

## FACT SHEET

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### *Texas State Guard*

The Texas State Guard is one of three branches of the Texas Military Forces (TXMF), operating under the command of the Adjutant General of Texas and the Governor as Commander-in-Chief of all state military forces. The TXMF includes the Texas Army National Guard and the Texas Air National Guard.

The mission of the Texas State Guard (TXSG) is to provide mission-ready military forces to assist state and local authorities in times of state emergencies; to conduct homeland security and community service activities under the umbrella of Defense Support to Civil Authorities; and to augment the Texas Army National Guard and Texas Air National Guard as required.

Headquartered at Camp Mabry in Austin, Texas, the TXSG functions as an organized state militia under the authority of Title 32 of the U.S. Code and Chapter 431 of the Texas Government Code.

The TXSG is comprised of more than 2000 volunteers organized into four components – Army, Air, Medical and Maritime – with individual units assigned throughout the state. Under the umbrella of Defense Support to Civil Authorities, the TXSG maintains trained and ready teams to perform the following emergency response functions:

- Mass care/Functional needs care
- Emergency communications
- Special needs evacuation tracking
- Wide area damage assessment
- Medical support
- Points of distribution
- Support to the State Operations Center
- Small boat operations
- Land and water search and rescue
- Dive teams
- Chaplain and legal support

In recent years the TXSG has been called to active duty for nine hurricanes (Katrina, Rita, Dean, Humberto, Dolly, Eduard, Gustav, Ike, and Alex), the Eagle Pass tornado in 2007, and severe flooding in Marble Falls in 2007. TXSG is the lead military component for Operation Lone Star in the Rio Grande Valley – the state’s annual humanitarian medical mission. TXSG personnel also provide support to the state’s annual Oral Rabies Vaccination Program and the Joint Operations Intelligence Center.

TXSG personnel train at least one day per month and attend a four-day annual training exercise. They receive no pay for monthly training, purchase their own uniforms, and are responsible for their own transportation and meals during training.

TXSG has developed a robust Professional Military Education program to enable all TXSG personnel to develop and enhance individual skills, capabilities and competencies.

For more information about the Texas State Guard, go to: [www.txsg.state.tx.us](http://www.txsg.state.tx.us)