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## Texas Maritime Regiment

The Texas Maritime Regiment (TMAR) is one of four major components of the Texas State Guard which include the Army Component, the Air Division, and the Texas Medical Brigade.

The newest of the TXSG regiments, TMAR was formed in 2006. With more than 200 members, TMAR provides mission-ready volunteer military forces – with a unique maritime focus – for operations in support of homeland security, natural disasters and state agencies.

The Maritime Regiment specifically embraces the unique structure and traditions of America's Naval and Marine forces in preparing troops to carry out duties related to Texas' land, marine, littoral and riverine environments. In the interest of creating the most effective response team, TMAR has forged working relationships with various groups such as the U.S. Coast Guard, Texas Parks and Wildlife, Texas Forest Service, and the Lower Colorado River Authority.

The regiment 's members are true volunteers who willingly accept military discipline, orders and training to answer the call to meet urgent human needs in times of peril or crisis. TMAR's unique scope of missions include operations along the state's hundreds of miles of coastline, its lakes and shorelines, and the rivers which define Texas' borders – from the northernmost canyons of Texas' Panhandle to the Gulf of Mexico.

TMAR is comprised of three battalions plus a regimental headquarters. 1st Battalion's area of operation (AO) is around Houston (Victoria to Beaumont). 2nd Battalion's AO includes Austin and San Antonio (from Brownsville to Corpus Christi to El Paso). 3rd Battalion's AO is around Dallas/Fort Worth (Texarkana to Amarillo). The Regiment's headquarters are at Camp Mabry in Austin.

## TMAR training includes:

- A certified search and recovery dive team
- Specialized training in early and immediate response to hurricanes
- Command center and shelter operations during major emergencies
- Base camp operations in concert with Texas Forest Service
- Watercraft and swift water rescue operations in concert with Texas Parks and Wildlife

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.

For more information about the Texas State Guard, go to: www.txsg.state.tx.us