

To prevent misunderstanding and confusion I have prepared the following outline defining the fields of action of the state's defense organizations:

1. Military. The sole recognized military organization in the state (aside from federal military forces) is the Oregon State Guard. No local or private military body can be permitted.

The State Guard functions as a military arm, under the Governor as commander-in-chief and the duly appointed officers in command. On the call of the Governor the State Guard may be used to resist invasion, preserve internal order, or meet grave emergency beyond the capacity of state and local police forces.

2. Police. Police powers are vested in the state police, county sheriffs and city police and such deputies as may be lawfully appointed. Auxiliary police and sheriffs' posses must work only under proper authority. Their field of duty is strictly policing and not military, and they should not consider themselves as a military body.

3. Civilian Defense. The Civilian Defense organization is a body created to handle emergency war duties. It is not a military body and is unarmed. It functions first for civil protection from enemy action, and second for mobilization of the civilian population for participation in war activities.

The general rule is that persons should not hold key positions in more than one of these organizations, except with the approval of the heads of the organizations. Persons recruiting for one

organization should not enroll persons now enrolled in other defense work unless there is no conflict of duty or unless competent substitutes are available.

At the present time it is of the highest importance to keep manned our aircraft observation posts, filter and control centers, our air raid warden and coast ^{and fire} patrol services. General cooperation is requested that this essential protection organization be maintained at full complement.

I direct that this statement be transmitted through the various units of the defense organization and be observed until revoked or modified.

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Governor

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