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31 October 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR Commander, California State Guard, 9800 Goethe Road,  
Sacramento, CA 95827

SUBJECT: Request California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation

1. In accordance with the provisions of CMDM 1600.00, I request the Units listed below be awarded the State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation (CA CSG-OUC) as described in Section A-29, Paragraph 6(c)(1)(b) of the regulation.

a. Award: California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation

b. Period of Service: 06 February 2021 to 31 October 2021

c. Unit: Emergency Response Command (ERC) Headquarters, Team Blaze, and Team Shield

d. Authority: California Military Department Manual 1600.00 Paragraph 6 (c)(1)(b)

e. Reason: Successfully meeting the criteria for award (See attached page)

2. The Units listed above have met all of the criteria for awarding California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation (CA CSG-OUC) IAW the above regulation.

3. Any questions regarding this request should be directed to the ERC S1.

*Brian J. Rogers*  
BRIAN J. ROGERS  
LTC, (CA)  
Commanding



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12 November 2021

MEMORANDUM FOR Record

SUBJECT: Request California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation

1. I award the California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation to Headquarters Emergency Response Command, Team Shield, and Team Blaze. The accomplishments of these Units has not only benefited them individually, they have collectively enhanced the entirety of the State Guard. I personally commend each member for their hard work, dedication, and commitment to exceeding standards. I encourage each member of the Unit to continue to seek new heights and raise expectations, for you are capable of doing such.
2. Well done and continued success.

JAY M. COGGAN  
Major General, (CA)  
Commanding





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## California State Guard Outstanding Unit Citation

For exceptionally meritorious service during the period 06 February 2021 to 31 October 2021, the Emergency Response Command (ERC) Headquarters, Team Blaze, and Team Shield exceeded standards in preparing for and during emergency activation.

All three elements of the ERC were activated on 6 February 2021 and immediately began organizing, equipping, training, and qualifying in order to become mission available for emergency activation no later than 1 July 2021. During the span of 6 months, all members of the three Units made time and developmental contributions to the Unit that far exceed the required State Guard's standards for membership.

Members of the Command Headquarters worked excessively to develop standard operating procedures to govern the business of running the Unit. The Personnel section immediately embarked on a mission of service member care by ensuring that all personnel assigned within the ERC were current on evaluations, received their last two years of service ribbons, and had completed mobilization packets on file prior to an emergency event.

The Operations section within Headquarters developed an innovative Yearly Training Calendar that is fully digital, functional, and accessible on a hand-held mobile device. By leveraging readily available technology, all service members are able to access drill dates, locations, and training plans at any moment. The Operations section contributed countless hours scheduling training locations, securing lodging, and ensuring training materials were on hand to enable subordinate Detachments to train to standard. The work completed by the Personnel and Operations section was truly remarkable.

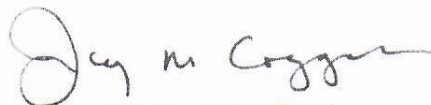
Team Shield was able to culminate years of training, preparing and leadership of highly qualified Officers and Non-Commissioned Officers (NCO) to achieve Initial Operational Capability (IOC) by the stated deadline of 1 July 2021. During the six months of qualification and certification training, members of this Unit worked 3 day weekends in four of the six months in order to certify on time. Team Shield set a CSG standard by developing a military doctrinal training plan that was defined by three essential mission tasking's from the Military Department: Security Support to National Guard Installations, Access Control, and Civic Fixed-Point Security. Team Shield achieved a 100% individual qualification rate through extensive, mission-focused and deliberate NCO training. Members of Team Shield completed over 18 specific military or law enforcement training tasks in the six month window. During range qualification, 100% of all Team Shield members successfully completed the Law Enforcement Weapons Tactical (LEWTAC) qualification. Because of their time, effort, and commitment to exceeding standards, Team Shield was activated for Access Control during the Caldor Fire in August of 2021.

Team Blaze grew in strength from the originally assigned 13 members in February 2021 to over 60 members by the end of October 2021. Through this exhaustive recruiting effort, the members of Team Blaze had the requisite number of personnel and were able to conduct three months of focused wildland firefighting training in preparation for fire season. Members

of Team Blaze completed such advanced and diverse fire curriculum prior to activation that 100% of all members passed CAL FIRE wildland firefighting training. The demonstrated performance of this Unit also allowed for the State Guard to deploy its hand crew personnel as a consolidated Unit. While assigned to Task Force 578, the State Guard hand crew distinguished itself by being recognized by CAL FIRE leadership as being skilled and proficient enough to engage in limited Type I hand crew work. By providing full spectrum wildland firefighting, Team Blaze established a reputation of outstanding performance. Team Blaze's operational skills and capacity were further recognized by being assigned the first ever Type 6 fire engines within the Military Department.

The meritorious performance of the Emergency Response Command Headquarters, Team Shield, and Team Blaze has far exceeded expectations. The extraordinary commitment to accomplishing the mission, becoming experts within their craft, and unrivaled support for one another has set these Units apart from others and has established standard for all to meet.

Awarded this day, 12 November 2021.



JAY M. COGGAN  
Major General, (CA)  
Commanding