

TEXAS MILITARY FORCES OPERATION RIVER WATCH



Texas Military Forces (TXMF), at the direction of the President and under the command and control of the Governor, has deployed Task Force Border Guard (TFBG) in support of Operation River Watch. TFBG is in direct support of DHS operations on the Texas-Mexico border. Currently, TFBG has 286 personnel supporting Operation River Watch.

Background

At the request of the southwest border governors and lawmakers, on May 25, 2010, the President announced the deployment of 1200 National Guard personnel to the support DHS operations along the southwest border. This deployment reached full operational capability on October 1, 2010.

Texas Adjutant General's Intent

Task Force Border Guard provides military capabilities that augment Border Patrol (USBP) ground surveillance capabilities between the United States Ports of Entry and provide criminal investigative analysis to Immigration Customs Enforcement (ICE). TFBG support of Southwest Border operations is an immediate, short-term measure that allows DHS to increase its border security capabilities and integrate additional assets.

Organization

The Task Force is composed of both the Texas Army and Texas Air National Guard, and consists of Entry Identification Team (EIT) personnel, Investigative Case and Analytical Support (ICAS) personnel, and Command and Control personnel.

- **Entry Identification Teams** support USBP. Members are highly trained in reconnaissance and surveillance, specializing in identifying illegal entry of personnel. EIT personnel are trained in the use of night vision, infrared, and thermal devices, and operate in all weather conditions. Additionally, personnel are Combat Lifesaver trained, and able to provide emergency lifesaving assistance.

- **Investigative Case and Analytical Support** personnel support ICE, and are trained to research, analyze information, and produce law enforcement intelligence products. Members received extensive Intelligence Oversight training, and retain no law enforcement information.

Current statistics:

Apprehensions	Marijuana Seized		Vehicles Seized
345	3181 lbs	\$2.52M	2

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Texas Military Forces