

Dr. Burgess Weekly Video Address April 4, 2014 “Fort Hood Tragedy”

Hello this is your Congressman, Michael Burgess. Two days ago, a member of our military opened fire on his comrades at the military base at Fort Hood.

This news is truly heartbreaking. This is a devastating and shocking event by itself. But the fact that it comes less than five years after the shooting at Fort Hood by Major Hasan is unspeakable. For the families that are still grieving from that catastrophic event, the hurt must be unimaginable.

While the investigation is still ongoing and the details of the event are fluid, we must not speculate or politicize this event. As Texans, our first priority must be caring for the victims and their families as they try to make sense of all of this in the coming days.

And while we do not yet know the motive of the shooter, I am committed to finding out anything I can about this tragedy in order to prevent events like these in the future. In the meantime, I am supportive of legislation to allow members of our military, members who signed on the dotted line and risked their lives to protect and defend our constitution, to arm and protect themselves while on base. I am an original cosponsor of that legislation, the Safe Military Bases Act.

The Fort Hood community has shown resilience and strength in the face of evil before, and it will do so again. As Americans, this news hits us hard. As Texans, it hits home.

A special note of thanks to the communities of Copperas Cove, Harker Heights and Killeen, TX. You're always there for our soldiers and we appreciate how you've stood by them in the past and we know that you will in this tragedy as well.

Additionally, recognition to the doctors, nurses and medical personnel at Darnall Army Hospital and Scott and White Hospital. You've done so much to tend to the injured.

We must also remember the brave heroes who ran towards the violence to help one another, not away from it. We must pray for the victims, their families, and even the family of the perpetrator. And we must hug our children a bit tighter tonight, remembering always to combat evil with good, and violence with peace.

As always, I appreciate your questions and comments on this issue. Thank you for taking the time to listen. May God bless you and your family, and as always, may God bless Texas.

