



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.-10:00 a.m. for Engineer Group Field exercise and Saturday, April 28, 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, April 27, 2018, by 4 p.m., with Public Affairs Officer Chief Warrant Officer 2 Malana Nall, at 832-725-6852, or email: malana.nall@txsg.state.tx.us.

Camp Swift is located at 1705 Highway 95 N, Bastrop, Texas 78602. Media will be required to show credentials.

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

Texas State Guard to Conduct Annual Training at Camp Swift

AUSTIN, Texas (April 24, 2018) – Members of the Texas State Guard, in support of local and state agencies, will conduct disaster preparedness at Camp Swift, Bastrop, Texas, 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, emergency radio communications, and engineer waste water and structural assessments.

“The Texas State Guard's annual training program prepares our men and women to support local civil emergency management operations throughout the State. The specialized training prepares the Texas State Guard to execute assigned missions in response to emergencies or disasters, such as Hurricane Harvey, flooding, wildfires, or man-made disasters,” said Brig. Gen. Johann Kinsey, Commander, Air 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 Texas State Guard provided rescue and evacuation support, emergency communications, shelter operations, evacuation tracking, and waste water and water plant assessments.

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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.

Other locations being used for this year’s annual training include various locations in and around Galveston; Camp Maxey, near Powderly, 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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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 Office of the Executive Director (formerly the Adjutant General's Department), the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG).

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