

**EMERGENCY EXECUTIVE ORDER 96-1
PROVIDING FOR ASSISTANCE TO
THE POLK COUNTY SHERIFF**

I, ARNE H. CARLSON, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MINNESOTA, by virtue of the authority vested in me by the Constitution and the applicable statutes, do hereby issue this Emergency Executive Order:

WHEREAS, a major blizzard has struck Minnesota forcing the State Patrol to close U.S. Highway 2 in the northwestern part of the state; and

WHEREAS, weather conditions have deteriorated to the point that the Polk County Sheriff's Department is no longer able to use its wheeled vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the Polk County Sheriff has requested the National Guard's assistance in searching for stranded motorists and missing persons;


NOW, THEREFORE, I hereby order that:

1. The Adjutant General of Minnesota order to state active duty on or about January 17, 1996, in the service of the State, such personnel and equipment of the military forces of the State as required and for such period of time as necessary to assist and support the Polk County Sheriff in search and rescue efforts.

2. The cost of subsistence, transportation, fuel, pay, and allowances of said individuals shall be defrayed from the general fund of the State as provided for in Minnesota Statutes 1994, sections 192.49, subd. 1; 192.51, and 192.52.

Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 1994, section 4.035, subd. 2, this Order shall be effective immediately and shall remain in effect until such date as elements of the military forces of the State are no longer required.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have set my hand this eighteenth day of January, 1996.



ARNE H. CARLSON
Governor

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Secretary of State

