

# Dept. of Military Affairs: Wisconsin National Guard concludes Wauwatosa support mission

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MADISON, Wis. — The Wisconsin National Guard concluded its mission to support civil authorities in Wauwatosa October 12 after several days of helping preserve public safety in the city.

Wisconsin National Guard troops mobilized last week after local authorities in Wauwatosa requested the Guard's assistance in advance of a charging decision in the case of an officer-involved shooting that occurred in Wauwatosa in February.

The troops served in a State Active Duty status in a supporting role to local civil authorities to help preserve public safety. The National Guard was not the lead agency in this response, and while the troops remained under the command and control of the National Guard's chain of command, they served in direct support of local officials and did not operate autonomously.

"Our Citizen Soldiers and Airmen have repeatedly answered the call in 2020 to help their fellow citizens in times of need, whether that's been at COVID-19 testing sites, deploying overseas, or helping maintain public safety in Wisconsin's communities," Maj. Gen. Paul Knapp, Wisconsin's Adjutant General, said. "We're your neighbors, friends, and co-workers who live, work, and raise our families in these same Wisconsin communities, and our troops wear the uniform because they care deeply about our communities, our state, and our country."

The Wisconsin National Guard remains ready and committed to assisting in Wauwatosa or any other community if future needs arise and local authorities request the Guard's assistance.