

## Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 9 days

72 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 1 Type-I US&R Task Force

Type - **SECURITY SENSITIVE (NON-WATER)**



In anticipation of possible terrorist attacks or a large-scale emergency, TX-TF1 was selected by FEMA as 1 of 6 teams to deploy in support of the 2002 Winter Olympics in Salt Lake City, Utah. As part of the requirements to deploy as a FEMA-Weapon of Mass Destruction (WMD) US&R Task Force, TX-TF1 received \$300,000 in specialized WMD-response equipment from FEMA prior to the Olympics. This equipment included atmospheric detection devices, personal protective equipment, decontamination equipment, and pharmaceuticals to treat exposure to chemical or biological agents. Additionally, TX-TF1 also conducted training exercises prior to the deployment in Disaster City to test the team's capabilities and preparedness for such a mission. Finally, after all of the preparation, the task force deployed as a Type-I US&R Task Force with 72 members on February 4, and remained deployed until February 12, for quick response, if required.

While in Salt Lake City, the task force conducted a myriad of training exercises to practice their capabilities in high-altitude and extreme cold/snow environments, including cold weather survival and avalanche victim location and detection.

TX-TF1 was deployed to Salt Lake City at the same time as California Task Force 1 (CA-TF1) and then was staggered out by Nebraska Task Force 1 (NE-TF1), Virginia Task Force 2 (VA-TF1), Tennessee Task Force 1 (TN-TF1), and eventually Arizona Task Force 1 (AZ-TF1), with 2 teams always on location. In total, TX-TF1 was deployed for 9 days, with FEMA-WMD US&R Teams being on scene and on call 24 hours a day for 20 days.

The 2002 Winter Olympics was the first National Security Special Event, involving more than 7,000 federal agents and state and local law enforcement officers, and it was also the first time FEMA US&R Teams deployed with a WMD-response capability. After this deployment, anytime a FEMA US&R Team deployed as a Type-I team, it always included the necessary equipment for a WMD-response.

