

# TEXSAR - In the Community - December 2018



## A Word from the CEO

Friends of TEXSAR,

2018 was another year of tremendous growth and development for TEXSAR. On the heels of Hurricane Harvey in 2017, TEXSAR was able to take much of the donated monies from Harvey and use them to increase our team capabilities, such as additional high clearance vehicles, digital communication equipment, a mobile command trailer, as well as much needed training, including “Rescue Boat Operator” and “Lost Person Behavior”.

2018 was also another busy year for callouts and requests for support, with over 75 agency requests for TEXSAR’s services, including missing persons cases, cold case support, community event support, force multiplier, K9 search and recovery and flood and swiftwater support. That equates to a callout every 4.5 days, a very impressive number and a great show of confidence from our law enforcement, fire service and emergency management partners.

In 2019, we will continue building and expanding our capabilities with a commitment to providing the safest and highest quality product to those communities in need when they need it most. Our goal is to be the go-to resource for specialized emergency services to departments all across the State of Texas.

One of our core values is to be fiscally responsible. Having the utmost respect for our donor’s dollar is paramount, and to that point, we are proud that over 90% of your donated dollar goes directly to team operations, including our Executive Director, equipment, supplies and deployment expenses. The other 10% funds our fundraising and media programs and insurance expenses. We are very proud to have achieved the 2018 Platinum Level Designation on GuideStar (<https://www.guidestar.org/profile/84-1644603>) and are recognized by GreatNonprofits as a Top-Rated Nonprofit (<https://greatnonprofits.org/org/texasar-texas-search-and-rescue>) for our fiscal and operational transparency.



Thank you for your continued support of Texas Search and Rescue, we simply could not serve our great state without people like you. We are honored and blessed with amazing team members who are willing to risk it all to take care of their fellow Texan, I am very proud of each and every one of them and honored to work beside them. 2019 will likely hold new challenges for us as we continue to grow and develop, but we look forward to meeting those challenges head on and overcoming obstacles, just as we do in the field...Texans Helping Texans.

Sincerely,

Justen Noakes, TEXSAR CEO



## Congratulations to the 2019 Board of Directors

We are thrilled to announce the newly elected 2019 Board of Directors. The impact you will have on TEXSAR in 2019 and for the future will be incredible. We look forward to working with all of you. Our biggest thanks to the 2018 Board of Directors who graciously served and continued to push TEXSAR forward - thank you for your commitment and dedication!

# 2019 TEXSAR

## *Board of Directors*

**Alan Daniel  
Brandon Goering  
Carston Buehler  
Cat Bartlett**

**Charlie Grove  
Jon Carey  
Jonathan McComb  
JT Gallinaro  
Justen Noakes**

**Lt. Oscar Lopez  
Matt Woodruff  
Pam Spann  
Shawn Hohnstreiter**

## **Introducing the New and Improved Search Party**

SAVE THE DATE - October 26, 2019

Join us for an elegant experience at the NEW venue for TEXSAR's Annual Search Party....

**The Bullock Texas State History Museum in Austin, Texas!**







## TEXSAR's First Ever Motorcycle Raffle

Get Your Tickets Today!

Raffle tickets are now available through your friends who volunteer with TEXSAR. You can purchase tickets online or reach out to one of your local members to purchase tickets in person.

Only twenty bucks a ticket and you could be the proud owner of a  
**2013 Harley Davidson Softail Heritage Classic!**

Tickets are \$20 each or \$100 for six.  
Support TEXSAR and buy your ticket today!

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TEXAS SEARCH AND RESCUE  
**MOTORCYCLE RAFFLE**  
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## Upcoming Events - Mark Your Calendar

### **Decemberr 17th**

[Gulf Coast TEXSAR Monthly Training and Meeting - Houston, TX](#)

### **December 20th**

[Coastal Bend TEXSAR Monthly Training and Meeting - Corpus Christi, TX](#)

### **January 2nd**

[North Texas TEXSAR Monthly Training and Meeting - Austin, TX](#)

## **Save the Date - Clay Pigeon Pachanga - May 18th**

**What:** TEXSAR's 2nd Annual Clay Pigeon Pachanga

The CPP is TEXSAR's second largest fundraiser for the year. Mark your calendar to attend or come help out.

**When:** Saturday May 18, 2019

**Where:** Texas Disposal Systems Exotic Game Ranch - Buda, Texas

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## **Member Stats**

### **Overall**

Active Members - 328

Deployable Members - 239

Field Deployable - 211

Flood and Swiftwater Technicians - 99

Active/In Training K9s - 22

Active Certifications - 2275

### **Divisions**

Central Texas Members - 150

Coastal Bend Members - 13

Gulf Coast Members - 63

North Texas Members - 56

West Texas Members - 13

At Large Members - 33



## K9 Team

Certified K9 Handlers - 11

Certified K9s - 17

[11 HRD K9s, 7 Live Find K9s, 4 Trailing K9s  
and 3 Water HRD K9s]

## Coming up in 2019

Thank you for supporting TEXSAR in 2018. In order to truly communicate with our supporters in the most effective way, stay tuned for quarterly newsletters in 2019. Any pertinent information will make it into your inbox outside of those dates. We value you and your time and want to be as efficient as possible.

**For daily updates, don't forget to follow us on Social Media!**



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