

# AY 2020-2021 PROSPECTIVE RESEARCH TOPIC NOMINATION

<b>CLASSIFICATION:</b>	<b>UNCLASSIFIED</b>
<b>*RESEARCH TOPIC TITLE:</b>	Defense Support of Civil Authorities (DSCA) Command and Control (C2)
<b>*TOPIC DESCRIPTION:</b>	The use of a Dual Status Commander (DSC) to ensure unity of effort when Title 10 (T10) Forces are requested in DSCA response is prescribed at the "usual and customary" C2 arrangement in the 2012 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA).
<b>*DESIRED OBJECTIVES:</b>	Provide analysis of T10 C2 during recent DSCA response efforts in order to validate or recommend changes to current construct.
<b>EXTENDED TOPIC DESCRIPTION :</b>	Recent DSCA in response to COVID-19 wave one involved DSC requests from 39 states with nine of those establishing a DSC-led Joint Task Force (JTF). In anticipation of a broad T10 response, a robust C2 architecture was established including the standing up of multiple regional T10 Task Forces underneath the Joint Forces Land Component Command. After Action comments from individual state JTFs and congressional questions regarding the DSC construct highlight the potential improvements in DSCA C2 structure.
<b>* REQUESTING/SPONSORING ORGANIZATION:</b>	USNORTHCOM J36, Domestic Operations Division (NC/J36)
<b>*SUBMISSION DATE:</b>	3 Aug 2020
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<b>COMMENTS:</b>	

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