

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 17 days

28 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 4 Swiftwater Rescue Squads

Teams completed:

- 67 Rescues
- 138 Evacuations
- 159 Sheltered-in-Place Welfare Checks

Type – **RAIN**



On June 28, 2024, the State of New Mexico requested Swiftwater Rescue Teams from the state of Texas due to flooding in areas that were burnt by the recent wildfires in Ruidoso and Las Vegas, New Mexico. Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) activated 4 Type 3 Swiftwater Rescue Squads to respond. The Squads headed to New Mexico early on June 29, 2024, and WS-El Paso quickly saw some action responding to rescue 2 Adults and 1 Dog who were swept away by the waters.

On June 30, 2024, the teams had a busy day beginning with the evacuation of the Twin Spruce RV Park in Ruidoso in the early afternoon, where many residents and their pets needed to be moved to higher ground. Later they assisted in the rescue of a Tennessee Task Force 1 member, and rescued a semi-truck driver who was stranded on a highway. Over the next 4 days the teams monitored weather conditions, completed reconnaissance missions, and participated in a joint water training with the other Task Forces present from Arkansas and Tennessee.

On July 5, 2024, 2 of the Water Squads headed back to Texas to respond to the approaching storm- Hurricane Beryl. The remaining squads maintained situational awareness and remained ready for service until July 10, 2024, when New Mexico was hit with heavy rains. The Squads were busy in the late afternoon and into the evening with dozens of Rescues, Evacuations, and Sheltered-in-Place Welfare Checks. From July 11-13, 2024, the weather conditions started to wind down while the teams remained ready for action.

Finally, on July 14, 2024, with clear skies over New Mexico, all remaining water squads were demobilized and returned home.

