAs and to coordinate up-channel support requests and reporting.

4. This Policy Directive (PD) applies only within the United States, its territories, and its possessions. It applies during peacetime, transition to war, and war, to all Air Force personnel and resources in the active and reserve forces, the Air National Guard when federalized or as directed by the National Guard Bureau, and the Civil Air Patrol when responding as an official auxiliary of the Air Force.

5. This PD implements DoD Directive 3025.1, *Military Support to Civil Authorities (MSCA)*, January 15, 1993, DoD Directive 5525.5, *DoD Cooperation with Civilian Law Enforcement Officials*, January 15, 1986, with Change 1, and DoD Instruction 5525.10, *Using Military Working Dog Teams (MWDTs) to Support Law Enforcement Agencies*, September 17, 1990.

6. Air Force Instructions 10-801, *Air Force Assistance to Law Enforcement Agencies*, and 10-802, *Military Support to Civil Authorities* implement guidance from this PD.

7. See **Attachment 1** and Attachment 2 for measures used to evaluate compliance with this policy.

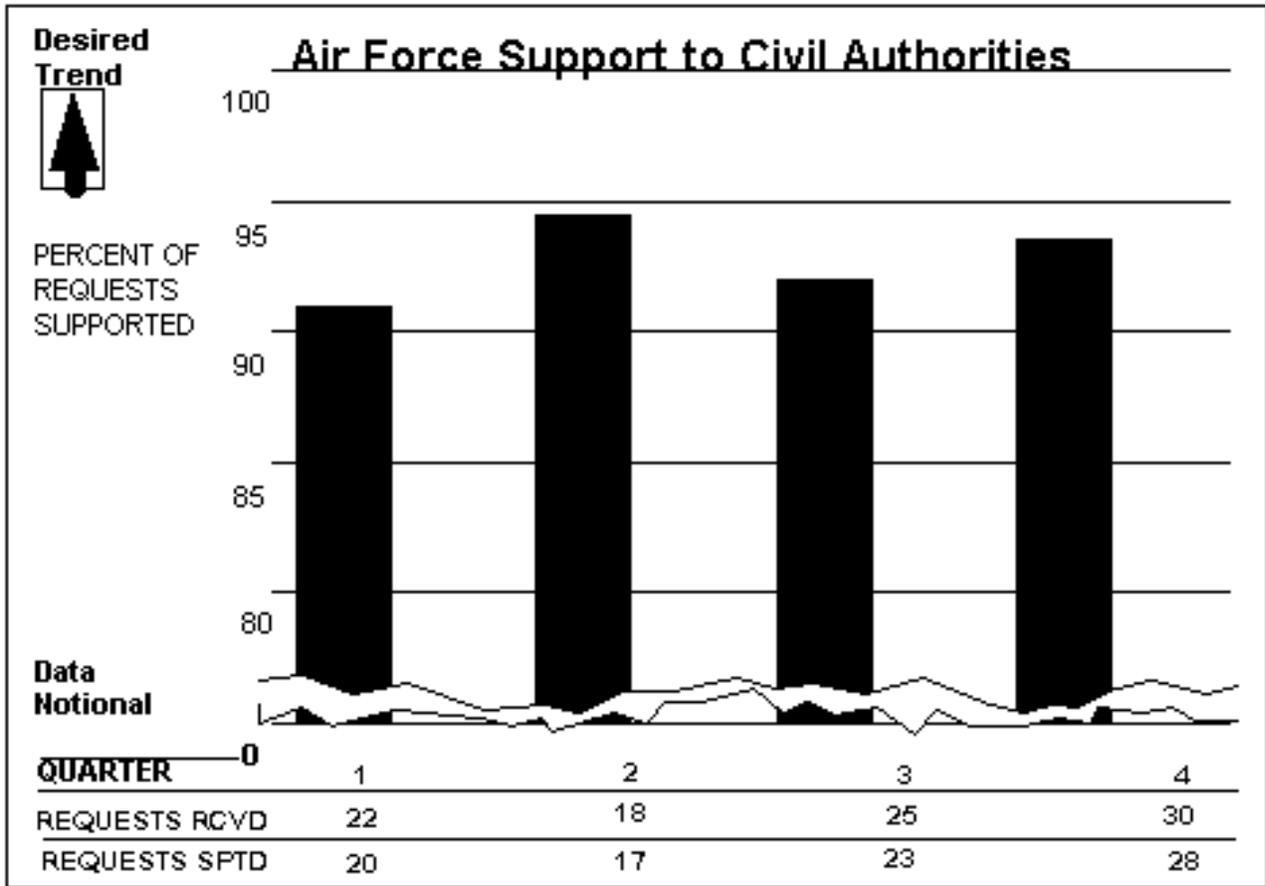
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Attachment 1

MEASURING AND DISPLAYING COMPLIANCE WITH POLICY

A1.1. The Air Force Counterdrug Division (USAF/XOOOD) will review and track employment of military resources requested by civil authorities. Obtain source data from RCS: HAF-XO(AR)9433, *Employment of Military Resources in Natural Disaster Emergencies within the U.S., its Territories, and Possessions* (TEMPEST RAPID REPORTS). The chart (**Figure A1.1.**) will display the number of requests received and supported. Measurements will be charted quarterly.

Figure A1.1. Sample Metric of Air Force Support to Civil Authorities.



A1.2. USAF/XOOOD will review and track employment of military resources requested by civil authorities. Obtain source data from RCS: DD DEP&S(Q)1595 Quarterly Reports, *Report on Support to Civilian Law Enforcement*. The chart (**Figure A1.2.**) will display the number of requests received and supported. Measurements will be charted quarterly.

Figure A1.2. Sample Metric of Air Force Support to Civilian Law Enforcement Agencies.

