

**TX-TF1 Personnel Deploy as part of the Red IST after Hurricane Sandy**



Hurricane Sandy made landfall on the Atlantic Coast on October 29, 2012, the largest hurricane on record to form in the North Atlantic with a gale diameter of 1,100 miles, and the second most damaging hurricane in history, second only to Hurricane Katrina. The entire East Coast from Maine to Florida was effected.



In preparation for Hurricane Sandy, FEMA activated the Red Incident Support Team (IST), with White IST merged in, the Central IST Cache, and the following task forces: IN-TF1, MD-TF1, MO-TF1, OH-TF1, TN-TF1, VA-TF1, VA-TF2, and PA-TF1. The IST was stationed in Herndon, VA, while the task forces were positioned across the East Coast. In addition, an additional 6 task forces were placed on alert for potential activation.



Though TX-TF1 was not activated, a total of 6 TX-TF1 personnel as part of the Red IST and the Central IST Cache were activated in support of the wide-spread search mission.

The TX-TF1 personnel played critical roles in the support of the IST, from Deputy IST Leader and Deputy Medical Officer to US&R Specialist and IST Cache Support. The Deputy IST Leader was in a prime leadership role for directing the eight FEMA US&R teams in search and rescue operations, while working closely with the local affected jurisdictions across three states. The IST Cache Support personnel helped provide logistical support and much needed supplies to the large number of US&R teams spread out over a large area. Providing them with fuel, water, food, generators, and communications gear, to help keep the US&R teams up and operational.



All of the task forces, except PA-TF1 were demobilized on November 6. Finally on November 9, PA-TF1, the Red IST, and the Central IST Cache were demobilized.

**Deployment Statistics :**

- 6 IST personnel deployed for 12 days
- Central IST Cache deployed

