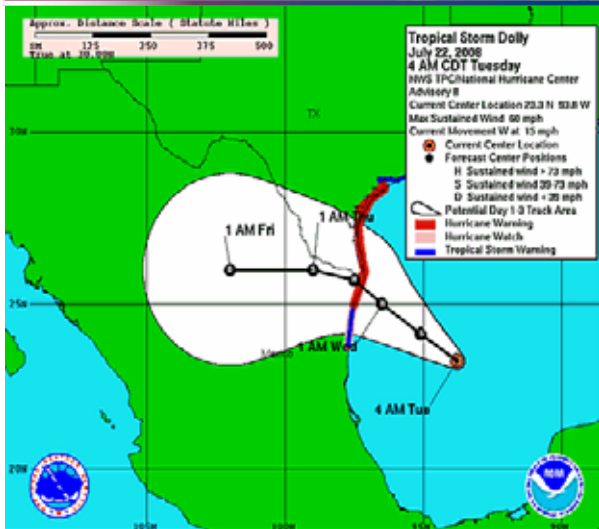


THREE FEMA US&R TEAMS ON STANDBY FOR HURRICANE DOLLY IN SAN ANTONIO



On July 21, in coordination with the State Operations Center in Austin, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) assembled a unified command structure for statewide search and rescue involving eight state agencies, three FEMA US&R teams and a FEMA Incident Support Team. While state search and rescue personnel and equipment were deployed to south Texas in preparation for Hurricane Dolly's potential landfall on the Texas coast, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) assets were requested to stage in San Antonio.

TEEX and TX-TF1 directed the FEMA Incident Support Team (IST) and three US&R teams to pre-stage in San Antonio and be prepared to support the Texas search and rescue efforts. The staged task forces were comprised of a Type I and two Type III teams.

TX-TF1 maintains one of three FEMA US&R Incident Support Team cache trailers for deployment throughout the United States upon activation by FEMA. The mobilization and use of FEMA IST cache provides a significant capability for disaster response and mitigation. The multi-disciplinary FEMA US&R task forces afford search, rescue, medical, and technical capabilities, and a wide variety of services for catastrophic events. TX-TF1 also provides personnel to staff the FEMA US&R IST for deployment throughout the United States upon activation by FEMA. Supporting the mobilization and deployment of the FEMA IST provides task force personnel an opportunity to train and practice command and planning functions at large scale incidents and improves the State's capability for disaster response and mitigation.

The IST cache maintained by TX-TF1 was mobilized and enroute to the San Antonio area within 2 hours of request by FEMA. The IST equipment cache is organized into functional kits and is available for dispatch with the IST. FEMA maintains these kits to support the IST with communications equipment (including telephones and radios), computers, printers, and administrative office supplies.

On the morning of July 25, after the threat of major flooding had subsided, and because no federal assets were required by the state of Texas, FEMA demobilized all federal task forces and IST personnel stationed in San Antonio.

Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 3 personnel deployed for 5 days

FEMA Incident Support Team Equipment Cache

- 1 eighteen-wheel cargo truck
- 2 IST cache support personnel and truck drivers
- 1 IST Structural Specialist

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

