Deployment Statistics
Lasted a total of 2 days

17 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:
• 2 Water Rescue Squads
• 1 Water Rescue Managers
• 3 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians

Teams completed:
• 2 Rescues
• Surveying of neighborhoods

Type - RAIN

Beginning the morning of Thursday, November 5, 2015, the State of Texas began experiencing severe weather and flooding conditions for the third time in less than 3 weeks. Because the ground was already oversaturated from the rainfall in the previous weeks, even the low amounts of rain that the NWS was predicting had the potential to cause severe flooding; therefore, TDEM activated TX-TF1.

TX-TF1 activated 2 Water Rescue Squads, 1 Water Rescue Manager, and 3 HSARTS. These personnel were positioned in Austin, College Station, Corsicana, and Grand Prairie in order to quickly respond to any calls. Additionally, TDEM activated High Profile Vehicles (HPV’s) from TMD that are capable of reaching flooded locations and stranded residents. During deployments, these HPVs work closely with TX-TF1 Water Rescue Squads and help reach people in need, and provide the capability to carry a large number of people out of harm's way.

On November 6, just after 12 a.m., the Water Rescue Squads in Corsicana and Navarro County made 3 rescue calls and were involved in the rescue of 2 individuals. These TX-TF1 water units worked closely with their TMD response partners to not only reach individuals stuck on IH-45, but also in surveying neighborhoods that were affected by flooding and relaying that information back to the incident commander.

On the afternoon of November 6, the NWS indicated that the severe weather threat to the State of Texas had passed, and the SOC issued orders for the TX-TF1 resources to demobilize and return to their home stations.