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DUTY
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HONOR
Hold the public trust in the highest regard, exceed standards and expectations. Act with understanding, innovation, resourcefulness, flexibility and urgency. Do all you can, where you are, with what you have & always place the welfare of those you lead first.

TEXAS
Embrace the courageous spirit of our people, history & culture.
VISION:
America’s premier state military comprised of mission-ready professionals fully engaged with our communities, and relevant through the 21st century.

MISSION:
Provide the Governor and President with ready forces in support of state and federal authorities at home and abroad.

PEOPLE FIRST – Invest in our human capital
• Diverse & Engaged Force Sustained Through Effective Retention & Recruiting
• Trained Ethical Professionals
• Resilient Professionals & Families, Supported By Robust Services
• Clearly Communicated Opportunities For Professional & Personal Development

RELEVANT & READY – Provide right force at the right time
• Force Structure Optimized For Federal & State Missions
• Modern Training Areas & Facilities That Support Our Mission
• Effective Resource Management & Protection
• Enhanced Joint, Interagency, Intergovernmental & Multinational Capabilities

COMMUNICATE & PARTNER – Deliver our message and build lasting relationships
• Effective Communication Assets & Channels
• Partnered & Informed Communities
• Engaged & Educated Government Partners
• Strong Department of Defense Relationships
Texas Military Forces

- Army National Guard, Air National Guard and Texas State Guard
- 23,000 Service Members, making it the largest state military force in the country.
- Since 2001, more than 30,000 Texas National Guard member have deployed in the War on Terror and other overseas operations.
Civil Support Missions 2003-2016

Mission Summary

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Over 586,000 Man-days since 2003
May Flooding

The flooded Brazos and surrounding reservoirs formed a “lake” that began to travel slowly towards the Gulf of Mexico. The “lake” was approximately 4.5 miles wide and 15 miles long.
How Much Rain Has Fallen in Texas?

According to the National Weather Service in Fort Worth, Texas, over 35 trillion gallons of rain have fallen in the month of May. Here’s some perspective on that number:

35,000,000,000,000 GALLONS

- Enough to cover the entire state of Texas in 8 inches of water.
- Enough to fill up California’s 200 largest surface reservoirs 3X to capacity.
- Enough to cover the island of Manhattan almost 4X.
- Enough to supply the entire world’s population with 10,000 days of water if everyone drank eight 8-ounce glasses a day.

Sources: National Weather Service Fort Worth, California Department of Water Resources
Credit: Nelson Hsu / NBC
**Counterdrug Texas Impact**

**Mission**: TX-15-019, 22 SEP 2015

**Overview**: San Antonio, TX. Two CD personnel, assigned as the case lead analysts, coordinated with seven LEA Teams to dismantle a San Antonio DTO and successfully arrested the DTO Leader.

**Support provided included**: Criminal history & association Analysis, OSINT, telephone & cell phone forensics, Geo-location analysis producing target packets.

**Results**: 8 indictments / 7 Arrests / 1 Fugitive
- $2,065,985 Property Seized
- 16 Weapons seized - 5 rifles / 11 Pistols
- $7,000,000 Judgment levied and seizures

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**Mission**: TX-16-019, 25 APR 2016

**Overview**: McAllen, TX. DEA HIDTA with assistance of CD and Texas LEA seized cocaine and property totaling $15,974,835 in value. One arrest was made.

**Support provided included**: RC26 crews identified 5 unknown residences and maintained surveillance on 10 vehicles. Identification of the residences and drivers created a new investigation capturing an additional 100 kilos in cocaine disrupting Gulf Cartel operations.

**Results**: 622.6 lbs of Cocaine seized (value of $15,565,000)
- $385, 835 in Property Seized
- 2 weapons seized
Operation Secure Texas

- Formerly known as Operation Strong Safety (OSS), the operation is a state funded mission that ramped up over 1,000 Guards Members in less than 45 days in support of the Texas Department of Public Safety’s Operation Strong Safety to help secure the Texas-Mexico Border and assist in the interdiction of Trans-National Criminal Organizations (TCO) entering Texas.

- The operation transitioned into Operation Secure Texas on 1 October 2015.

- Approximately 120 Texas Military Department personnel support ground and air operations in the Rio Grande Valley.
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