

TX-TF1 RE-DEPLOYS TO NEW ORLEANS FOR A SECOND TIME



On September 13th, Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1) was re-deployed by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) to Zephyr Field in New Orleans, LA to continue rescue operations after Hurricane Katrina. The task force had been demobilized 5 days earlier, having returned on September 7th from a 13 day deployment to New Orleans, LA.



The Task Force continued on their original mission of conducting search & rescue operations of residents in Orleans Parish stranded by flood waters due to the levee breach.

Joining TX-TF1 in Louisiana was Missouri Task Force One (MO-TF1). Additionally, six other FEMA US&R teams were deployed to the east coast in preparation for Hurricane Ophelia.

On September 18th, the State of Texas, Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) requested that TX-TF1 be released to Texas to prepare for Hurricane Rita. TX-TF1 departed the morning of September 20th, 2005 and returned to College Station and was immediately activated as a state asset.



Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 75 personnel deployed for 8 days (36 of these personnel were also on the first Katrina deployment)

Type I US&R Task Force

- 4 rescue squads
- 4 canine search teams
- 2 technical search teams
- 2 structural engineers
- 2 communications personnel and equipment
- 6 medical personnel and equipment
- 10 hazardous materials specialists and equipment
- 6 logistics personnel and equipment

1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned at the State Operations Center



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