

**TX-TF1 Requested for Water Rescue Operations in Austin / Travis County**



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<http://www.breakingnews.com/topic/austin-area-flooding-sept-18-2014/>

On September 18, 2014, the Austin/ Travis County area received heavy rainfall in the early morning causing parts of the city to be underwater. The area received between 5 to 7 inches of rain in only a matter of hours causing about 2,500 residents to be without power by 0830 hours and a number of low road crossing going under water.



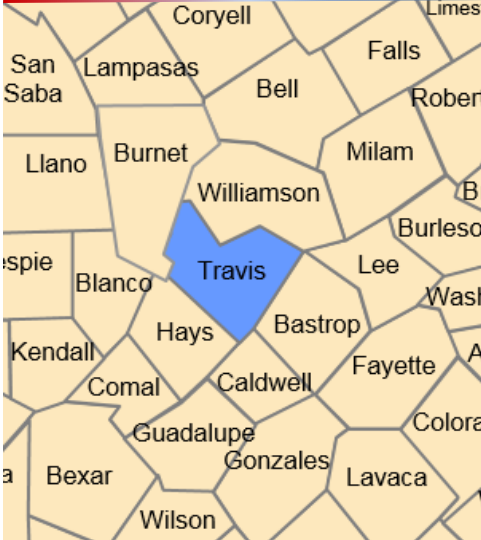
Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) received activation orders from the Texas Division of Emergency Management to provide assistance to local agencies in response to the flooding. A total of 5 Water Rescue Squads were deployed to the City of Austin and the surrounding Travis County. The squads consisted of one squad from Washington County EMS, two squads from San Antonio FD, one squad from Fort Worth FD, and one squad from STRAC.

TX-TF1 conducted reconnaissance of low laying areas where there was a potential for flooding and coordinated requests of assistance with local responders. In the end TX-TF1 resources were not used by the locals but the squads were available should local responders have needed support or assistance in protecting the residents of the City of Austin and Travis County.

TX-TF1 was demobilized on September 19, with the threat of heavy rains and flash flooding having passed out of the region.



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**Deployment Statistics**

- **Incident involved 5 water rescue squads with 29 people deployed for 2 days**
  - 1 squad from Washington Count EMS
  - 1 squad from Fort Worth
  - 2 squads from San Antonio FD
  - 1 squad from STRAC

