

TX-TF1 FORWARD DEPLOYS A TYPE I TO ATLANTA, GA

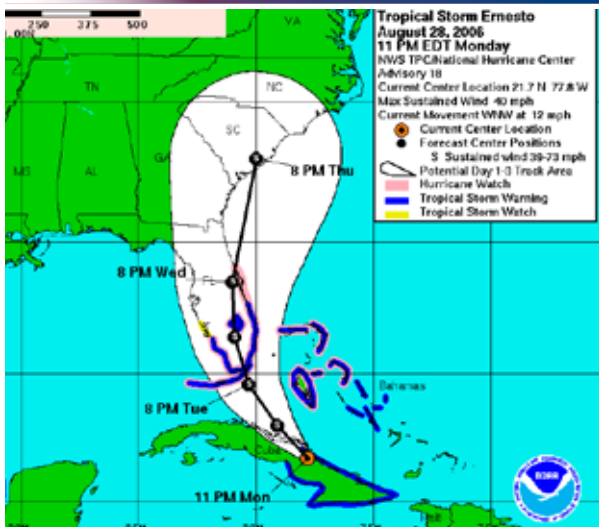


On August 28th, Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) was been deployed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in advance of Tropical Storm Ernesto's landfall in Florida later in the week.



TX-TF1 deployed from its College Station headquarters on Monday and tentatively pre-stage in Atlanta, GA. Members activated include an 80-member Type I urban search and rescue team, which is capable of responding to major disaster events, as well as additional incident support personnel. The inland location was selected to allow TX-TF1 to quickly respond to some of the hardest-hit areas along the Gulf Coast.

The initial damage reports were not as severe as originally predicted, and local authorities did not request assistance from any of the twelve FEMA search and rescue teams stationed along the Gulf Coast. As a result, on September 3rd, TX-TF1 received its demobilization orders from FEMA and returned to College Station.

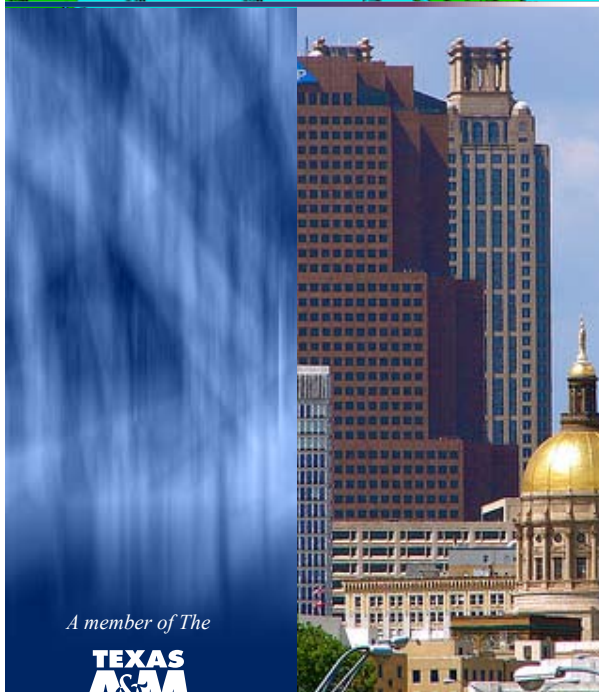


Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 80 personnel deployed for 7 days

Type 1 US&R Task Force

- 4 rescue squads
- 4 canine search teams
- 2 technical search teams
- 2 structural engineers
- 2 communications personnel and equipment
- 6 medical personnel and equipment
- 6 logistics personnel and equipment



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