



Texas Military Forces News

"Texans Defending Texas"

MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover the training can contact Capt. Hope Meza, Texas State Guard Public Affairs at 817-733-6269 for coordination and event escort.

FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

Texas State Guard to Conduct Simulated Disaster Exercise in Greater Dallas Area

DALLAS (June 3, 2014) – The 19th Regiment, Texas State Guard (TXSG) in cooperation with a number of Greater Dallas civil authorities and emergency management agencies will conduct disaster response training June 6-7, 2014, at several locations across Dallas County in preparation for the 2014 Hurricane season, which began June 1.

Col. Robert Hastings, commanding officer of the 19th Regiment, explained that exercises like this are critical to ensure that emergency response units like the Texas State Guard are trained and ready when the citizens of Texas need them.

“This exercise will replicate, as realistically as possible, the scenarios that would occur should a major hurricane and associated weather hazards strike the Texas coast, driving evacuations from coastal communities to Dallas,” said Hastings. “The TXSG Soldiers will establish mass care shelters, register and track storm evacuees, conduct emergency communications, operate civil supply points of distribution, as well as conduct urban search and rescue and wide-area damage assessments.”

The exercise is part of a training event led by the Dallas County Office of Emergency Management and Homeland Security and involves a number of agencies to include the American Red Cross, DFW Airport, Dallas Executive Airport, the City of Balch Springs, the City of Kaufman and Mesquite ISD among others.

The 19th Regiment is headquartered in Dallas with subordinate units in Dallas, Greenville and Longview, Texas.

ABOUT THE TXSG

The Texas State Guard is one of three branches of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF), operating under the command of the Adjutant General of Texas and the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of all state military forces. The TXMF includes the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard.

The mission of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) is to provide mission-ready military forces to assist state and local authorities in times of state emergencies; to conduct homeland security and community service activities under the umbrella of Defense Support to Civil Authorities; and to augment the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard as required.

Headquartered at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas, the TXSG functions as an organized state militia under the authority of Title 32 of the U.S. Code and Chapter 431 of the Texas Government Code.

-30-

The mission of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF) is to provide the Governor and the President with ready and trained forces in support of the citizens of Texas and State and Federal civil/military authorities at home and abroad.

The Texas Military Forces are commanded by the Adjutant General of Texas, the state's senior military official appointed by the governor, and is comprised of the Texas Military Department (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG), the Texas State Guard (TXSG) and the Domestic Operations Command (DOMOPS).

For more information about the Texas Military Forces visit our Website at www.txmf.us.

Texas Military Forces Public Affairs
P.O. Box 5218, Building 10
Camp Mabry (Austin), Texas 78703

Phone: 512-782-5620
E-Mail: ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil
Web: www.txmf.us