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Operation Crackdown Returns to Harlingen Media Day Scheduled

Harlingen, Texas—City of Harlingen leaders and Texas National Guard representatives will be available to the media on August 23, at 10 a.m. at 513 W. Monroe where a dilapidated structure will be torn down.



This is one of the 23-neglected structures that will be torn down during the next two weeks as part of the Texas National Guard's Operation Crackdown.

This is the seventh time Operation Crackdown, a component of the Texas National Guard's Joint Counterdrug Task force joins with the City, to remove structures that threaten the community's quality of life.

A demolition unit of servicemen and women with the National Guard are in Harlingen to remove these structures identified as areas used for drug and other criminal activities, that are aesthetically displeasing and are a haven for rodents and other animals that could cause health problems.

News From the City of Harlingen

Mayor Chris Boswell says Harlingen is really fortunate to have a great partnership with the Texas National Guard. “This is a very good program for the city as it eliminates blighted structures and houses that in some instances are right across the street from an elementary school and you see gang and drug activity and by eliminating these structures we improve the safety of our neighborhoods and that’s what this program is all about.”

To highlight the efforts media representatives are invited to take part in the Operation’s Media Day event where City leaders and National Guard representatives will speak more in depth about the structures on this year’s list, as well as, the mission of the Guard’s Counterdrug Program. The demolition will take place immediatley followig the short ceremony.

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