1.00 PURPOSE

1.01 To identify the Task Force organizational structure to include responsibilities, direction, communications, and solving work-related problems.

2.00 OBJECTIVE

2.01 The Task Force chain of command provides direction in the assignment of duties.

2.02 All members of the Task Force chain of command know their specific duties.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

3.01 Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA): As part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FEMA coordinates ESF9 (Urban Search and Rescue) at the federal level.

3.02 Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX): As part of the Texas A&M University System, it is the primary sponsoring agency for Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1).

3.03 Texas A&M University System: A system of higher education which includes 11 universities, 7 state agencies, and 2 service units.

3.04 Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM): As part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, TDEM coordinates the state emergency management program. TDEM coordinates with TX-TF1 during state emergencies.

3.05 Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1): As the primary Urban Search and Rescue Team in the state of Texas, Texas Task Force One is made up of around 600 members trained to rescue in emergency situations in specialties ranging from logistics specialists to water rescue specialist.
3.06 **Texas Task Force One Administration:** The administration of TX-TF1 is responsible for the day to day operations of the Task Force. They assist TX-TF1 in their mission of coordinating and providing structural collapse, wide area, flood, and swiftwater search and rescue capabilities to help save lives and reduce suffering in the state of Texas and/or nationwide.

### 4.00 GENERAL GUIDELINES

4.01 The following graphic describes the organizational structure between the primary participating agencies with TX-TF1 as defined above in definitions.
4.02 The following graphics describe the organizational structure for the different TX-TF1 Teams

**FEMA Type 1**
FEMA Type 3

TX-TF1
FEMA TYPE 3
ORG CHART

[Diagram of organizational chart]

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Water Squads

TX-TF1
WATER
ORG CHART

State of Texas
ESP 4 Chief
Operations Chief
Water Branch
Water Rescue Manager
Logs

Water Squad #1
Water Squad #2
Water Squad #3
Water Squad #4
Water Squad #5
Water Squad #6
Water Squad #7
Water Squad #8
Water Squad #9
Water Squad #10

Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader
Water Rescue Squad Leader

Boat Operator
Boat Operator
Boat Operator
Boat Operator
Boat Operator
Boat Operator
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Bowman
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