Joint operations center

Providing a Common Operational Picture

**Mission:**

**Task** – Provide continuous (24/7) Situational Awareness (SA) to the Office of The Adjutant General (OTAG) by monitoring, collecting, analyzing data in order to develop and update the Common Operational Picture (COP)

**Purpose** – To provide timely, accurate and actionable information to the OTAG to support Missions and Command decision making.

**End State** – An accurate and current COP is maintained providing the OTAG SA as well as relevant and accurate information of New York State Military Forces Missions and activities.

**Overview:** The New York National Guard’s JOC is a uniquely capable organization designed to assist TAG New York in the accomplishment of State and Federal missions. Specially-trained controllers utilize a state-of-the-art command and control facility to collect, process, and manage critical information requirements. The JOC acts as the single entry point for all information flowing into JFHQ-NY.

The JOC performs its mission within a two tiered staffing system. The first tier is for day to day operation while the second tier is for surge operations during time of emergency. Some first-tier duties of the JOC include creating a weekly brief for TAG and Joint Staff and tracking changes in the Common Operational Picture (COP). Second tier duties include first tier duties plus surge mission duties. Surge missions have included security of bridges, tunnels and airports as well as New York National Guard response to hurricanes, floods, and winter storms.

**Elements:**

- Routine coordination, assistance and planning
- Common Operational Picture (COP) management
- Information collection and dissemination
- JOC management and administration
- Command and control during the execution of Federal and State Military support
- Communications center for state, local, federal and DoD agencies
- Clearing house for all information flowing in and out of JFHQ-NY
- Manned 24 hours a day seven days a week
- Communicates with NGB, USNORTHCOM, and NYS SEMO to enhance situational awareness
- Provides early warning of, and monitors, manmade and natural events affecting New York State
- Distributes published orders