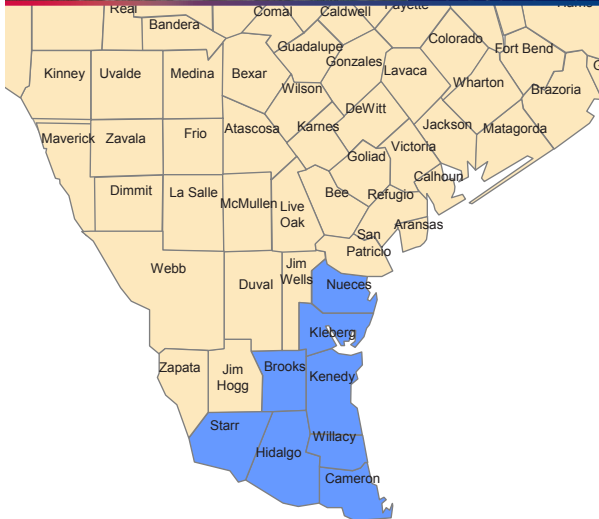
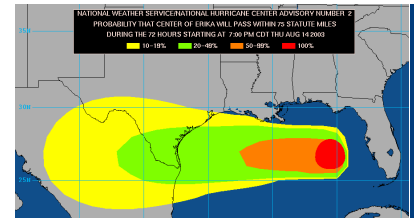
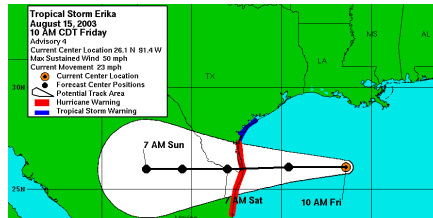
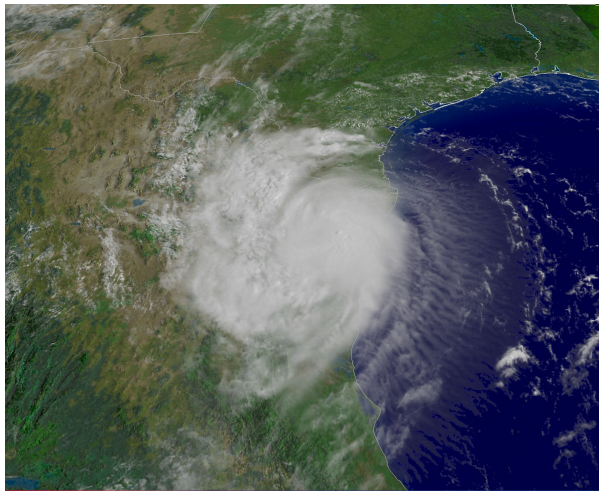


**TX-TF1 STAGES IN SAN ANTONIO FOR A LANDFALL IN SOUTH TEXAS**



At 4 p.m. on August 15th, Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) was activated by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) in advance of Hurricane Erika's landfall. The thirty three member Type III task force departed College Station for the San Antonio area and staged at the Martindale Army Air Field in advance of Erika's landfall. The water task force was equipped to respond to flooding and swiftwater rescue events, provide command and control support, and augment the communications capabilities of local emergency responders.



TX-TF1 also dispatched personnel to the State Operations Center in Austin. The task force had additional personnel and equipment on standby should they be needed in response to Hurricane Erika. The hurricane was predicted to make landfall along the Texas coast from Nueces County stretching south to Cameron County.

At 1pm on Saturday, August 16th, TX-TF1 received its demobilization orders related to Hurricane Erika from GDEM and returned to their headquarters in College Station. The potential for flooding was not as severe as originally predicted and local authorities did not request assistance from the TX-TF1 swift water rescue teams.

**Deployment Statistics**

**• Incident involved 33 personnel deployed for 2 days**

**Type III US&R Task Force**

- 4 canine search specialists
- 2 technical search specialists
- 5 rescue specialists
- 2 structural engineers
- 3 communications personnel and equipment
- 2 medical personnel and equipment
- 4 logistics personnel and equipment

1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned at the State Operations Center

