

State of South Carolina
Executive Department



Office of the Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER NO.

2015-18

WHEREAS, on July 16, 2015, five United States service members were killed and numerous others wounded in a domestic terrorist attack at a military recruitment and a Naval Station in Chattanooga Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, this kind of targeted, domestic attack on United States military personnel has become increasingly common in recent years and presents the threat of violence to service men and women and military facilities in South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, precautionary measures are needed to protect those service men and women who have volunteered to protect us; and

WHEREAS, immediately following the attack in Chattanooga, I ordered a full review of all South Carolina National Guard facilities and installations and ordered active shooter exercises, coordination, and training with law enforcement; and

WHEREAS, these reviews completed by the South Carolina National Guard indicate a need to further enhance security at National Guard facilities and provide more opportunities for Guardsmen to defend themselves against a threat of violence or terrorism; and

WHEREAS, as commander-in-chief of the State in accordance with Article IV, Section 13 of the State Constitution, I may take such measures as necessary in order to prevent violence to persons or property of citizens and maintain peace, tranquility, and good order, and pursuant to Section 1-3-410 of the South Carolina Code of Laws, it appears to my satisfaction that there exists a threat of violence to National Guard members and facilities in the State of South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, I may appoint such personnel that I deem necessary to assist in the detection and prevention of crime in this State, including at all store-front recruitment centers and other facilities of the South Carolina National Guard, pursuant to Section 23-1-60.

NOW, THEREFORE, pursuant to the power conferred upon me by the Constitution and Statutes of the State of South Carolina, I hereby order the Adjutant General of the State of South Carolina as follows:

1. To install security enhancements at all store-front recruitment centers and other facilities of the South Carolina National Guard as he deems necessary.
2. To identify and designate appropriate and qualified members of the National Guard, State Guard, or any civilian employees thereof to undergo specific force protection training coordinated through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division.
3. To assign and arm those individuals who successfully complete force protection training with specific duties and responsibilities, including, but not limited to, the detection and prevention of crime at all store-front recruitment centers and other facilities of the South Carolina National Guard in this State at such times as he deems necessary.
4. To coordinate with state and local civilian law enforcement agencies for additional protection as they deem necessary.
5. To periodically issue and terminate orders to State Active Duty pursuant to Title 1, Chapter 3 for such members of the National Guard or State Guard as he deems necessary until such time as a permanent plan for force protection is implemented.

FURTHER, pursuant to Section 23-1-60, I hereby appoint those appropriate and qualified members of the National Guard, State Guard, or any civilian employees thereof who have successfully completed the force protection training coordinated through the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to carry out the duties and responsibilities assigned by the Adjutant General of the State of South Carolina as he deems necessary to safeguard all store-front recruitment centers and other facilities of the South Carolina National Guard in this State. Such appointments do not confer general law enforcement duties or responsibilities for any other purpose.

FURTHER, I hereby direct the Chief of the South Carolina Law Enforcement Division to expedite applications for concealed weapons permits from any member of the South Carolina National Guard, in accordance with state law.

FURTHER, I hereby direct all state and local law enforcement agencies in the State of South Carolina to cooperate with the South Carolina National Guard in furtherance of this Order in accordance with state and local laws.

This order shall take effect immediately.



GIVEN UNDER MY HAND AND THE
GREAT SEAL OF THE STATE OF
SOUTH CAROLINA, THIS 17th DAY OF
AUGUST, 2015.


NIKKI R. HALEY
Governor

ATTEST:


MARK HAMMOND
Secretary of State