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North Texas Guardsmen Participate in Training with Local Agencies

DENTON, Texas (June 5, 2014) – More than 150 guardsmen with the 4th Regiment, Civil Affairs, Texas State Guard (TXSG) in cooperation with local civil authorities will be conducting annual training exercises in Denton, Texas, June 5-8, 2014.

The guardsmen will spend this time in Denton training on shelter management operations and points of distribution, so that in the event of a natural or manmade disaster, the 4th Regiment is ready to provide immediate necessities, food and fresh water to those affected by the emergency. Other training activities will include radio communications, command post operations and the web-based emergency operations command system.

Col. Howard N. Palmer, Jr., 4th Regiment commanding officer, is looking forward to annual training in the North Texas region.

“Denton County is a great place to conduct our first regional annual training because the Emergency Management services here are so robust. Cooperation during the planning and resourcing has been outstanding,” he said. “As we move forward with regional ATs, we are looking to participate in more exercises with North Central Texas governments to improve our ability to respond to a natural or manmade disaster when called upon, and to let them know what kinds of assistance the Texas State Guard is able to provide to them. Denton I.S.D. has been more than helpful, as well, by allowing us to train at two schools [using them] as shelters and [for] the distribution of fresh water and food.”

The 4th Regiment consists of a headquarters located in Fort Worth and three Battalions located in Weatherford, Arlington and Decatur, 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.

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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).

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