



# GEORGIA STATE DEFENSE FORCE

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## 2009 H1N1 Flu: Situation Update

### Key Flu Indicators November 13, 2009

During the week of November 1-7, 2009, influenza activity remained high in the United States, with some key indicators decreasing slightly and others continuing to climb as reported in FluView. Flu activity is widespread in 46 states. Nationally, visits to doctors for influenza-like-illness declined slightly from last week, but are still very high. Flu-related hospitalizations and deaths continue to increase and are very high nation-wide compared to what is expected for this time of year.

### What You Can Do to Stay Healthy

#### Get vaccinated.

Vaccination is the best protection we have against flu. Seasonal flu vaccine is available now and initial doses of 2009 H1N1 flu vaccine also are available, with additional doses available later this year.

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## HQ/PAO

The Public Affairs Office plays a dual role, serving as an information resource within the GSDF community and communicating information about the Force to an external audience. This communication can be conveyed by internet, printed material, video or personal presentations.

The Office of Public Affairs is available to consult with GSDF departments and institutes on publicity and marketing. It is uniquely positioned to promote consistent messages about the GSDF, its missions and capabilities. The PAO also



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## Wearing of Unit Crests

### Regarding Unit Crests ~ Distinctive Unit Insignia

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The only Georgia State Defense Force crest authorized for wear is that which is issued by Headquarters, G-4.

**For officers,** crests are worn on the shoulder epaulettes of the Class A and Class B uniforms.

**For enlisted personnel,** crests are worn on the beret as well as on the shoulder epaulettes of the Class A and Class B uniforms.

No State Defense Force crest (for Georgia or any other state) is to be worn above the right pocket of any uniform. The only Unit Crests ~ Distinctive Unit Insignia authorized for wear above the right pocket of the Class A, Class B and Dress Blue uniforms are active unit crests for soldiers who served in those units. Multiple crests are not authorized.

All questions concerning this matter are to be directed to the DCG and COS, COL Lou Coroso.



Brigadier General  
Jerry J. Bradford

It has been said, "The spirit of patriotism burns brightest in the heart of the volunteer". Throughout our nation's history it is that spirit of volunteerism which has made America and its citizens strong. That spirit burns no brighter anywhere than in the citizens of the State of Georgia - and, most particularly, in those who serve in the Georgia State Defense Force. These outstanding Americans serve the Department of Defense and our fellow Georgians without compensation or reward. Their service is of the purest kind; Duty, Honor, Country. The men and women of the Georgia State Defense Force epitomize the fullest definition of those words. I am extremely proud to be among their number - and most honored to be their commander-in-chief.

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**NEW announcement for GSDF  
Command Chief Warrant Officer**

**Currently recruiting members for  
the GSDF Band**

**1st BDE Positions and 5th BDE  
Positions**

**June 2009 GSDF HEADS UP**

**The National Museum of Patriotism  
in Atlanta**