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Today, Governor Haley issued Executive Order 2015-18, ordering enhanced security for the South Carolina National Guard.

Background:

Immediately after the domestic terror attack in Chattanooga on July 16, 2015, the Governor ordered a full review of all National Guard facilities and ordered the Adjutant General to begin coordinating with law enforcement for enhanced security and training.

After reviewing the threat assessments and subsequent recommendations from the National Guard and the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division (SLED), the Governor took action using her authority as commander-in-chief of the State to issue an Executive Order that puts into effect the following measures:

- Installing security enhancements at all facilities of the National Guard.
- Identifying and designating appropriate and qualified members of the National Guard to undergo specific force protection training coordinated through SLED.
- Assigning and arming individuals who successfully complete the force protection training to protect all facilities of the National Guard.
- Coordinating with state and local law enforcement for additional protection for all facilities.
- Calling members of the National Guard to State Active Duty to be armed to temporarily protect all facilities until permanent force protection measures can be put in place.

The direct effect of this Executive Order is that qualified members of the National Guard will be armed immediately in order to protect all facilities across South Carolina.

The long-term effect of this Executive Order is that all National Guard locations will have permanent force protection measures in place, which includes enhanced active shooter training for personnel and additional physical security measures for all facilities.