

On July 9, 2005, at the request of FEMA, TX-TF1 deployed a Type-III US&R Task Force to Mississippi in advance of Hurricane Dennis' landfall along the Eastern Gulf Coast.

TX-TF1 departed College Station at 9:45 a.m. on July 9, and arrived in Meridian, Mississippi, that evening, where they staged in advance of the Hurricane's landfall. The inland location was selected to allow TX-TF1 to quickly respond to some of the hardest-hit areas along the Gulf Coast. In addition to TX-TF1, TN-TF1 and Missouri Task Force 1 (MO-TF1) were also activated and staged in Mississippi to assist with response to the Hurricane.

Although Hurricane Dennis made landfall on July 10 as a Category 3 Hurricane in Florida, approximately 30 miles to the east of where Hurricane Ivan made landfall 10 months before, Hurricane Dennis was much faster moving and smaller, causing significantly less damage than Hurricane Ivan.

Damage reports were not as severe as originally predicted, and local authorities did not request assistance from the 3 FEMA US&R teams stationed along the Gulf Coast. As a result, at 1:00 p.m. on July 11, TX-TF1 was demobilized and returned back to College Station.







