



# Texas Military Department News

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## **MEDIA ADVISORY**

Media wishing to cover the Texas State Guard annual training at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, Texas, are invited to do so on Friday April 27, 2:00-4:00 p.m. for the Mass Casualty exercise, or Saturday, April 28, 2018, 8:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m. for Shelter Operations, Points of Distribution, and Emergency Tracking exercises, and Saturday 1:00 p.m.-5:00 p.m. ground search and rescue and map skills training.

Members of the media are required to RSVP no later than Friday, April 27, 2018, by 9:00 a.m. with Public Affairs Officer Chief Warrant Officer 3 Janet Schmelzer at 817-821-0899; email: [Janet.Schmelzer@txsg.state.tx.us](mailto:Janet.Schmelzer@txsg.state.tx.us).

The Texas National Guard Fort Wolters training site is located at the intersection of Hood Rd., Warren and Heintzelman Rd. Media will be required to show credentials.

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:**

## **Texas State Guard to Conduct Annual Training at Fort Wolters**

**AUSTIN, Texas (April 24, 2018)** – Members of the Texas State Guard, in support of local and state agencies, will conduct disaster preparedness at Fort Wolters, Mineral Wells, 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 a mass casualty exercise, first aid, medical response to disasters, shelter management operations, and evacuation tracking procedures and ground search and rescue.

“We are training so that the Texas State Guard is ready to respond to assist our fellow Texans when called upon by the Texas Military Department to provide guardsmen who are skilled and highly trained medical responders to an emergency or disaster,” said Brig. Gen. Constance McNabb, Commander, Texas Medical Brigade, Texas State Guard. “The Medical Brigade will train on Disaster Response and Casualty Care Skills. Our mass casualty exercise will train our guardsmen in a field environment which will simulate a real-world emergency situation,”

The Medical Brigade will train to augment its joint capabilities with the Texas Military Department's Medical Response operations to man-made disasters.

Units from the Army Component at Fort Wolters will train on shelter management operations, points of distribution, emergency tracking operations, and ground search and rescue.

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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.

Other locations being used for this year’s annual training include various locations in and around the Galveston area; Camp Maxey, near Powderly, Texas; and Camp Swift, near Austin 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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