



Joint TASK FORCE EMPIRE SHIELD

Elements

- Headquarters on Fort Hamilton NY
- Staffed by Soldiers, Airmen, Naval Militia and New York Guard members on SAD status
- Security, Humanitarian Assistance and CBRNE Detection capabilities
- Operates on a 24/7 basis.

JTFES Mission: Joint Task Force - Empire Shield conducts Homeland Security operations, in the New York City Metropolitan Area, in order to deter and prevent terrorist acts. On Order, conducts Defense Support of Civil Authority (DSCA) operations in order to save lives and reduce human suffering.

Overview: History of Joint Task Force Empire Shield. JTF-ES was born as a consequence of the terrorist attacks which destroyed the World Trade Center in New York City on September 11, 2001. Per authorization of the President of the United States, New York Military Forces began augmenting law enforcement at all major airports on 1 October 2001. The mission expanded to providing forces on State Active Duty (SAD) to augment law enforcement at Nuclear Power Plants, MTA Police at Penn and Grand Central Station in NYC.

JTFES is headquartered on Fort Hamilton New York. It is comprised of a headquarters element and three maneuver companies. It has two separate detachments conducting Force Protection Critical Facility Security missions. The three companies in the New York Metropolitan Area (NYMA) conduct three Missions on a rotating basis, Quick Reaction Force (QRF), Pop-Up Missions, and a Training Cycle. Additionally JTFES conducts in conjunction with a detachment of the Military Emergency Boat Service (MEBS) conducts Random Anti-terrorism Measure Program (RAMP) at the Indian Point Nuclear Power Plant in Buchanan, New York.

The QRF Mission supports agency partners (NYPD, PAPD, MTAPD, FDNY, OEM and SEMO) with a manned and ready QRF in the NYMA at the direction of The Adjutant General of New York. JTFES participates in interagency exercises, preparedness drills, Multi Agency Super Surges (MASS) as part of the overall readiness/training and response capabilities securing the citizens of the NYMA.