



Texas Military Department News

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MEDIA ADVISORY

Media wishing to cover this annual training are invited to do so on Saturday, May 6, 2017, 9:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m., at Camp Maxey, Camp Swift, Fort Wolters, and Camp Mabry (Operations headquarters).

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, May 5, 2017, by 4 p.m., with the Texas State Guard Army Component Public Affairs Officer, Chief Warrant Officer Three Janet Schmelzer, at 817-821-0899; email: Janet.Schmelzer@txsg.state.tx.us or Texas State Guard Chief Public Affairs Officer, Col. David Erinakes, at email: David.Erinakes@txsg.state.tx.us.

Camp Maxey is located at 6351 US 271, Powderly, Texas, 75473, 8 miles north of Paris, Texas; Camp Swift Training Area 2 is located at 764 FM 2336, McDade, Texas, 78650; Fort Wolters is located at 734 Warren, Mineral Wells, Texas, 76067; Camp Mabry, 2200 W. 35 St., Austin, Texas, 78703.

Media will be required to show credentials at the gates.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Texas State Guard to Conduct Annual Training

AUSTIN, Texas (May 3, 2017) – Members of the Texas State Guard, in support of local and state agencies, will conduct disaster preparedness training at three locations from May 4-7, 2017. The locations are Camp Maxey, near Powderly, Texas; Camp Swift, near Austin, Texas; and Fort Wolters, near Mineral Wells, Texas. The Texas State Guard Headquarters located at Camp Mabry will serve as the operations headquarters.

The designated training is designed to strengthen emergency response capabilities by training for an emergency with operations in multiple displaced locations. The training will include shelter management operations, web-based emergency operations, evacuation tracking procedures, emergency communications and disaster district coordination support.

“This Texas State Guard Annual Training prepares our soldiers, airmen and members of the maritime regiment to local emergency operations centers run by local officials, with the opening of shelters, registration and tracking of storm evacuees, conducting emergency communications and conducting ground search and rescue, in the event of a natural disaster,” said Col. David Erinakes, Chief Public Affairs Officer, Texas State Guard.

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In recent years the Texas State Guard has been called to state active duty for hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and wildfires. The Texas State Guard is the lead military component for Operation Lone Star in the Rio Grande Valley—the state’s annual humanitarian medical mission—and provides support to the state’s annual Oral Rabies Vaccination Program and the East Texas Medical Outreach missions in East Texas.

The Texas State Guard is the state’s volunteer military agency, trained, organized and ready to respond when a disaster strikes and Texans need help.

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The mission of the Texas Military Department (TMD) 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 Department is 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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