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La. Guard continues flood fight: more Guardsmen, rescues

By Louisiana National Guard Public Affairs Office

BATON ROUGE, La. – The Louisiana National Guard, as directed by Governor John Bel Edwards, continues to assist local agencies in response to significant flooding throughout the state, working around the clock since March 9.

The LANG has approximately 800 Guardsmen responding to flood operations, to include evacuations, search and rescue by vehicle, boat and helicopter, distribution and supply of water, security and shelter support, and distribution of sandbags. Over the course of these operations, the LANG has utilized more than 160 high-water vehicles, 44 boats, and 3 helicopters.

The LANG has rescued more than 1,738 citizens, and 162 pets. The LANG has distributed more than 12,000 bottles of water, issued more than 324,000 sand bags with 8 sandbag-filling machines.

Louisiana's Guardsmen are trained, ready and equipped to stand up at any moment to protect lives and property, maintain communications, and ensure the continuity of operations and government.

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