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Gov. Nikki Haley, Gen. Bob Livingston Announce Increased Security Measures For Guard Facilities

"The Safety Of Our Men And Women In Uniform Is Paramount"

COLUMBIA, S.C. – As a result of the shooting at Chattanooga Armed Forces recruitment centers, Governor Nikki Haley and Major General Bob Livingston, working together with law enforcement including South Carolina Law Enforcement Division Chief Mark Keel, are undertaking efforts to ensure the safety and security of service members, their families and South Carolina National Guard facilities across the state.

Gov. Haley said, "In the wake of the shootings in Chattanooga, I have ordered a full review of all South Carolina National Guard facilities and installations statewide. The safety of our men and women in uniform is paramount, and I fully expect that this rolling review, starting this week, will result in the arming of some of our guardsmen. I will continue to work directly with General Livingston and Chief Keel to make sure we are doing everything in our power to confront the threats facing South Carolina."

Steps the governor has authorized General Livingston and his team to undertake, which ensures safety while balancing public access to facilities, include:

- Over the next week, Guard officials will conduct site-by-site visits for vulnerability assessments of all Guard recruitment stations, facilities and installations across the state.
- Based on vulnerability assessments, designated officials will be armed at recruitment stations, facilities and installations across the state as necessary.
- Continue active shooter exercises with local law enforcement.
- Continue active coordination and training with law enforcement.
- Provide a method of instant contact with law enforcement.
- Improve all physical security measures at all Guard facilities based on vulnerability assessments.

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