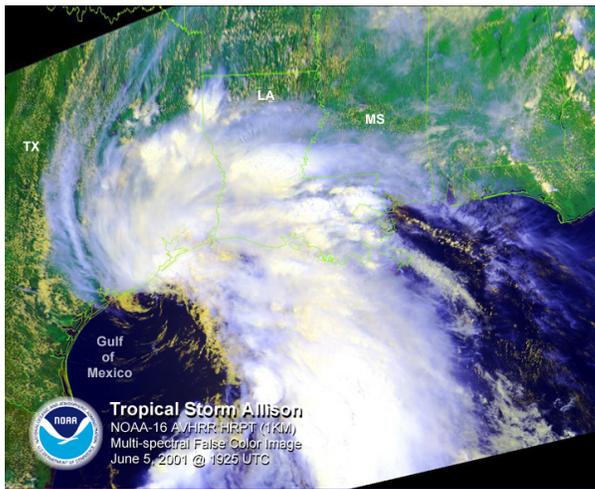


**TX-TF1 CONDUCTS SEARCH AND RESCUE FOR TROPICAL STORM ALLISON**



On June 5, 2001, Tropical Storm Allison formed 140 miles south of Galveston, TX and struck near Freeport, TX with 50 mph winds. The storm surge was 2-3 feet, and Galveston Island experienced a wall of water 8 feet high. Water from nearly 36 inches of rain submerged much of Houston, stranding thousands on the roofs of cars and homes, in trees, or on whatever high ground could be found. In just one 12-hour period, 28.5 inches of rain fell. In Harris County, 95,000 automobiles and 73,000 houses were flooded. Sections of Houston were paralyzed, and damage was estimated at roughly \$2 billion. Two-thirds of the bayous and creeks in Harris County were flooded.



Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) was activated by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) at 4 a.m. on Saturday, June 9th, and continued operations nonstop for 36 hours. Upon arrival in Houston, the Swift Water Strike Team began immediately responding to some 700 pending water rescue calls made to the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) of the Houston Fire Department.

Shortly after the team arrived, a phone call alerted the EOC to a serious situation: hundreds of people were stranded on the roof of an apartment building and water was rising fast. With the assistance of six HH-60 Blackhawk and two CH-47 Chinook helicopters provided by the Texas Army National Guard, the Water Strike Team was able to deploy quickly to the affected area. When the deployment ended two days later, TX-TF1 members had rescued 1,100 Houston citizens.

**Deployment Statistics**

**• Incident involved 80 personnel deployed for 3 day**

**Swift Water Rescue Strike Team**

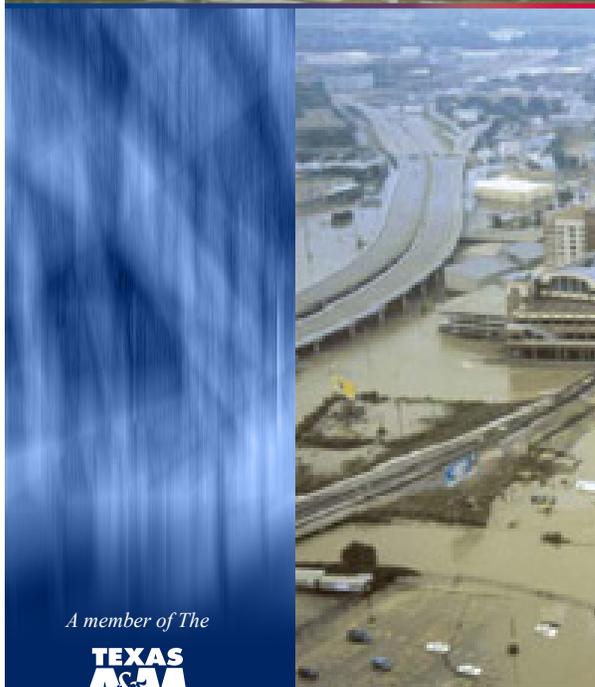
- 13 swift water rescue teams (5 personnel per team)
- Communications personnel and equipment
- Medical personnel and equipment

Six HH-60's and two CH-47 helicopters provided lift capability to transport TX-TF1 personnel deep into the flooded areas

TX-TF1 helicopter rescue swimmers were also co-located with these HH-60 aircraft to provide in-water rescues

Swift water rescue logistics personnel with trailer and communications package were deployed with the Task Force.

1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned at the State Operations Center



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