

TEXAS TASK FORCE 1  
 PRE-STAGED US&R RESOURCE

TX-TF1 and White IST Requested for Tropical Storm Isaac



Tropical Storm Isaac originated off the coast of Africa on August 16, 2012. By the time it made landfall in southeastern Louisiana on August 28, it was a Category 1 Hurricane with 80 miles per hour winds and a 200 mile wide rain bands.

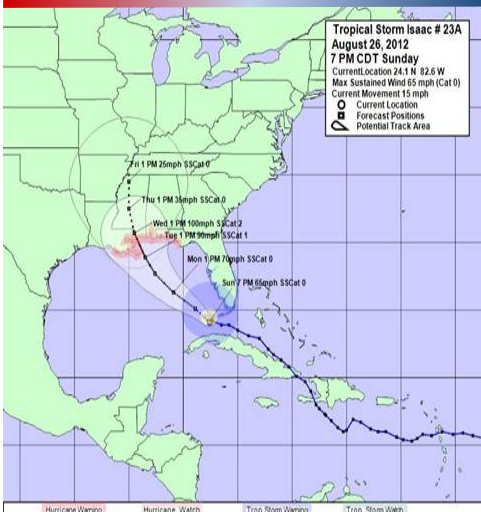


In preparation for the hurricane, FEMA activated the White Incident Support Team (IST) as well as Texas Task Force One's type-I urban search and rescue team on August 27. The 70 person type-I structural task Force and 4 IST personnel arrived August 28 before landfall of Hurricane Isaac.



The teams staged in Alexandria, Louisiana at the US Army's Camp Beauregard, which was prepared as a federal asset staging location. Ultimately, neither team was utilized as the state of Louisiana was able to meet all the needs of affected jurisdictions.

The type-I team and the White IST were both deactivated on August 31, at 1100 hours. This activation was unique in that it was the first deployment of the FEMA Water Rescue Specialist and FEMA Water Rescue boats within the National USAR System.



Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 84 personnel deployed for 5 days
  - Included 1 70 person Type I Team
  - Included 4 IST Personnel

