TEXAS A&M ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE
TEXAS TASK FORCE 1
DEPLOYS ACROSS TEXAS

April 16-30, 2016

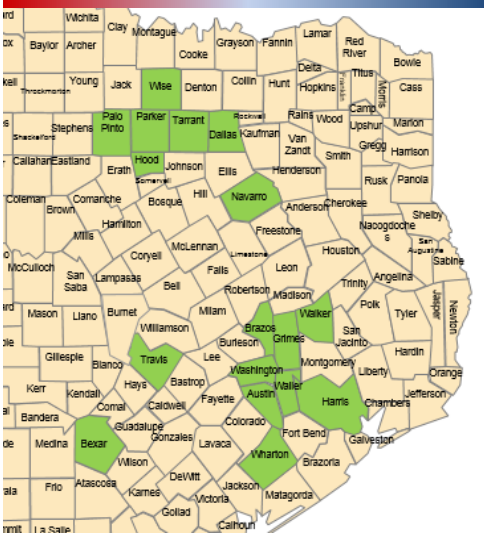
TX-TF1 Requested to Assist After Severe Weather Hit the State

On April 16, the State of Texas began experiencing heavy rain over Central and North Texas. With the soil already saturated and many Texas river basins still near full from March's rainstorms, the Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM) activated TX-TF1 in preparation for flooding conditions across the state.

This deployment occurred in 3 parts, with the first part occurring from April 16 to April 23. During this times, TX-TF1 activated a total of 12 Water Rescue Squads, a Type-IV US&R team (water capable) Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) team, 11 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians (HSARTs), a Search and Rescue (SAR) Overhead team which included components of a Joint Air Ground Coordination Team (JAGCT), and 5 ESF-9 Liaisons. As the rain dissipated, TX-TF1 resources were stood down. This deployment was the first time the US&R Type-IV team had been deployed.

The second part of the deployment occurred from April 26 to April 27 as severe weather affected North Texas. This part of the deployment included the activation of a Type-I US&R team with resources being demobilized on April 27 after no requests for assistance were made.

The third and final part of the deployment occurred from April 29 to April 30 as the National Weather Service predicted another round of rainstorms. This final deployment lasted 2 days and included activation of 4 Water Rescue Squads and 1 Water Rescue Manager.



Deployment Statistics

- Lasted a total of 15 days
- 199 personnel activated which included:
  - 16 Water Rescue Squads
  - 3 Water Rescue Managers
  - 11 HSARTS
  - 1 SAR Overhead Team
  - 5 ESF-9 Liaisons
  - Type-I US&R team
  - Type-IV US&R team
- Teams Completed:
  - 27 Rescues
  - 5 Assists
  - 453 Evacuations
  - 253 Shelter-in-place

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