

Administration of Donald J. Trump, 2025

Memorandum on Department of War Security for the Protection of Federal Personnel and Property in Illinois

October 4, 2025

Memorandum for the Secretary of War, the Attorney General, and the Secretary of Homeland Security

Subject: Department of War Security for the Protection of Federal Personnel and Property in Illinois

The situation in the State of Illinois, particularly in and around the city of Chicago, cannot continue. Federal facilities in Illinois, including those directly supporting Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE) and the Federal Protective Services (FPS), have come under coordinated assault by violent groups intent on obstructing Federal law enforcement activities. These groups have sought to impede the deportation and removal of criminal aliens through violent demonstrations, intimidation, and sabotage of Federal operations. These violent activities appear to be increasing, and the situation in the State of Illinois, particularly in and around the city of Chicago, cannot continue.

These activities are not occurring in isolation. Instead, these activities are similar to other ongoing efforts in multiple States and cities around the country to disrupt the faithful enforcement of Federal law. On June 7, 2025, I determined that similar activities warranted the mobilization of the National Guard. Likewise, at the end of September, I directed the Secretary of War to mobilize the National Guard due to ongoing violence and interference with Federal law enforcement in Oregon.

In those prior directives and in this instance, I have determined that these incidents, as well as the credible threat of continued violence, impede the execution of the laws of the United States. I have further determined that the regular forces of the United States are not sufficient to ensure the laws of the United States are faithfully executed, including in Chicago.

In light of both past incidents in Chicago and the credible threat of future incidents, and in light of my determinations, by the authority vested in me as President by the Constitution and the laws of the United States of America, including 10 U.S.C. 12406, I hereby call into Federal service at least 300 members of the Illinois National Guard, until the Governor of Illinois consents to a federally-funded mobilization, under Title 32 of the United States Code, of the Illinois National Guard under State control. The members of the Illinois National Guard called into Federal service shall protect ICE, FPS, and other United States Government personnel who are executing Federal law in the State of Illinois, and Federal property in the State of Illinois. They shall do so at any locations at which violent demonstrations prevent the execution of Federal law or are likely to prevent the execution of Federal law based on current threat assessments and planned operations. The duration of such Federal service shall be 60 days or at the discretion of the Secretary of War. Further, I direct and delegate actions as necessary for the Secretary of War to coordinate with the Governor of the State of Illinois and the Chief of the National Guard Bureau in identifying and ordering into Federal service the appropriate members and units of the Illinois National Guard under this authority.

To carry out this mission, the deployed National Guard personnel may perform those protective activities that the Secretary of War determines are reasonably necessary to ensure the execution of Federal law in Illinois, and to protect Federal property in Illinois. Following the deployment of any National Guard personnel to any location in Illinois, the Secretary of War

shall consult with the Attorney General and the Secretary of Homeland Security prior to withdrawing the personnel from such location. The Secretary of War and the Secretary of Homeland Security may delegate to subordinate officials of their respective Departments any of the authorities conferred upon them by this memorandum.

DONALD J. TRUMP

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