Starting on May 26, 2016, a severe weather system moved over the State of Texas dropping as much as 18” of rainfall in 6 hours in some locations. The heavy rain resulted in deadly flash flooding and historic river flooding across the State, with several counties experiencing 100-year floods.

As a result of the river and flash flooding, TX-TF1 was activated by TDEM to respond to numerous counties requesting state resources. TX-TF1 assisted with water rescues in Central, North, and Southeast Texas, as flash flooding occurred with little notice. Meanwhile, other TX-TF1 resources supported a large number of evacuations in counties experiencing ‘flood of record’ conditions along the San Jacinto and Brazos Rivers. TX-TF1 resources were supported by state response partners TMD, TPWD, and TFS during these operations.

On June 2, a heavy rain storm produced flash flooding on the US Army Fort Hood base, where a vehicle carrying troops that were training was washed away. TX-TF1 responded to support the US Army and Fort Hood responders in the search for those missing troops.

In all, TX-TF1 resources provided much needed assistance to Texas, helping 19 counties and countless cities and jurisdictions with rescues, evacuations, and shelter-in-place welfare checks. Additionally, TX-TF1 and TMD helped with the rescue and evacuation of a large number of animals, pets, and livestock.