

STATE OF MINNESOTA

Executive Department



Governor Tim Walz

Emergency Executive Order 20-90

Providing Public Safety Assistance during Vice Presidential Visit

I, Tim Walz, Governor of the State of Minnesota, by the authority vested in me by the Constitution and applicable statutes, issue the following Executive Order:

The Vice President of the United States has indicated his intention to visit the City of Minneapolis today, September 24, 2020. Yesterday, protests related to the killing of Breonna Taylor took place in cities across the country, including in the City of Minneapolis and in nearby communities. The Vice President's visit and continued concern related to the Breonna Taylor matter are likely to prompt public demonstrations and civil unrest.

The Mayor of Minneapolis has requested assistance from the State, including the Minnesota National Guard, to assist with public safety and security and to help respond to potential civil unrest. The National Guard can supplement local law enforcement efforts to keep the peace, ensure public safety, and allow for peaceful demonstrations. Based upon my earlier verbal orders, the National Guard has already begun preparations, but deployment of the necessary units requires activation to state service.

The State Emergency Operations Center ("SEOC") is currently activated for the COVID-19 response and has implemented the Minnesota Emergency Operations Plan. State agencies are providing assistance to local governments. The SEOC will concurrently support both the COVID-19 response and assistance needed by the City of Minneapolis and nearby communities.

For these reasons, I order as follows:

1. The Adjutant General will order to state active duty on September 24, 2020 the personnel, equipment, and facilities needed to provide public safety services and security assistance in the City of Minneapolis and nearby communities.
2. The Adjutant General is authorized to procure the goods and services needed to accomplish the mission.

3. The Department of Public Safety's Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management will continue to coordinate the provision of on-site support and assistance to affected local units of government and assess the need for supplementary emergency assistance.
4. State agencies, in cooperation with appropriate federal agencies, will provide assistance to local units of government.
5. The costs of this assistance will be paid from the general fund as allowed by Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 192.52.

This Executive Order is effective immediately under Minnesota Statutes 2019, section 4.035, subdivision 2. It remains in effect until such date as National Guard resources are no longer required.

A determination that any provision of this Executive Order is invalid will not affect the enforceability of any other provision of this Executive Order. Rather, the invalid provision will be modified to the extent necessary so that it is enforceable.

Signed on September 24, 2020.



Tim Walz
Governor

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