

2008

GALVESTON AND CHAMBERS COUNTY SEARCH

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 5 days

10 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 2 Search Management Teams
- 1 Team Leader
- 1 Search Team Manager
- 2 Logistics Specialists
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator
- 1 Public Information Officer

Type - **HURRICANE**



More than two weeks after Hurricane Ike made landfall on the northern end of Galveston Island, Texas, search and recovery efforts were still occurring. GDEM worked closely throughout the incident with county judges in the affected area to provide the necessary support. As such, on the evening of October 1, 2008, GDEM activated 2 Search Management Teams from TX-TF1 and deployed them to Galveston and Chambers Counties to assist the local jurisdictions.

Once the Search Management Teams arrived in their respected counties, they assisted and advised county officials with search management operations.

The search on Galveston Island required the use of TXMF helicopters to reach the remote location of the small island to the north of Bolivar Peninsula. Volunteer search teams and flankers utilized the helicopters and water rescue boats to move search teams back and forth between the various small islands north of Bolivar Peninsula. Additionally, canine teams and personnel from the Texas Department of Criminal Justice, the TPWD, and GLO assisted in the search operations.

TX-TF1 teams helped in providing closure to the families of those killed by Hurricane Ike. Though not all of the missing were found, TX-TF1 teams, along with all assisting state agencies and personnel were released by county officials and departed the area on October 5.

