



US Army Special Operations Command

Request to Conduct Realistic Military Training (RMT) JADE HELM 15



Purpose

The Commander of United States Army Special Operation Command (USASOC) seeks a written invitation and approval from local officials to conduct Realistic Military Training (RMT) within their jurisdictions for joint military exercise, JADE HELM 15 (JH15)



What is Realistic Military Training

- **Realistic Military Training (RMT) is training conducted outside of federally owned property. The RMT process is designed to ensure proper coordination between DOD representatives and local and regional authorities. The process includes the following measures:**
 - **Risk Assessment, Medical, and Communications Plans**
 - **MOU, MOA, and Licensing agreements (training areas, staging areas, role players)**
 - **Legal Review**
 - **ID of training, staging areas, role players, airfield, drop zones (DZ) and Landing Zones (LZ) surveys**
 - **Letters of Invitations obtained from local officials (Mayor, County Commission)**
 - **Coordination with local, state and federal law enforcement**
 - **Public Affairs Review**



What is JADE HELM

- JH is a challenging eight-week joint military and interagency (IA) Unconventional Warfare (UW) exercise conducted throughout Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah and Colorado.
- JH is a US Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) sponsored exercise to improve the Special Operations Forces' UW capability as part of the National Security Strategy
- JH 15 will run from 15 July through 15 September 2015
- Activities in Brazos County will occur between August 15th and August 21st



Who and Where

- Participants:
 - US Army Special Forces Command (Green Berets)
 - US Navy SEALs
 - US Air Force Special Operations Command
 - USMC Marine Special Operations Command
 - 82nd Airborne Division
 - Interagency Partners

- Exercise Locations within Texas:
 - Bastrop/Smithville, Big Springs, Caddo Lake, Caldwell, Christoval, College Station, Dell City, Eldorado, Goliad, Junction, Leakey, Menard, Mountain Home, San Angelo, San Antonio, and Victoria

- Exercise Locations within Brazos County:
 - Texas A&M Riverside Campus
 - TEEEX Fire Field



Why Texas

- The United States Special Operations Command (USSOCOM) has conducted numerous exercises in Texas, because Texans are historically supportive of efforts to prepare our soldiers, airmen, marines and sailors to fight the enemies of the United States.
- To hone advanced skills, the military and Interagency require large areas of undeveloped land with low population densities with access to towns. The proposed areas offer the conditions conducive to quality training because of real obstacles to challenge Joint and IA personnel during planning and execution of their tasks. These challenges include operating outside the normal support mechanisms and adapting to unfamiliar terrain



What to Expect

- Increased aircraft in the area at night
- May receive noise complaints
- All activities in Brazos County will take place on TEEEX and the Riverside campus
- Activities will occur between 11:00pm and 4:00am
- Personnel may be carrying weapons with Simunitions
- Local LEO's are fully aware of the exercise



Safety Measures

- Safety for civilians and exercise participants is our number one priority
 - Daily communications between DOD and LEA
 - Medics located with each element
 - Coordination with Life Flight and local medical facilities
 - Exercise Support Team with communications
 - Thorough Risk Mitigation Assessment
 - Coordination with local residents (verbal and written)
 - Public Affairs Office will make public announcement regarding exercise



Questions / Concerns





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