

**TX-TF1 PERSONNEL DEPLOY TO SUPPORT GALVESTON AND CHAMBERS COUNTIES**



In the ongoing support of Hurricane Ike relief efforts, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM), working closely with county judges in the affected areas, requested assistance be provided by Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1). On the evening of October 1, 2008, GDEM directed TX-TF1 to assemble two Search Management Teams for deployment to Galveston and Chambers Counties.



Once deployed to Galveston and Chambers counties, the TX-TF1 Search Management Teams assisted and advised county officials over the next four days with search management operations. Search operations on the small island to the north of Bolivar Peninsula required the use of Texas Military Forces helicopters to reach the remote locations. Volunteer search teams and flankers utilized the helicopters and water rescue boats to move search teams back and forth between the various small islands north of Bolivar Peninsula. Assisting in the counties in the search operations were canine teams and personnel from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the Texas Parks and Wildlife Department, and the General Land Office. On the evening of October 5th, county officials released the Search Management Teams and assisting state agencies and all personnel departed the area.

**Deployment Statistics**

**• Incident involved 10 people deployed for 5 days**

**Search Management Team – Galveston County**

- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Search Team Manager
- 1 ESF-9 Air/Ground Coordination Liaison
- 1 Public Information Officer
- 2 Logistics Specialists

**Search Management Team – Chambers County**

- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Search Team Manager
- 2 Logistics Specialists

2 UH-60's from the Texas Military Forces were located at Ellington Air Field to provide search and rescue aviation assets.

ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment.

