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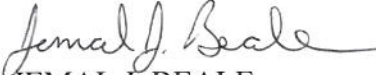
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MEMORANDUM FOR: See Distribution.

SUBJECT: Succession of Command for the New Jersey Army and Air National Guard During the State of Emergency Declared for COVID-19

1. Reference the National Guard Civil Support (NGCS) CONPLAN 19-01 dated 1 January 2019
2. Effective immediately, the military succession of command for the New Jersey National Guard, to include all attached forces, during current operations being conducted in response to the state of emergency declared by Governor Murphy for COVID-19, shall be as follows:
  1. The Adjutant General.
  2. The Assistant Adjutant General – Air
  3. The Assistant Adjutant General – Army
3. This succession of command is not intended to negate a local commander's authority to take immediate action to save human life, prevent immediate human suffering, or mitigate major property damage or destruction where the emergency is of such imminent seriousness that delay in awaiting instructions from higher headquarters is unwarranted.
4. In addition to the foregoing, the order in which officers will be submitted for selection to serve as qualified Dual Status Commander (DSC) are as follows:
  1. Brig. Gen. Wayne McCaughey, Director of the Joint Staff;
  2. BG Edward J. Chrystal, Jr., Land Component Commander;
  3. COL Timothy Coakley, Chief of Staff – Army; and
  4. Col. Yvonne Mays, Chief of Staff – Air.

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