Beginning on August 20, 2016, a line of thunderstorms moved its way through West, Central, and North Texas, dropping as much as 10” of rain in 24 hours causing immediate flash flooding. As a result, at the request of TDEM, TX-TF1 activated 6 Water Rescue Squads, 2 Water Rescue Managers, and 1 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technician to assist jurisdictions impacted by the heavy rain.

During this deployment, TX-TF1 resources responded to multiple calls of assistance and completed 3 rescues in support of local jurisdictions. The deployment lasted a total of 2 days, with all resources demobilizing on August 21, 2016, as the threat of rain and severe weather passed.

This event was a reminder of how flash flooding events can occur with little to no warning and dissipate just as quickly. As always, TX-TF1 resources worked to ensure the safety of all residents by being ready to respond at a moment's notice in support of the State of Texas.