

Tropical Storm Isaac originated off the coast of Africa on August 16, 2012. By the time it made landfall in southeastern Louisiana on August 28, it was a Category 1 Hurricane with 80 miles per hour winds and a 200 mile wide rain bands. In preparation for the hurricane, FEMA activated the FEMA US&R White IST as well as a TX-TF1 Type-I US&R Task Force on August 27. The 70 person Type-I Task Force and 4 IST personnel arrived August 28 before landfall of Hurricane Isaac.

The teams staged in Alexandria, Louisiana, at the US Army's Camp Beauregard, which was prepared as a federal asset staging location. Ultimately, neither team was utilized as the State of Louisiana was able to meet all the needs of affected jurisdictions.

The Type-I US&R Task Force and the White IST were both deactivated on August 31, at 11:00 a.m. This activation was unique in that it was the first deployment of the FEMA Water Rescue Specialist and FEMA Water Rescue boats within the National US&R System.









