



**MEDIA ADVISORY**  
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## Media Briefing on Tennessee Maneuvers 2016 West Tennessee Activities

**NASHVILLE, Tenn.** - The Tennessee National Guard will brief members of the local media on the Tennessee Maneuvers 2016 (aka TN MAN '16) at 10:00 a.m., CDT, on Wednesday, June 15, at the Headquarters, 164th Airlift Wing, Tennessee National Guard, 4593 Swinnea Rd., in Memphis.

The Tennessee Army and Air National Guard brings unique skills and specialized experience to rapidly stabilize and respond to emergencies throughout our great state. Our efforts are focused on supporting state wide emergency management by bringing together local civil authorities, the coordination of TEMA and military response resources in the event of a catastrophic emergency.

"The 164th Airlift Wing, as an integral part of the greater Memphis community and a key stakeholder in Memphis International Airport operations, expects to significantly enhance disaster response capabilities as a result of this exercise. One of the crucial objectives of this catastrophic event is the resumption of airport operations for reception of relief personnel, supplies and medical aid for the community", said Col. Raymond Robinson, Commander of the 164th Airlift Wing.

"This will be one of the largest disaster drills ever held in our county. We appreciate the Air National Guard's coordination of this drill. It will ensure we'll have the needed resources should a major earthquake occur here", said Dale Lane, Director of the Shelby County Office of Preparedness.

Memphis-Shelby County Airport Authority President and CEO, Scott Brockman stated, "Disaster drills and preparatory training are a critical piece of our overall safety plan at MEM. We welcome and appreciate the Air National Guard's coordination and leadership in bringing this essential training tool to fruition."

"We plan, prepare, train and exercise, separately and together, so in time of need we can join forces as one to serve and protect the citizens of Tennessee," said Jane Waldrop, TEMA West Region Administrator.

**WHO:** Col. Raymond Robinson, Commander, 164<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Memphis  
 Col. Andy Trautman, Commander, 164<sup>th</sup> Mission Support Group, Memphis  
 Dale Lane, Director, Office of Preparedness/EMA, Shelby County  
 Jane Waldrop, TEMA West Region Administrator  
 Terry Blue, Vice Pres. of Operations, Memphis International Airport

**WHAT:** Brief to Local Media on TN MAN '16 West Tenn. Activities occurring Jun. 20-23—we'll discuss opportunities for embedded reporters to see operations response first hand

**WHEN:** 10:00 a.m., CDT on Wednesday, June 15, 2016

**WHERE:** Headquarters, 164<sup>th</sup> Airlift Wing, Tennessee Air National Guard  
 4593 Swinnea Rd.  
 Memphis, TN 38118

Visit the following link for more information, and a short video, on Tennessee Maneuvers 2016:  
<http://www.tnmilitary.org/tennessee-maneuvers.html>

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