On October 15, 2008, in preparation for Hurricane Omar, FEMA activated and forward deployed 3 FEMA US&R Task Forces. In order to support this deployment, FEMA also activated a FEMA US&R IST and requested that TX-TF1 personnel assist with staffing. One member of TX-TF1 was requested by FEMA to forward deploy with the IST which was staged in Miami, Florida. The IST established a base camp in Miami and began planning operations for the FEMA US&R Task Forces en route to the area.

Early on October 16, Hurricane Omar developed into a strong hurricane which took an unusual southwest to northeast track through the eastern Caribbean Sea no longer posing a threat the continental United States. As a result, on October 16, FEMA demobilized all IST personnel and task forces.