

TEXAS TASK FORCE 1

ACTIVATES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER ACROSS THE STATE

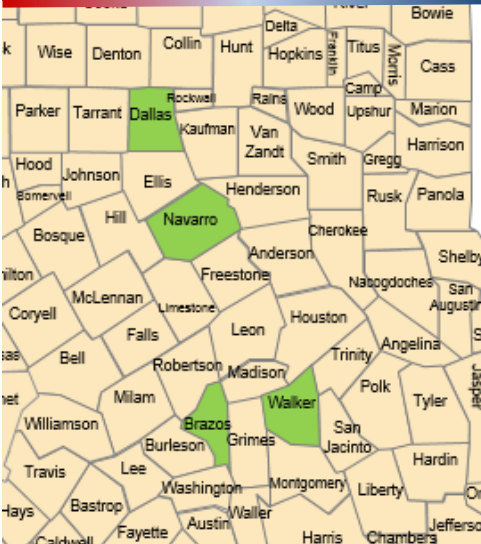
TX-TF1 Requested for the 3<sup>rd</sup> time in 3 Weeks for Severe Weather in Texas



Beginning the morning of Thursday, November 5, 2015, the State of Texas began experiencing severe weather and flooding conditions for the third time in less than 3 weeks. Because the ground was already oversaturated from the rainfall in the previous weeks, even the low amounts of rain that the National Weather Service was predicting had the potential to cause severe flooding; therefore, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) activated The State Operations Center (SOC) and began to contact state response partners.



Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) activated 1 water rescue manager, 2 water rescue squads, and 3 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART). These personnel were mobilized to Austin, College Station, Corsicana, and Grand Prairie in order to quickly respond to any calls. Additionally, TDEM activated High Profile Vehicles (HPV's) from Texas Military Department (TMD) that are capable of reaching flooded locations and stranded residents. During a deployment, these HPVs work closely with TX-TF1 water squads and helped reach people in need, and also carried a large number of people out of harm's way.



On November 6, 2015, just after midnight, the water rescue squads in Corsicana and Navarro County made 3 rescue calls and were involved in the rescue of 2 individuals. These TX-TF1 water units worked closely with their TMD response partners in reaching the individuals stuck on IH-45, and in surveying neighborhoods that are affected by flooding.

On the afternoon of November 6<sup>th</sup> the National Weather Service indicated that the severe weather threat to the State of Texas had passed, and the SOC issued orders for the TX-TF1 resources to demobilize and return to their home stations. In all TX-TF1 assets working with TMD units made 2 rescues as a result of flooding.

Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 2 water rescue squads, 1 water team manager, and 3 HSART with a total of 17 people deployed for 2 days
- Teams Completed:
  - 2 rescues
  - Surveying of neighborhoods



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