

**EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

September 30, 2019

GOVERNOR'S GENERAL ORDER 2019-02

This General Order is a supplement to Governor's General Order Number 2019-01, which is hereby adopted and incorporated herein in its entirety. I hereby further direct that the operational mission originally scheduled for completion on September 30, 2019 shall be extended to March 31, 2020. I hereby further direct that the objectives of the operational mission be expanded to include interdiction of illegal pesticides – and in particular, carbofuran – by Transnational Criminal Organizations engaged in illegal cannabis cultivation throughout California.

Governor's General Order Number 2019-01 directed an end to participation of California National Guard service members in tasks furthering immigration detention operations traditionally performed by the federal Department of Homeland Security. Governor's General Order Number 2019-01 instead authorized up to 100 California National Guard service members with critical skills to tackle one of the root causes of asylum claims – specifically, Transnational Criminal Organizations fueling unimaginable violence, repression and other economic and environmental devastation – rather than the consequential tasks that are traditionally conducted by the Department of Homeland Security.

Since February 2019, California National Guard service members have participated in the seizure of 39,238 pounds of illegal cannabis, 4,967 pounds of methamphetamine, 27 pounds of heroin, and 941 pounds of cocaine, with a total value of \$179 million.

Governor's General Order Number 2019-01 also prioritized real threats and emergencies facing California such as wildfire. As an extension of that directive, the California National Guard subsequently formed five wildland task forces to support CALFIRE's implementation of thirty-five key vegetation management projects statewide, identified by that Department to protect more than 200 of California's most wildfire-vulnerable communities.

This supplemental General Order expands General Order 2019-01 to include interdiction of illegal pesticide smuggling by Transnational Criminal Organizations for use at illegal cannabis cultivation sites. During the 2018 California outdoor growing season for cannabis, carbofuran in particular was detected at 85 percent of eradicated illegal cultivation sites tested by science teams.

Carbofuran is a deadly pesticide banned from use on all crops grown for human consumption in 2009. Carbofuran is used by Transnational Criminal Organizations at illegal cannabis cultivation sites to kill deer, bears, and other wildlife that may consume cannabis plants. Carbofuran and other restricted or banned pesticides can leach into surface and ground waters where they are highly toxic to fish and aquatic invertebrates, and contaminate watersheds.

Carbofuran also presents a danger to officials tasked with eradication of illegal cannabis cultivation, and Transnational Criminal Organizations are using the banned pesticide as a physical barrier against operations on illegal cannabis cultivation sites because of the lethal threat that contamination poses. Oral ingestion of a quarter teaspoon can be fatal to an adult human and the substance is toxic by inhalation; dermal absorption; and introduction via the eyes, mucous membranes, or open wounds.

The California National Guard's statewide Counter-Drug Task Force has participated in the seizure of 2,936 ounces of illegal chemicals associated with illegal cannabis cultivation. To realize a legal, safer, and equitable cannabis industry, and to preserve and protect California's environmental heritage, the California National Guard has and will continue to prioritize eradication of illegal cannabis cultivation and bring its expertise on Transnational Criminal Organizations to bear on the mission authorized by General Order 2019-01 and extended by this supplemental General Order, by targeting illegal pesticide smuggling.

This order applies to all service members of the California National Guard called by The Adjutant General in support of this mission. I issue this supplemental General Order under sections 146 and 365 of the California Military and Veterans Code and in accordance with Article V, section 7 of the California Constitution as the Commander-in-Chief of the California National Guard.

You shall continue in active service up to 100 service members who are trained and able to perform the following:

- Provide timely intelligence research and analysis, as well as source acquisition, processing and dissemination of intelligence on Transnational Criminal Organizations, narcotics and pesticide smuggling operations, and the cross-border movement of illegal firearms;
- Assist with Cargo Dock Support, Vehicle Control Officers, and secondary X-Ray searches on commercial trucks to interdict illegal narcotics, pesticides, and firearms smuggling;

This supplemental General Order will run concurrently with Governor's General Order Number 2019-01 and shall remain in effect until March 31, 2020 unless modified, rescinded, or further extended in writing.



Governor GAVIN NEWSOM
Commander-in-Chief