

# NATIONAL GUARD TIMELINE

PRIOR TO JANUARY 6, 2021



**12/31/20**

D.C. Mayor Muriel Bowser [requests](#) Secretary of the Army Ryan McCarthy provide D.C. National Guard (DCNG) on January 5-6 to support Metro Police Department.

**1/3/21**

Acting Secretary of Defense, Chris Miller, [meets](#) with President Trump at the White House; POTUS [concurs](#) that Secretary Miller activate DCNG to support law enforcement.

**1/3/21**

U.S. Capitol Police (“USCP”) Chief Steven Sund [asks](#) Senate Sergeant at Arms (“SSAA”) Michael Stenger and House Sergeant at Arms (“HSAA”) Paul Irving for authority to have DCNG assist with security on January 6, 2021.

**Both SSAA and HSAA deny Chief Sund’s request.**

**1/3/21**

USCP Chief Sund [advises](#) DCNG Major General (MG) William Walker that USCP may need DCNG support on January 6 but **does not have the Capitol Police Board authorization to request at this time because SSAA and HSAA have denied the request.**

**1/4/21**

Secretary Miller and Secretary McCarthy formally [approve](#) D.C. Mayor Bowser’s December 31 request for DCNG to support with Traffic Control Points (“TCPs”).

**1/4/21**

On a call with Mayor Bowser, White House [Chief of Staff Mark Meadows offers 10,000 DCNG](#) to support public safety.

**1/5/21**

USCP Chief Sund [informs](#) SSAA and HSAA in separate discussions about the DCNG’s ability to provide troops if **authorization is granted.**

**1/5/21**

Mayor Bowser sends [letter](#) to the Department of Defense (DoD) confirming the City of D.C. is not requesting support from additional law enforcement and [discourages](#) any additional deployment.

**1/5/21**

President Trump calls Secretary Miller and [offers 10,000 troops](#) to maintain public safety on January 6, 2021.

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ON JANUARY 6, 2021



**12:53 PM**

First [breach](#) of USCP's outer perimeter on the West Front of the US Capitol.

**1:49 PM**

Chief Sund [calls](#) MG Walker and asks for immediate National Guard [assistance](#), stating that the security perimeter at the U.S. Capitol has been [breached](#).

**2:10 PM**

Chief Sund calls MG Walker [requesting](#) immediate support from DCNG. MG Walker advises Sund that the DCNG Quick Reaction Force could be ready to deploy immediately if [authorized](#).

Secretary McCarthy [withholds](#) unilateral approval to deploy the QRF.

**2:19 PM**

MG Walker [emails](#) Secretary McCarthy **advising of Chief Sund's request for immediate assistance.**

Receives no email or phone response.

**2:30-2:55 PM**

Dr. Christopher Rodriguez (DCHSEMA) establishes [conference call](#) with DC and Military leaders to seek Secretary of the Army's authorization for immediate deployment of DCNG.

Multiple participants [recall](#) LTG Piatt and LTG Flynn state they don't like the "optics of the National Guard standing in a line with the Capitol in the background" and their best military advice would be to recommend that Secretary McCarthy not support the request.

**2:50 PM**

Members in the House Gallery evacuate.

**11:35 AM**

Demonstrators start to move from the Ellipse to the US Capitol.

**1:40 PM**

HSAA Irving seeks out Speaker Pelosi's Chief of Staff, Terri McCullough, on the House Floor to relay Chief Sund's request for National Guard support to the Speaker.

**2:08 PM**

Chief Sund [calls](#) HSAA Irving and is informed that the Capitol Police Board has **formally approved the request for DCNG.**

**2:12 PM**

First [breach](#) of the Capitol Building.

**2:30 PM**

Secretary McCarthy is [not present](#) on the 2:30 call.

Secretary McCarthy [meets](#) with Secretary Miller at the Pentagon to discuss requests for immediate DCNG deployment. .

**2:44 PM**

Shots fired inside the US Capitol Building.

**3:04 PM**

Secretary Miller [provides verbal approval](#) to Secretary McCarthy for the immediate mobilization, activation, and deployment of the DCNG to the U.S. Capitol, including the deployment of a Quick Reaction Force.

## 3:05 PM

Secure Video Teleconference ("SVTC") [initiated](#) between DCNG and Secretary McCarthy's senior leadership.

## 3:05 PM

Secretary McCarthy [provides update](#) to Speaker Pelosi and Senator Schumer regarding his 3:04pm conversation with Secretary Miller.

## 3:19 PM

Secretary McCarthy [calls](#) Senator Schumer and Speaker Pelosi again, explaining that Secretary Miller has indeed approved immediate DCNG mobilization.

## 3:26 PM

Secretary McCarthy [calls](#) Mayor Bowser and MPD Chief Contee to tell them there has been no denial of their request and conveys Secretary Miller's approval of the immediate activation of DCNG.

## 3:26 PM

Chief Sund [calls](#) MG Walker requesting immediate assistance.

MG Walker informs Sund DCNG deployment authorization has not been communicated by Secretary McCarthy.

## 3:46 PM

Chief Sund [again calls](#) MG Walker requesting immediate assistance.

MG Walker reiterates he has not received deployment approval from Secretary McCarthy.

## 3:48 PM

Secretary McCarthy [leaves](#) the Pentagon for MPD HQ to meet with Mayor Bowser and MPD Chief Contee to develop an Operational Plan (OPLAN).

Secretary McCarthy stops at FBI HQ along the way.

## 4:22 PM

Chief Sund [again calls](#) MG Walker requesting immediate assistance.

MG Walker emphasizes he has not received deployment approval.

## 4:30 PM

Secretary McCarthy [calls](#) Secretary Miller again to brief him on the OPLAN.

Neither DCNG nor USCP are involved in the development of this OPLAN.

## 4:35 PM

Fatality inside US Capitol Building.

## 4:47 PM

Secretary McCarthy participates in [national news press conference](#) with Mayor Bowser **stating that the DCNG has been mobilized - despite approval not yet communicated to MG Walker.**

## 5:08 PM

MG Walker [receives](#) order via SVTC to deploy DCNG from Secretary McCarthy's Chief of Staff, General McConville, in passing.

## 5:08 PM

First DCNG bus [departs](#) DC Armory.

## 5:20 PM

DCNG [arrive](#) at the USCP HQ to be sworn in by USCP.

## 5:55 PM

DCNG Guardsmen [arrive](#) at US Capitol.