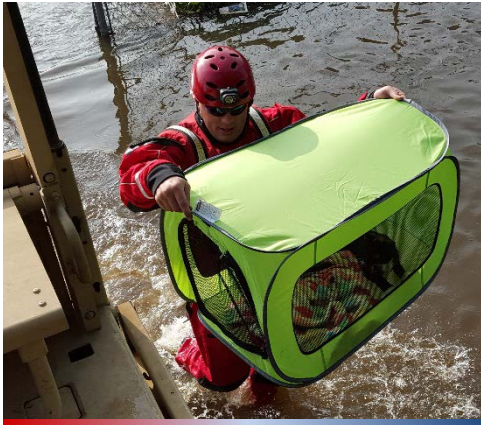


TEXAS TASK FORCE 1
 DEPLOYS TO EAST TEXAS

TX-TF1 Requested to Assist with Search and Rescue Efforts for Record Breaking Flood Event



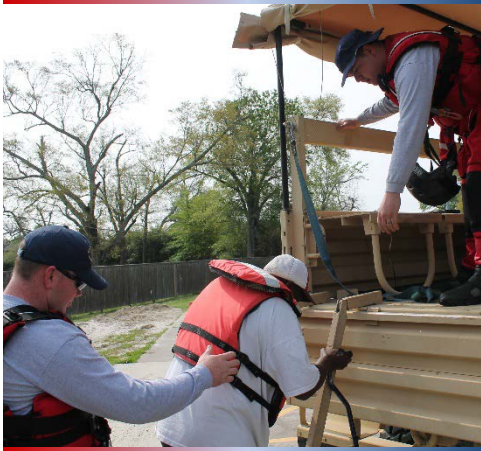
On March 8, the State of Texas began experiencing heavy rain over East and North Texas. While the rain quickly moved out of the area, a large amount of rain fell in river water sheds resulting in slow, sustained, and history river and community flooding. The severe flooding resulted in voluntary evacuations in Jasper County and mandatory evacuations in Orange and Newton Counties.



As a result of the major flooding conditions, TX-TF1 activated 9 water rescue squads, 3 water rescue managers, 7 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians (HSARTS), a Search and Rescue Overhead team, and 5 Emergency Support Function 9 (ESF-9) liaisons. The teams worked tirelessly to assist with water rescues and evacuations in communities affected by the historic flooding along the Sabine River.

In addition, TX-TF1 put a Type-III Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) team and a Type-I US&R team on alert, in response to the threat of tornado/severe weather in East and North Texas. In the end, neither were needed and they were stood down.

In total, water rescue squads completed 15 rescues, 12 assists, 200 evacuations, and 165 Shelter-in-place checks. Additionally, a large number of rescues and evacuations of pets and livestock were also completed.



Deployment Statistics

- Lasted a total of 12 days
- 85 personnel activated which included:
 - 9 Water Rescue Squads
 - 3 Water Rescue Managers
 - 7 HSARTS
 - 3 UH-60s Blackhawks
 - 2 LUH-72 Lakotas
 - 1 SAR Overhead Team
 - 5 ESF-9 Liaisons
- Teams Completed:
 - 15 Rescues
 - 12 Assists
 - 200 Evacuations
 - 165 Shelter-in-place



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