

Request Support

Submit a written request for Counterdrug Ground Reconnaissance support on agency letterhead addressed to the Counterdrug Coordinator, LTC Erika Besser. Request must contain description of type of support required, clear and direct drug nexus, date(s) of support, location and signature of an agency official.

Additional Support Capabilities

Aerial Reconnaissance, Transportation Support, Communications Support, Analysis Support, Linguist / Transcription Services, Civil Operations, Training Support and Engineer Support.



The Texas Joint Counterdrug Task Force **detects, interdicts, and disrupts drug smuggling** and associated illicit activities at the request of local, state, and federal law enforcement agencies by leveraging **unique military skills and assets** in order to support national counterdrug strategies and objectives, as well as the Texas State Plan.

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FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

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Authorized Activities

RECONNAISSANCE:

The Ground Reconnaissance Detachment performs area observation by land or water to detect and report illegal drug activities that include cultivated marijuana, suspected drug trafficking airstrips, drug drop zones, drug trafficking corridors, illegal drug laboratories, suspicious aircraft, watercraft or motor vehicles.

TRAINING:

The Ground Reconnaissance Detachment trains military, law enforcement agencies, educational and government institutions, and community-based organizations in subjects and skills useful in the conduct of counterdrug operations or in the operations of military equipment used in such operations.

"The Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force Ground Reconnaissance Detachment strives to remain on the cutting edge of technology by researching and equipping ourselves with the best tools and the right application available, but equipment is useless without the right personnel with the expertise to employ it."

The strength of the Ground Reconnaissance Detachment is its members. The Ground Reconnaissance Detachment provides subject matter experts who are trained and prepared with individual experience in all aspects of observation, whether it be rural, urban, static, electronic or in-person on the ground."

- Ground Reconnaissance Detachment Officer

Ground Reconnaissance Mission

The Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Task Force Ground Reconnaissance Detachment's primary activity is to conduct low visibility reconnaissance operations to detect, document and report illegal drug activity in support of law enforcement drug interdiction operations.



The Ground Reconnaissance Detachment's secondary activity is to provide training support to law enforcement agencies in military subjects and skills in order to support law enforcement drug interdiction operations



As threats evolve, the Texas National Guard Joint Counterdrug Program is positioned to respond to emerging threats and continue to be a key supporter of counternarcotic efforts.

Capabilities

Ground Reconnaissance teams can be configured in a variety of ways to best support law enforcement operations.

GRD is capable of executing:

- 24-hour continuous reconnaissance
- Day and/or night operations to coincide with named area(s) of interest
- Manned operations, unmanned operations or a combination of both

GRD Provides Training in:

- Digital Photography
- Remote Camera Construction
- Air, Ground and Water Infiltration / Exfiltration Techniques
- Mission Planning
- Trauma / First Aid
- Urban and Rural Reconnaissance
- Small Unit Tactics
- Tracking
- Land Navigation and Map Reading
- Other Military Training by Request



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