

Waco Siege(Wiki)

- Raid (February 28): 75 federal agents (ATF and FBI); 3 [Sikorsky UH-60 Black Hawk](#) helicopters crewed by 10 [Texas National Guard](#) counter-drug personnel as distraction during the raid and filming.^{[112][113]} Ballistic protection equipment, fire retardant clothing, regular flashlights, regular cameras (i.e., flash photography), pump-action shotguns and flashbang grenades,^[114] 9 mm handguns, 9 mm [MP5](#) submachine guns, 5.56 NATO M16 rifles, a [.308](#) bolt-action sniper rifle.^[115]
- Siege (March 1 through April 18): Hundreds of federal agents; 2 [Bell UH-1 Iroquois](#) helicopters.^[116]
- Assault (April 19): Hundreds of federal agents; military vehicles (with their normal weapon systems removed): 9–10 [M3 Bradley](#) infantry fighting vehicles, 4–5 [M728 Combat Engineering Vehicles](#) (CEVs) armed with [CS gas](#), 2 [M1A1 Abrams](#) main battle tanks, 1 [M88 tank retriever](#).^{[113][116]}
- Support:^[113] 1 [Britten-Norman Defender](#) surveillance aircraft;^[117] a number of Texas National Guard personnel for maintenance of military vehicles and training on the use of the vehicles and their support vehicles ([Humvees](#) and flatbed trucks); surveillance from Texas National Guard [counter-drug UC-26](#) surveillance aircraft and from [Alabama National Guard](#); 3 soldiers from [Delta Force](#), to serve as observers (also present during assault);^[118] 2 senior U.S. Army officers as advisers, 2 members of the British Army's 22nd [Special Air Service](#) (SAS) Regiment as observers;^[119] 50+ men in total.^[120]

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