

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 1 day

9 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 1 Water Search Team
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator
- ESF-9 Coordination Center

Type - **SEARCH OPERATIONS (WATER)**



On September 18, 2007, GDEM received a call from the Comal County Sheriff's Office requesting assistance. A 25-year old woman and her vehicle had been missing since August 11, when she drove away after spending the day tubing on the Comal River. Officials had received new evidence indicating that she could have been swept away by floodwaters and had identified an area of the river to search. At the request of the Comal County Judge, GDEM sent a TX-TF1 Water Search Team and management personnel to Comal County to assist with the search efforts along the Guadalupe River.

TX-TF1 formulated a plan to assist local officials to locate the missing woman by working with the County Emergency Management Coordinator and County Judge. As part of the efforts to locate the missing woman, agency personnel in College Station worked with Comal County officials to coordinate media inquiries, while the TX-TF1 Water Search Team Leader in the field worked closely with the local incident commander in charge of the search.

TX-TF1 coordinated with the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers to decrease the flow of water from the Canyon Lake Dam, effectively lowering the water levels in the river to aid in the search. Local officials, with support from TX-TF1, determined the most appropriate areas of the river to search and efforts began at 10:00 a.m. The vehicle was located 3 hours later. County Judge Scheel credits TX-TF1 as being instrumental in assisting local officials to quickly locate and recover the victim, and he praised TX-TF1 for their model response to this type of incident.

