

TEAMS RESPOND TO ROBERTSON COUNTY

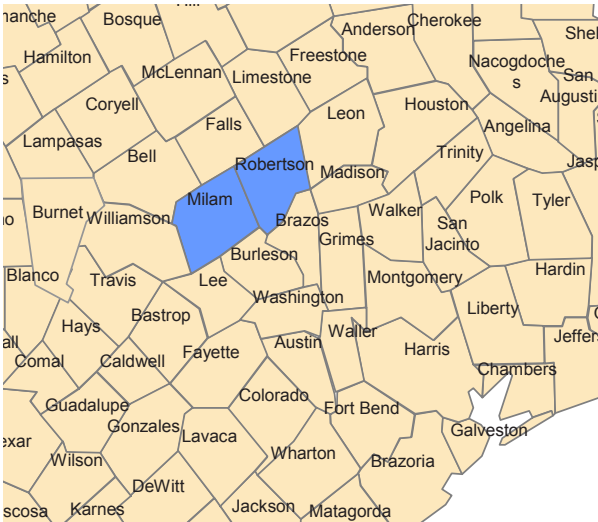


On May 12-13, more than seventeen inches of rain had fallen in the Brazos River Valley. The streams and rivers could no longer hold their banks and soon the small Robertson County town of Hearne near College Station was underwater.



People were caught in high water in their cars, at home, at school and out in the fields. Highways looked more like swiftly moving rivers. In Milam County, a 20-foot section of a farm-to-market road washed away. Several county roads were also badly damaged.

At the direction of the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM), Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) activated a Water Rescue Strike Team, consisting of four boat squads. The squads were deployed to the Robertson County area and performed rescues for the local incident commander. The teams rescued at least six people from houses, cars and treetops. Texas Military Forces also deployed HH-60 Blackhawk helicopters to the area in case rescue missions became necessary.



"The main thing is we did not lose a person...That, to me, is amazing."

Fred Elliott - Robertson County Judge

Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 30 personnel deployed for 3 days

Water Rescue Strike Team

- 4 water rescue squads (5 personnel per squad)

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

1 ESF-9 Liaison assigned at the Robertson County EOC

1 ESF-9 Liaison assigned at the Bryan DDC

