

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 17 days

209 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 30 Water Rescue Squads
- 8 Water Rescue Supervisors
- 2 Search Mission Ready Packages
- 19 Helicopter Search and Rescue Teams

Teams completed:

- 10 Rescues
- 25 Evacuations +3 Animals
- 105 Shelter-in-Place + 6 Animals

Type - **RAIN**



On Oct. 16, 2018, Texas A&M Task Force 1 deployed Water Rescue Squads in response to torrential rains and historic flooding of rivers across much of Texas. At the request of the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM), TX-TF1 deployed Water Rescue Squads and Water Group Supervisors to the following communities along the Llano River and Highland Lakes: Junction, Kingsland and Mason. Water Rescue Squads were also positioned in communities along the San Saba, Brazos, Colorado and Trinity Rivers, which were also experiencing moderate to major flood conditions.

In addition, 19 TX-TF1 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians (HSART) were operating from Texas Military Department Blackhawk and Lakota helicopters to provide hoist-rescue capabilities in the affected areas.

TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 each deployed a Search Mission Ready Package to support search operations for the missing person in the Junction Area, along the Llano River.

As severe weather moved south and river levels decreased in North, Central, East and West Texas, 5 water rescue squads and 2 HSART members were repositioned to South Texas in response to river and flash flooding in areas near the Rio Grande, Guadalupe and Nueces Rivers. Additional resources were staged in Hidalgo, Cameron and Victoria Counties in South Texas as Pacific Tropical Storms Vicente and Willa tracked toward Texas.

TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 teams demobilized on Oct. 25, and returned to their home stations.

