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## **Texas Military Forces Mobilizes in Support of Texas Floods**

**AUSTIN, Texas (May 14, 2015)** – At the request of Gov. Greg Abbott, through the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), approximately 100 citizen-soldiers and airmen with the Texas Military Forces are in support of the severe weather and flooding across portions of Texas. Initial response crews mobilized to north Texas on May 8, 2015.

Currently, UH-60 Blackhawks, CH-47 Chinooks and C-130 air crews remain prepositioned on standby in Austin, Grand Prairie, Houston and College Station to assist with any emergency search and rescue, swift water rescues and/or emergency evacuations. In addition, members of the 176th Engineer Brigade have been activated to support local, state, and federal agencies with any request for high water ground transportation and evacuation needs. Members of the Texas State Guard are mobilized to assist with various aspects of logistical support.

“This is what we train for,” said Brig. Gen. Patrick M. Hamilton, Commander of Domestic Operations Task Force. “This type of operation is not new for Texans, and we’re proud to stand beside our civilian partners, firefighters, first responders and volunteers.”

The Texas Military Forces continues to work with TDEM to project additional personnel and equipment requirements as needed should the flooding and storms continue into next week.

“This is Texans helping Texans – neighbors helping neighbors,” Hamilton said. “While we don’t want to have to put our training to the test during a tragedy, our citizen-soldiers remain prepared to help save lives and property, when called.”

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