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**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.**

**FOR IMMEDIATE PUBLIC RELEASE:**

**UPDATE:** **Texas Army National Guard Helicopter crashes near Houston​**

**AUSTIN, Texas (Dec. 29, 2016)** – Two Texas Army National Guard Soldiers died Wednesday after their aircraft crashed into the water, off the Bayport Cruise Terminal in La Porte, Texas.

A Centralized Accident Investigation team from the U.S. Army Combat Readiness Center, headquartered in Fort Rucker, Alabama is deployed to Galveston, Texas to take the lead on investigating the helicopter crash.

Texas Guardsmen remain on scene in support of the Department of Public Safety to assist in recovering the aircraft and securing the site.

Names of the deceased will be released, following appropriate next of kin notification and in line with military protocol.

The incident is under investigation and further information will be released as it becomes available, through the Texas Military Department State Public Affairs Office.

Our main focus remains with supporting their family members and investigation efforts.

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