

TX-TF1 DEPLOYS A SECOND TEAM TO LOUISIANA FOR HURRICANE KATRINA



On August 28th, the State of Louisiana sent an EMAC request to the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM), requesting a Water Task Force from Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1). The Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) approved the EMAC request of a TX-TF1 Water Task Force.



The Water Task Force staged in Baton Rouge, LA and travelled to New Orleans each day to conduct water rescue operations. The Water Task Force is comprised of a leadership team and 5 water rescue boat squads. Each squad has five personnel and a swift water rescue boat and 2 jet skis. The jurisdictions contributing boat squads were cities of Denton, Ft. Worth, Austin, Houston, and the South Texas Regional Advisory Committee (STRAC). In addition to the boat squads, the Water Task force also had 6 helicopter rescue swimmers assigned to work with Texas Military Forces helicopters stationed in Baton Rouge.

After completing over 11,000 rescues in New Orleans, the Water Task Force was released by the State of Louisiana on the morning of September 7th, 2005 and returned to College Station.

On September 7th, the TX-TF1 Water Strike Team was released by the State of Louisiana and the team returned to College Station.



Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 41 personnel deployed for 11 days

Water Task Force

- 5 water rescue squads (5 personnel on each squad)
- 10 command staff and support personnel

Swift water rescue logistics personnel with trailer and communications package were deployed with the Water Task Force

Six HH-60's and two CH-47 helicopters were conducting operations from Baton Rouge, LA

- 6 TX-TF1 helicopter rescue swimmers were also co-located with these helicopters

