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TROPICAL STORM FRANCES

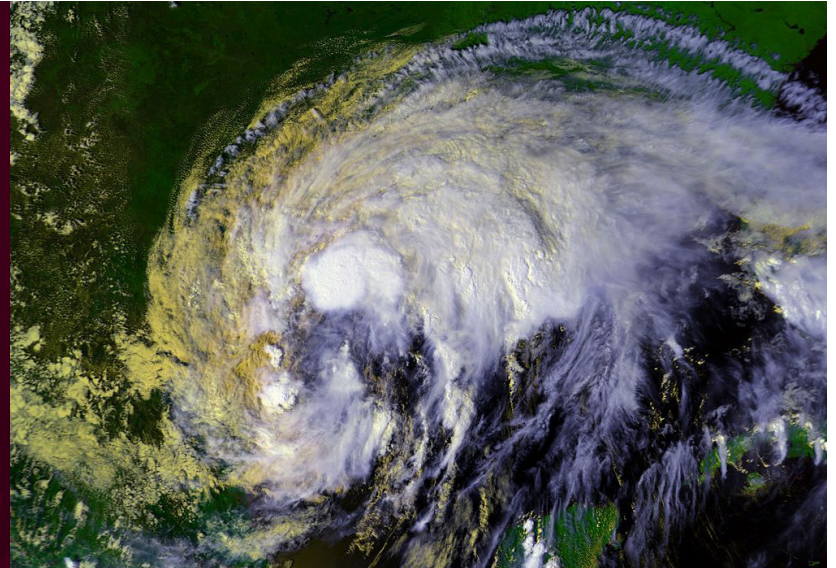
Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 4 days

70 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- Type-I US&R Task Force

Type - **TROPICAL STORM**

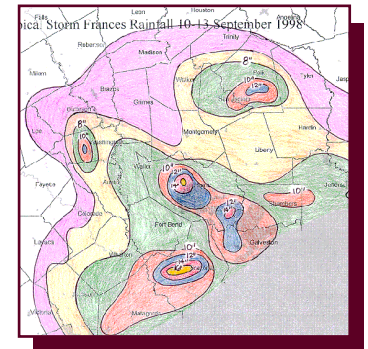
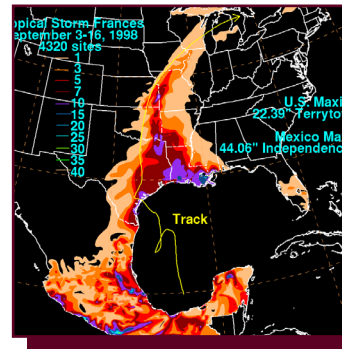
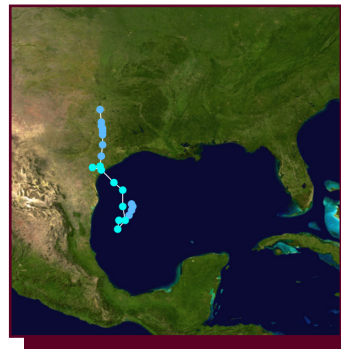


On September 9, 1998, TX-TF1 was activated to prepare for a Texas landfall of Tropical Storm Frances. The task force mobilized and staged at the Brayton Fire Training Field in College Station, TX. On the afternoon of September 11, Frances made landfall north of Corpus Christi as a moderately strong tropical storm. It weakened to a tropical depression as it travelled north, eventually dissipating north of Dallas.

Upon making landfall, Frances was a relatively large storm with tropical storm force winds extending 300 nautical miles from the center of circulation. Frances brought an 8 foot storm surge, and as it moved slowly inland, it produced torrential rains, with around 17 inches reported in Matagorda County and around 10 inches in other surrounding areas. The heavy rainfall caused large amounts of flood damage in Southeast Texas. In total, around 1,400 homes and business in and around the Houston area were damaged or destroyed by the flooding. The flooding caused around \$500 million worth of damage in Louisiana and Texas.

Though Tropical Storm Frances caused a lot of flooding, there was no structural collapse caused by the storm. TX-TF1 demobilized on September 12 since there were no calls for assistance from local officials.

Tropical Storm Frances causes flooding in Southeast Texas



September 9-12