

County Readiness

***Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives
of the republic of Texas, in congress assembled.***

**Bill proposed by the senate fourteenth congress of the republic of Texas
on the tenth day in tenth month two thousand and nine.**

**After the people's congressional senate and house of representatives
for the republic of Texas, in a meeting of congress assembled under
rules of necessity the following Act was approved and adopted.**

**senate Bill No. 1010-9001
house Bill No. 05-08-03-2010**

**In order to amend an ACT to provide for the national defence by organizing
the militia that was approved on the fifth day of the twelfth month of one
thousand eight hundred thirty six.**

**Sec. 1. Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the
republic of Texas, in congress assembled, that in order to provide for the
national defence by "Organizing the Militia", an Act dated December fifth of
one thousand eight hundred thirty six, and any other previous ACTS or
parts of ACTS concerning the county militias shall be repealed and to keep
pace with current times and technology they shall be replaced and
activated with the following by-laws:**

**"County Readiness Volunteer Texians" domiciled in
the County of _____, Texas republic.**

Unit number _____

[Notice]

BY-LAWS

1. Lawful Foundation

**Pursuant to the 1836 Constitution of the Republic of Texas, and with the added
amendments of 2007 by the Texians thereto, and to the intent of the Framers
thereof, this unit of declared County Readiness Volunteer Texians is established
and governed in accordance with constitutional laws and these By-Laws.**

2. Geographic Area

The geographic area designated for this Unit shall consist of that contiguous area defined by agreement of the Texians with one another and with those of other County Readiness Volunteer Texians with Units in the same county or district. If this is the only Unit in the county, the geographic area shall consist of the entire county or district. If more than one Unit is formed in the county, the boundaries of the area for each Unit shall ordinarily coincide with established political or geographic subdivisions, such as city limits, precincts, or neighborhoods. Except by the authority of the Commander in Chief or request of the County Readiness Volunteer Texians of another County or District, the Unit shall not conduct operations other than organizing and training outside the boundaries of the Republic of Texas, and except by the authority of the Commander in Chief or request of the County Readiness Volunteer Texians Commander of another County or District, the Unit shall not conduct operations other than organizing and training outside of the boundaries of the County or immediately neighboring counties.

3. Texians

- (1) The County Readiness Volunteer Texian's Rules and Regulations, as it may be amended, and who are domiciled in said County and geographic area designated for this Unit number, shall be referred to as the obligatory County Readiness Volunteer Texians.**
- (2) Texians of the Republic of Texas who volunteer to serve in this unit except as provided in Section 8 below will be the trained and ready County Readiness Volunteer Texians.**

4. Officers

The Unit Commander shall initially be chosen by three-fourths vote of the Texian Volunteers present at any call-up of the Unit, and shall serve until the next meeting or call-up of the Unit, when he or she shall be subject to re-election as the first order of business. Other officers to be elected include a Deputy Commander, a Treasurer, and a Secretary, each of whom shall assume in that order the duties of the Unit Commander if he or she shall be unable to perform them.

- (1) The unit commander may appoint additional officers.**
- (2) The Texians present may also elect representatives to any regional correspondence committee, who shall coordinate activities of the various County Readiness Volunteer Texian units in the county or district.**

5. Authority for Call-up of County Readiness Volunteer Texians

The following Texians may issue a call-up of the Unit, in descending order of authority:

- (1) The Commander-in-Chief of the Republic of Texas, with the consent of the Security Council of the Republic of Texas.
- (2) An officer designated by the Security Council of the Republic of Texas for this Unit.
- (3) The Chief Justice of the area designated for this Unit.
- (4) The County Sheriff.
- (5) The Unit Commander.

6. Notices and Regular Meetings

Notices of special meetings should normally be by public notice in a newspaper of record or by posting notices on public notice bulletin boards, at least ten days prior to the meeting except in case of emergency, in which case notice shall be by the established rapid-alert system. Texians who contribute to the costs shall also be notified by mail or phone if time permits. In addition to call-ups, the Unit shall meet at such dates, time, and places, as its Texians present at any meeting or call-up shall determine by majority vote. All meetings shall be conducted in accordance with rules of common sense.

7. Purpose of Assemblies

The Unit shall assemble only for one or more of the following purposes:

- (1) To organize and train.
- (2) To repel a foreign invasion.
- (3) To suppress an insurrection.
- (4) To execute constitutional laws.
- (6) To perform righteous services to the community, county, district and nation, including disaster relief and defense of Texians from crime or official abuse.
- (7) Such purposes do not include service outside the jurisdiction of the Republic of Texas, which is the exclusive province of the armed forces.

8. Exclusion from Participation

Texians who otherwise qualify as **County Readiness Volunteer Texians** may be excluded from participation in activities of the Unit by the Commander or by a three-fourths vote of the Unit present on one or more of the following grounds, and none other:

- (1) A history of criminal, violent, disruptive, or impulsive behavior.
- (2) A history of mental disorder or incapacity.
- (3) Inability to play a constructive role in the activity, such that participation would result in reduced effectiveness of the Unit in that activity. This may include not having suitable equipment for the activity.
- (4) Refusal to take or comply with the oath below in by-law number 9.
- (5) Refusal to obey a lawful order of a superior.

No Texian shall be excluded on the basis of ethnicity, religion, national origin, political opinions, gender, or age. However, minors shall require the written consent or presence of a parent or guardian.

9. Oath Required of Participants

Participants in any activity shall be required to take the following oath:

“I, _____, swear/affirm under Almighty God that I will preserve, protect, and defend the Republic of Texas and the 1836 Constitution as amended in 2007, the County and District, and the Community, against all enemies, foreign or domestic; and that I will make an independent determination of the constitutionality and applicability of all laws and official acts with which I may become involved, without being unduly influenced by any officer or superior, and that I will obey or assist in the enforcement of those which are constitutional and applicable, and resist those that are not, regardless of personal consequences.”

10. Finances

Dues shall not be required as a condition for attendance at meetings or call-ups. Contributions of funds and other things of value may be

accepted provided that no such acceptance shall create any obligation on the part of the Unit or its Texians or participants. No County Readiness Volunteer Texians shall accept any compensation for participation in any activity of the Unit, but may accept reimbursement for expenses incurred or recompense for losses sustained. The Unit shall not accept funding from any organ of government or public authority except in connection with a general call-up by an authority named in Paragraph 5. The Unit without written consent of the lawful owner or his agent shall use no property. At no time will the Unit go into debt or impose any debt on its Texian volunteers.

11. Regulations

The Unit shall, by a vote of the majority of Texian volunteers present and with the consent of the Unit Commander, adopt such regulations, as it deems appropriate to govern its operations.

12. Discipline

Upon assembly, all participants shall be under applicable provisions of the by-laws and the regulations as passed by said Texian volunteers of the local county or district.

13. Enforcement

The Unit Commander shall be responsible for enforcing these by-laws and the regulations adopted by the Unit.

14. Adoption and Amendment

These by-laws shall be adopted or amended by a three-fourths vote of the Texians present at any call-up or meeting in which such adoption or amendment shall be announced in the notice thereof at least ten days prior to the meeting.

County Readiness Volunteer Texians for the County of _____,
Texas republic Unit number _____

REGULATIONS

1. Rapid-alert System

The Unit shall establish and regularly test a rapid-alert system for getting

the Texian volunteers to respond to emergency situations. This system shall consist of the following elements:

(1) *An emergency deployment plan.*

This consists of places and Texian volunteers to report to and things to do in the event of some emergency situation, such as a natural disaster, which Texians shall be made aware of by its effects and by the regular media.

(2) *A telephone tree.*

Each Texian volunteer would have a list of others in their prospective unit to call, such that a few calls could activate almost every Texian volunteer reachable by phone, fax, email, radio etc.

(3) *A radio network.*

This would make use of various amateurs and CB radios, perhaps using encrypted packet methods, to notify Texian volunteers in the event that the phone system or Internet is unavailable or insecure.

(4) *Broadcast media.*

Co-operation from radio and TV stations to broadcast notices should be achieved and maintained.

(5) *Neighborhood alerts.*

Texian volunteers should be designated to ride through neighborhoods alerting all Texians in the area, perhaps using a mobile public address system.

2. Arms and Ammunition

It is recommended that each Texian in an armed activity shall furnish one modern rifle or shotgun of a caliber suitable for combat applications, and at least 500 rounds of ammunition per weapon per Texian is the minimum recommendation. During all assemblies such arms shall be kept unloaded at all times except by command of the Unit Commander or if Texians of the Unit fall under imminent peril. All County Readiness Volunteer Texians must demonstrate adequate proficiency training and

be certified as competent by the local Unit Commander with each designated firearm. Regular practice (quarterly minimum) shall be required and overseen by the Unit Commander. Concealed carry and concealed carry training is highly recommended. Open Carry of side arms, appropriately holstered is allowed and is preferable to concealed carry following certification of competency by the Unit Commander. Each County Readiness Volunteer Texians must take personal accountability for the safety, upkeep, cleaning, and proper working order of his/her weapons and equipment. Each Texian volunteer will furnish his/her own rapid deployment kit (bug-out bag) and supplies. Muster will include a review of all readiness supplies and equipment.

3. Ammunition standards

County Readiness Volunteer Texians are encouraged to standardize on 5.56, 223, 7.62, .308, and 30.06 ammunition for rifles, 12 gauges for shotguns, and .357 magnum, 9mm, or .45ACP for handguns.

4. Appearance and Grooming

Each Texian volunteer who participates in any activity of the Unit in all public places shall present a neat, well-groomed appearance.

5. Uniforms and Insignia

No uniforms shall be required of participants. However, on public occasions participants may be required to wear jackets or armbands with the words "County Readiness Volunteer Texians" or "Name of County Readiness Volunteer Texians". The Commander may designate such appropriate insignia as he may see fit.

6. Roll-call

At any muster of the Unit, participants other than County Readiness Volunteer Texians shall disclose to the Commander's assignee their names, addresses, personal references, and arms of choice, but any roll of participants shall be kept confidential and is to be used only for issuing notices of meetings and other activities. Visitors can carry no firearm until visitor has been identified and verified.

7. Co-operation with authorities

County Readiness Volunteer Texians will make every effort to cooperate with lawful Texian authorities, unless doing so would impair the ability of the County Readiness Volunteer Texians to exercise its constitutional rights and perform its constitutional duties, to protect the people, including the investigation of official corruption and abuse.

8. Community defense against official abuse

The County Readiness Volunteer Texians should defend Texians against official abuse, such as violation of their rights to keep and bear arms or to assemble as the County Readiness Volunteer Texians, without waiting for a call-up of the Unit. However, any Texian taking such action shall notify their Unit as soon as possible.

**County Readiness Volunteer Texians for the County of _____,
Texas republic Unit number _____**

GUIDELINES

1. Unit Size

The Unit size should ordinarily be between 50 and 200 Texians. Larger units should normally be divided into smaller units, and shall include participants from neighboring smaller units.

2. Avoidance of Association Status

Every effort must be made to avoid giving the Unit the aspect of being a voluntary association, which would be subject to legal action as an association, something that can be avoided if the Unit is considered to be all Texians of the area.

3. Questioning of Authority Issuing Call-up

The Unit should debate and vote on how to determine who is in command authority at their earliest muster. Ordinarily, such orders must be obeyed unless they are unconstitutional.

4. Avoidance of Policy Issues

Every effort must be made to avoid allowing the Unit to act upon, or even debate extensively, issues of social or economic policy. The Unit may resist a tax on grounds that it is unconstitutional, but not because the rate is too high. It must not act on issues on which honest people may disagree, such as the constitutionality of abortion.

5. Avoidance of Alarming the Public

To the extent possible, if appearing in public with arms, the Unit should alert the public in the area to the peaceful character of the activity: with publicity, warning signs, and conversations with public Texans present.

6. Proclamations of Faith

Many if not most Texian volunteers will have some kind of religious faith that they will want to bear witness to during assemblies of the County Readiness Volunteer Texans, and religious speech, like political speech, is a valid part of the discussion that will take place in such assemblies. However, in deference to those who are non-believers, such expression should not be conducted in a way that would make non-believers feel pressured to appear to join in with a religious observance, such as praying together in assembly, as distinct from just listening to someone pray in the same way the Texans might listen to someone speaking on any other subject. The only "religion" that may be properly proclaimed jointly is the "civic religion" of constitutionalism, which is the one thing all Texans must share.

7. Safety Committees

A local Safety Committee will normally consist of the elected officers of the previous muster and will be the entity that calls successive musters of the unit. It is the only County Readiness Volunteer Texans group that has continuing existence from one muster to the next. Those who participate in musters must never be referred to as "the County Readiness Volunteer Texans", since that term must always refer to the entire Texans of the county or other jurisdiction. A county or district Safety Committee should be elected in response to a duly posted public notice, in each of the counties in a district, in which a qualified public County Readiness Volunteer Texans has been established.

8. Communications Committees

Sec. 1. Said committees should ordinarily have a chairman appointed by the Safety Committee and communicators designated by the chairman for each unit, or of representatives of lower-level communication committees. For security reasons, Texian volunteer rolls should ordinarily be kept only at the local level, and not shared with neighboring units or with higher-level communication committees. However, backup copies of Texian volunteer lists may be kept in escrow by neighboring units with the consent of the unit commander, for security purposes.

Sec. 2. Be it further enacted, that an educational gun safety program be initiated for twelve year old or older Texian students under the guidance of the education department to educate gun safety, gun maintenance and four classes of competition shooting in shotgun, handgun and rifle shooting. Upon graduating with passing skills and knowledge of all subjects the student shall be issued a firearm with parents' signed consent and when becoming of age or prior with parents' consent student may become part of the County Readiness Volunteer Texians of the county in which he or she is domiciled.

Sec. 3. Be it enacted that this act takes effect from and after its passage.

Approved, on this eighth day the fifth month in the year of our Lord two thousand and ten.

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