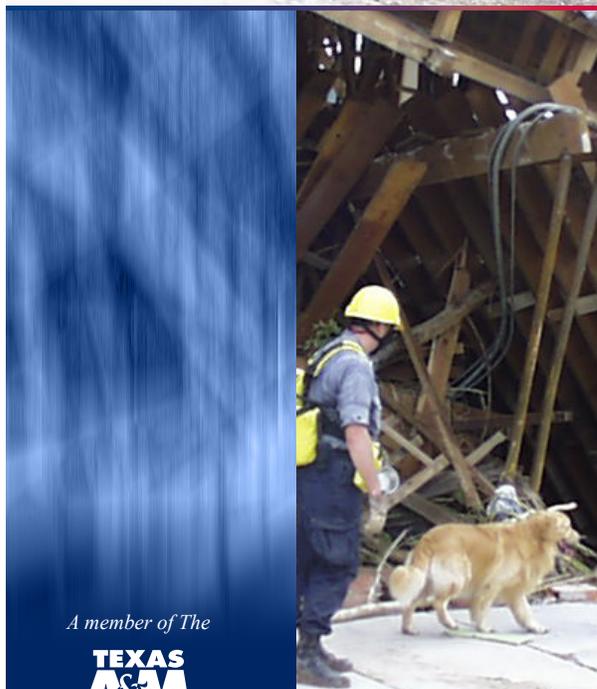


REMNANTS OF TROPICAL STORM CHARLEY CAUSE FLOODING



On August 22, 1998, the weakened Tropical Storm Charley stalled over the Del Rio, TX area, producing 15 inches of rain in a 12-hour period. Compounding this problem, about 12 counties, comprising approximately 2,300 square miles received at least 12 inches of rain. Additionally, about 19 counties comprising approximately 5,000 square miles received at least 8 inches of rain. All of this rainwater quickly flowed from the Texas Hill Country into the Del Rio area and emptied into the Rio Grande River.



Six people were killed and 40 others were injured in the resulting flash floods. In all, the floods damaged nearly 1,000 homes and businesses. Of those, 625 were completely destroyed. In Maverick County, which lies between Del Rio and Laredo, some 5,000 citizens were evacuated, but no injuries resulted in the floodwaters that surged through Eagle Pass and the surrounding areas.

TX-TF1 was deployed two teams to the area (Red and White) on August 25th and began conducting search operations for the local incident commander. The Task Force was on scene in Del Rio and Eagle Pass for a total of 3 days and completed the search of over 500 residences, business, and vehicles.

Deployment Statistics

- **Incident involved 130 personnel deployed for 3 days**
- **Del Rio flooding:**

- 65 member urban search and rescue team (Red Team) deployed to Del Rio
- 4 rescue squads
- 2 canine search teams
- 2 technical search teams

Eagle Pass flooding:

- 65 member urban search and rescue team (White Team) deployed to Eagle Pass
- 4 rescue squads
- 1 canine search team
- 2 technical search teams

Other agencies supporting this deployment:

- A Water Search and Rescue Team comprised of 4 boats from the Texas Parks and Wildlife, National Parks Service, and U.S. Border Patrol
- 11 HH-60 helicopters from the Texas Military Forces