



WASHINGTON MILITARY DEPARTMENT  
JOINT FORCE HEADQUARTERS, WASHINGTON NATIONAL GUARD  
CAMP MURRAY, WASHINGTON 98430-5000

Media Release 08-26

Contact: 1LT Keith Kosik  
Phone: (253) 512-8989  
Email: [pao@wa.ngb.army.mil](mailto:pao@wa.ngb.army.mil)

## The Washington National Guard Helps Spokane Dig Out of Snow

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE: December 29, 2008

CAMP MURRAY, WA – The Washington Air National Guard's 141<sup>st</sup> Air Refueling Wing (ARW) has been called upon to augment state and local jurisdictions in their snow removal efforts in the Spokane area. The 141<sup>st</sup> ARW is providing approximately 10 citizen airmen to operate two snow-blowers, one truck with a plow and one front-loader vehicle. Their mission will be 7 days in duration unless they are called-off sooner.

Governor Gregoire issued an emergency proclamation on December 24<sup>th</sup> authorizing The Adjutant General to use the Washington National Guard to aid state and local jurisdictions in their response efforts. The 141<sup>st</sup> ARW provided similar resources earlier this year in the Spokane area for a similar mission.

The citizen soldiers and airmen of The Washington National Guard are dedicated to the mission of safeguarding lives and property in Washington State, and serving as sentinels for freedom overseas. Our citizen soldiers and airmen come from every community, profession and background from around the State - we are Neighbors Helping Neighbors Through a Tradition of Service.

Please visit our web site at: [www.washingtonguard.org](http://www.washingtonguard.org).

# # #