

On March 17, 2008, TX-TF1 was activated by GDEM to prepare for severe weather and possible tornados across central Texas. The task force mobilized and staged a Type-I US&R Task Force at the TX-TF1 College Station headquarters. TX-TF1 also mobilized and staged 6 Water Rescue Squads in their respective home jurisdictions, and 2 ESF-9 Coordinators.

The NWS predicted severe weather and possible tornado activity along the Interstate 35 corridor from Laredo to the Oklahoma border, moving eastward through the afternoon of March 18.

On the morning of March 19, after the threat of tornados or flooding across Texas had subsided, GDEM released all TX-TF1 personnel from standby allowing them to demobilize.

Though no calls for assistance were completed, this event is a reminder how quickly severe weather can develop as well as how rapidly it can subside.







