

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 2 days

15 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 5 HR Canine Search Teams
- Support Staff

Type - **SEARCH OPERATIONS (WATER)**



On April 8, 2004, GDEM received a call from the Government of Mexico requesting assistance with Human Remains (HR) search operations in the area of Piedras Negras, Mexico. This was the first request for TX-TF1 to deploy internationally. The Government of Mexico reported that as many as 12 Mexican citizens from the town of Piedras Negras were missing due to recent flooding. Piedras Negras, Mexico, is located directly across the international border and Rio Grande River from Eagle Pass, TX.

On April 11, GDEM directed TX-TF1 to assemble 5 Human Remains (HR) Canine Search Teams for deployment to Mexico. At the time, the task force did not have any certified HR capable Search Teams; therefore, on April 13, local volunteer HR canine search teams were notified to send potential canine teams to College Station for evaluation. TX-TF1 conducted evaluations of all canine teams in Disaster City® in College Station and identified 5 HR Canine Search Teams that would deploy. The teams were issued necessary equipment, veterinary checks were completed, and by 8:00 p.m. on April 13, the teams received the mission briefing.

The teams departed College Station the morning of April 14 but were recalled shortly afterwards because the last of the missing Mexican citizens had been located. The team returned to College Station, Texas, that evening and demobilized.

