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## **Texas National Guard Mobilized to Assist in West Explosion Response**

**CAMP MABRY, Texas** (April 18, 2013) – More than 20 members of the Texas National Guard's 6th Civil Support Team, headquartered here, have been activated by Gov. Rick Perry and have mobilized to assist federal, state and local partners respond to the fertilizer plant explosion in West, Texas, April 17, 2013.

The mission of 6th Civil Support Team is to assess hazards, advise civil authorities, and facilitate military support during emergencies and other disasters. Additional search and extraction, and command and control capabilities from the Texas National Guard's Homeland Response Force (HRF) remain on-alert and are ready to assist, if needed.

For more information about the 6th Civil Support Team or the Homeland Response Force, visit the Texas Military Forces Website at [www.txmf.us](http://www.txmf.us) and click on the Press Center.

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