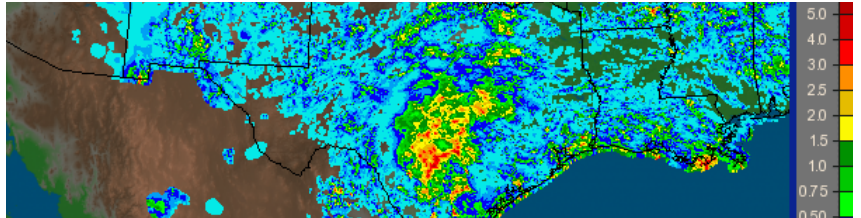


**SEVERE WEATHER AND HEAVY RAIN PREDICTED ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS**



On September 11th, 2009, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) was activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to prepare for severe weather and heavy rains across central Texas.



The task force mobilized and pre-staged eight Helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) Technicians in Austin and San Antonio. TX-TF1 also mobilized a Helicopter SAR Manager, staged in Austin, to provide command and control. The SAR Technicians and Manager were on station and ready for deployment from Austin and San Antonio starting the morning of September 12th.

The National Weather Service (NWS) predicted severe weather and heavy rain activity along the Interstate 35 corridor from San Antonio to Waco, moving eastward through the afternoon of the September 12 and continuing into the evening of September 13.

On the morning of September 14, after the threat of flooding across Texas had subsided, TDEM released all TX-TF1 personnel from standby status.

**Deployment Statistics**

- Incident involved 9 personnel deployed for 3 days
  - 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters staged in Austin
  - 4 TX-TF1 Helicopter SAR Technicians staged in Austin
  - 1 TX-TF1 Helicopter SAR Manager staged in Austin
- 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters staged in San Antonio
- 4 TX-TF1 Helicopter SAR Technicians staged in San Antonio
- ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment

