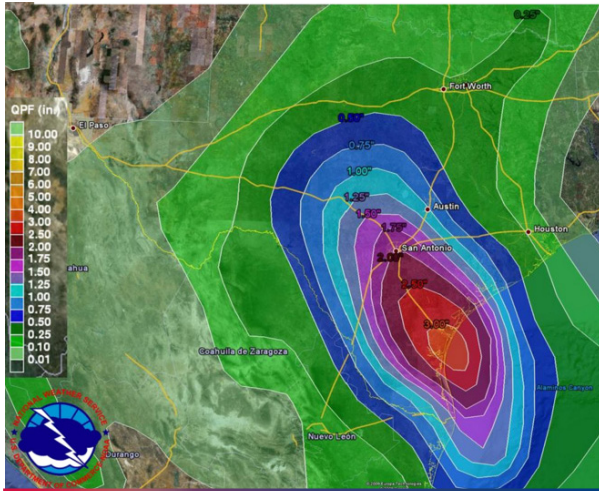


SEVERE WEATHER AND HEAVY RAIN PREDICTED ACROSS CENTRAL TEXAS



At approximately 1030 a.m. on January 13, 2010, 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 National Weather Service (NWS) predicted severe weather and heavy rain activity along the Interstate 37 corridor from San Antonio to Corpus Christi, moving eastward through the afternoon of the January 14 and continuing into the morning of January 16.



The Task Force mobilized and pre-staged eight Helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) Technicians in Austin and San Antonio. TX-TF1 also mobilized two Helicopter SAR managers who were staged in Austin and San Antonio to provide command and control. Additionally, the Task Force mobilized eight water rescue teams across the state, with four in San Antonio, two in Austin, and two in College Station. The SAR personnel and water rescue teams were on standby and ready for deployment from Austin, San Antonio, and College Station.

On the afternoon of January 16, after the threat of flooding across Texas had subsided, TDEM released all TX-TF1 personnel from standby status.



Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 58 personnel deployed for 3 days

- 8 Water Rescue Teams
 - 2 Teams and 1 rescue manager staged in the Austin area
 - 4 Teams and 1 rescue manager staged in the San Antonio area
 - 2 Teams and 1 rescue manager staged in the College Station area
- 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
 - 1 TX-TF1 helicopter SAR manager staged in San Antonio
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned to the State Operations Center
- ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment

