On January 17, 2009, in preparations for the 44th Presidential Inauguration, FEMA placed a FEMA US&R Task Force on standby near the Washington D.C. area. In order to support the task force in the event of a deployment, FEMA also activated a FEMA US&R IST and requested that TX-TF1 personnel assist with staffing. As a result, 1 member of TX-TF1 forward deployed with the FEMA IST based near Washington D.C.

DHS officially declared the 2009 Presidential Inauguration a NSSE. As such, the United States Secret Service was charged with employing and coordinating all federal and local agencies, including the various bureaus of DHS, the FBI, and the Washington D.C. Police Department to secure the venue from terrorist attacks. An estimated 1.8 million people attended the inauguration ceremony at the National Mall.

As part of the force protection, the city of Washington D.C. employed 8,000 additional police officers for the inauguration along with 1,000 FBI agents to provide security for the event. Ten thousand National Guard troops were also on site, including the 153rd Military Police Company of the Delaware National Guard with 5,000 troops providing security duty in a ceremonial capacity and 1,300 unarmed troops aiding Park Police in crowd control at the National Mall.

Fortunately, no major events occurred and the task force personnel demobilized and returned home on January 22.