

TX-TF1 RESCUES 12, ASSISTS LOCAL OFFICIALS



Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) water strike squads rescued 12 people in Southeast Texas in response to rising floodwaters along the Neches River in October 2006. The sixteen member team also assisted local officials in Orange County in conducting nearly 200 damage assessments and wellness checks of residents.



TX-TF1 was activated by the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) on October 20th and spent three days conducting search and rescue operations in the affected area north of Beaumont. Documentation and digital photos of the flood-affected homes were also provided to local officials.

Governor Rick Perry issued a disaster proclamation for nine Southeast Texas counties - including Orange County - as a result of the severe storms and flooding that began October 15th. TX-TF1 members responding to the Southeast Texas floods came from jurisdictions in the Austin, Bryan-College Station and Houston areas.

Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 16 personnel deployed for 3 days

Swift Water Rescue Strike Team

- 2 water rescue squads (5 personnel per team)

Swift water rescue logistics personnel with a trailer and communications equipment deployed with the team.

1 ESF-9 Liaison assigned at the Beaumont Disaster District Headquarters



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