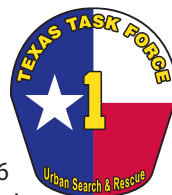


TEXAS TASK FORCE 1 RESPONDS TO HURRICANE IVAN IN ALABAMA, MEETS IVAN AGAIN IN TEXAS



On September 15, 2004, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) was deployed as a Type III team by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to the Alabama Gulf Coast in response to Hurricane Ivan. Ivan was a category 3 hurricane that struck the Alabama and Florida Gulf Coasts September 16 with 130 mph winds. TX-TF1 spent four days clearing 576 houses and condominium structures in the heavily damaged cities of Orange Beach and Gulf Shores, Alabama. While there TX-TF1 also used GPS equipment to remap the area's roads and streets for emergency response personnel. Ivan's winds tore down most of the signage in the area. Many of the major roadways suffered damage or were littered with massive amounts of debris. TX-TF1 returned to Texas on September 20.



A few days later, on September 23, TX-TF1 was re-deployed by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) after Ivan looped across the Southeastern United States back into the Gulf of Mexico, strengthened to a Tropical Storm and threatened the Texas coast. Task Force members and other response resources were staged and on stand-by in College Station, Austin, San Antonio and the Houston-Galveston area for a second deployment due to the weakened Tropical Storm Ivan.

Deployment Statistics

Hurricane Ivan Response in Alabama / Florida:

- 31 personnel deployed for 5 days
- Type III US&R Task Force

Tropical Storm Ivan Response in Texas:

- 31 personnel deployed for 4 days
- Type III US&R Task Force
- 12 helicopters of the Texas Military Forces
- 35 vehicles and 85 soldiers of the Texas Military Forces



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