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Texas State Guard activated for tornado response in Polk County

AUSTIN, Texas (April 27, 2020) – Members of the Texas State Guard have been activated for response amid a deadly EF3 tornado that struck the town of Onalaska, Texas on April 22, 2020.

Texas State Guardsmen have set up a Point of Distribution site (POD) in Polk County. The POD site provides immediate need of essential supplies such as: food, water, ice, tarps, toiletries and clothing in order to support the community. According to local authorities more than 300 homes were damaged and 100 residents are displaced.

According to Maj. Gen. Tracy R. Norris, the adjutant general of Texas and commander of the Texas National Guard, the Texas Military Department swiftly responds to the needs of the state and supports partnered agencies and help protect the lives and property of Texans.

“These tornadoes are a sobering reminder that storm season is fast approaching,” said Norris. “However, I want Texans to feel safe knowing that no matter what comes our way, the Texas Military Department: your Texas National Guard and Texas State Guard, is always ready, always there.”

Norris also stressed that the Guard can provide whatever resources are needed by the state and still maintain current statewide and federal missions, specifically the Texas border mission and overseas deployments.

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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 State Administration, the Texas Army National Guard (TXARNG), the Texas Air National Guard (TXANG) and the Texas State Guard (TXSG)

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