The month of May 2015 would become the wettest month on record for the state of Texas, causing floods in many areas across the state. As a result, the Texas Division Of Emergency Management (TDEM) activated the State Operation Center (SOC) on May 8, 2015 and began to contact state response partners for activation.

TX-TF1 received the request for four Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX) Agency Representatives to the SOC, as well as Texas Military Department (TMD) helicopters and TX-TF1 Helicopter Search and Rescue Team (HSART) swimmers. As the severity of the situation increased, so did the amount of required resources. Through the entire deployment the SOC activated a total of 249 TX-TF1 personnel which included a Type-I Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) team, a Type-III US&R team, the Region 3 Search & Rescue (SAR) Team, 13 water rescue squads, 18 HSARTs, 7 liaisons, the Joint Air Ground Coordination Team (JAGCT), and TX-TF1’s SAR Overhead Team in response to some of the worst weather the state had seen in two decades.

Each resource played a different part in the overall picture. The Type-III US&R team was alerted for possible tornadoes and staged in College Station until the devastating rains and floods of Memorial Day weekend. The Type-1 US&R team deployed to Wimberley, Texas after heavy rainfall in order to aid in the search for missing people. The Region 3 SAR team also aided in this effort, making it the first deployment for this team. The 13 water rescue squads and 18 HSARTs were strategically staged around the state and were constantly relocating to jurisdictions to provide aid to areas experiencing flooding. The 7 liaisons worked in the SOC and in local EOCs to coordinate and fill requests from the State. The JAGCT and TX-TF1’s SAR Overhead Team operated from TX-TF1’s headquarters, coordinating operations throughout the entire state.

All teams demobilized by June 5, 2015, making this the longest deployment in the history of the task force.

Deployment Statistics
- Longest Deployment since inception with a total of 29 days
- 1st deployment for the Region 3 SAR team
- Teams Completed:
  - Rescued: 96 people and 5 pets
  - Evacuated: 70 people and 17 pets
  - Welfare Checks or Shelter in Place: 123 people