

Throughout the month of April, the State of Texas experienced above-average rainfall resulting in significant ground saturation and many river and stream systems near flood stage. This environment created conditions for flash flooding and quick river level rise for Central, North, and East Texas.

Beginning the week of May 15, 2016, South and East Texas began experiencing heavy rain from a slow moving low pressure system. As the rain continued through the week, the NWS issued Flash Flood Watches and Warning for Brazos and Victoria Counties.

On May 19, at the request of TDEM, TX-TF1 activated at total of 3 Water Rescue Squads and positioned 2 Water Rescue Squads in College Station and 1 Water Rescue Squad in Victoria.

In the end, TX-TF1 resources received no requests for assistance and conducted no support missions. As the weather system moved out of the area the flash flood threat diminished, and TX-TF1 resources were demobilized on May 20.

This event was a reminder of how flash flooding events can occur with little warning. As always, TX-TF1 was ready to respond at a moment's notice in support of the State of Texas.







