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## MEDIA ADVISORY

For more information about the helicopter crash, please contact the Texas Military Department's State Public Affairs Office at 512-782-5620 or email at [ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil](mailto:ng.tx.txarng.mbx.pao@mail.mil).

### FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:

## Texas Army National Guard Helicopter crashes near Houston

**HOUSTON (Dec. 28, 2016)** - At approximately 3:50 p.m., a Texas Army National Guard AH-64 Apache helicopter crashed into the water, off the Bayport Cruise Terminal. Two Soldiers were on board the routine training flight. The Texas Department of Public Safety, U.S. Coast Guard air and boat crews, Pasadena Police Department, Pasadena Fire Department, Port of Houston Authority and Harris County Sheriff's Department boat crew responded to the crash and immediately started search and rescue operations.

It is with our deepest regrets that we announce both service members on board the aircraft are deceased. We are working on notifying their next of kin through proper military protocols and cannot release their names at this time.

Our deepest sympathies, thoughts and prayers are with their families. The incident is under investigation and further information will be released as it becomes available, through the Texas Military Department State Public Affairs Office.

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