



# Texas Military Department News

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Media wishing to cover the Texas State Guard annual training are invited to do so on Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m., at Camp Maxey, Paris, Texas.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, April 27, 2018, by 4 p.m., with Public Affairs Officer Capt. Esperanza Meza, at 817-733-6269; email: [esperanza.meza@txsg.state.tx.us](mailto:esperanza.meza@txsg.state.tx.us).

Camp Maxey is located 8 miles north of Paris, Texas, on US Hwy 271 N. Media will be required to show credentials.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **Texas State Guard to Conduct Annual Training at Camp Maxey**

**AUSTIN, Texas (April 24, 2018)** – Members of the Texas State Guard, in support of local and state agencies, will conduct disaster preparedness at Camp Maxey, Powderly, Texas, from April 26-29, 2018.

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, land navigation, and a mission ready exercise.

"The Texas State Guard annual training prepares our guardsmen to support local civil emergency management operations during an emergency or disaster, such as a hurricane, flooding, wildfires, or a man-made disaster. This training makes our guardsmen mission ready to serve our fellow Texans," said Col. Robert Hastings, Commander, Army Component, Texas State Guard.

In recent years the Texas State Guard has been called to state active duty for hurricanes, tornadoes, flooding and wildfires. During Hurricane Harvey, the TXSG conducted boat rescues, evacuation tracking, shelter management operations, web-based emergency operations, and evacuation tracking procedures.

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.

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Other locations being used for this year's annual training include various locations in and around the Galveston area; Camp Swift, near Austin Texas; and Fort Wolters, near Mineral Wells, 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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