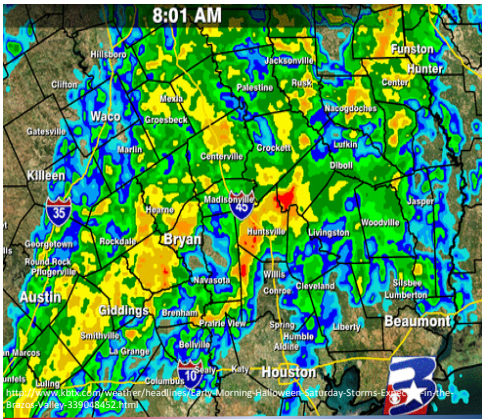


TEXAS TASK FORCE 1

ACTIVATES DUE TO SEVERE WEATHER ACROSS THE STATE

TX-TF1 Requested for the second weekend in a row for severe weather in Texas



Beginning the morning of Friday, October 30, 2015, the State of Texas began experiencing severe weather and flooding conditions for the second weekend in a row. As a result, the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) activated The State Operations Center (SOC) and began to contact state response partners.

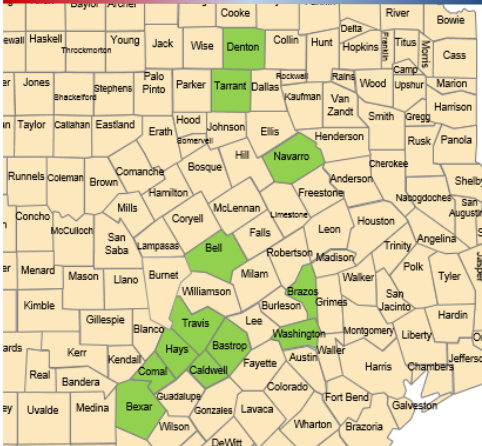


Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) activated a total of 6 water rescue squads, 2 water rescue managers, and 6 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART) in order to respond to the severe rain and flooding across the state. These squads and HSART personnel were mobilized across the state in the following locations: Corsicana, College Station, Austin, Wimberley, San Marcos, and Martindale. In addition, a Type-I Urban Search & Rescue (US&R) team was placed on alert in response to confirmed reports of tornado touchdowns. Ultimately, the Type-I US&R team was not activated.



During this event, HSART personnel found themselves extremely busy as they evacuated 32 people and 10 dogs and hoist rescued 11 people. Partners during these missions included the Texas Military Department, the Texas Parks & Wildlife Department, and the Texas Department of Public Safety.

On the evening of Saturday, October 31, 2015, the National Weather Service determined that the threat to Texas had passed. TX-TF1 began the demobilization process, with all units returning to home station by 2100 hours Saturday night. This completed the 85th water-related deployment by TX-TF1, with 43 members deployed for two days.



Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 6 water rescue squads, 2 water team managers, and 6 HSART with a total of 43 people deployed for 2 days
- Teams Completed:
  - 11 hoist rescues
  - 32 evacuations
  - 10 dogs evacuated



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