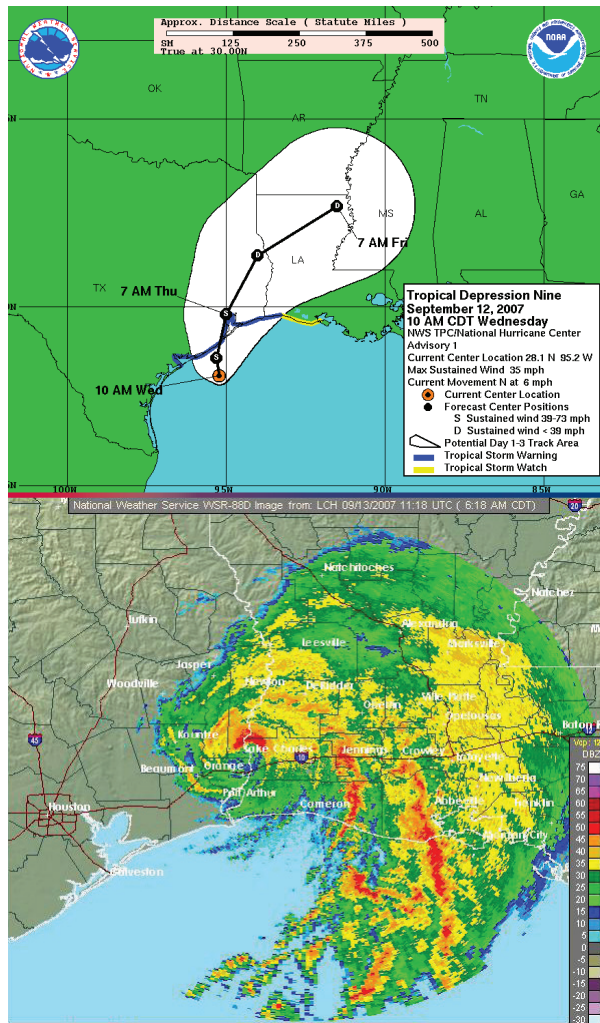


TX-TF 1 RESPONDS TO HURRICANE HUMBERTO



Tropical Depression 9 formed in the northwestern Gulf of Mexico with the center located about 85 miles south-southwest of Galveston. The depression was forecast to become a tropical storm prior to making landfall, however the storm rapidly intensified to hurricane status within 18 hours, the fastest on record. The center of the depression crossed the Texas coast the evening of Sept. 12th. Rainfall amounts of 5-10 inches were expected along the middle and upper Texas Coast with isolated amounts of 15 inches of rain possible. There was potential for flooding along the lower Colorado River, the lower Brazos River, the San Bernard River, the San Jacinto River, the lower Trinity River, the Neches River, the Sabine River, and the major bayou systems in the Houston area.



On September 12th, 2007, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) directed Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) to implement a plan to provide an effective search and rescue capability to Southeast Texas. TX-TF1 deployed six water rescue squads to College Station and provided helicopter rescue swimmers to join Texas Military Force helicopters. Additionally, ESF-9 Liaisons were deployed to the State Operations Center and to DDC's in Southeast Texas.

On Sept. 13th, a 7-person Search and Rescue (SAR) Rapid Needs Assessment Team was deployed to Beaumont and two ESF-9 liaisons were forward deployed to affected county EOC's to provide support.

Deployment Statistics

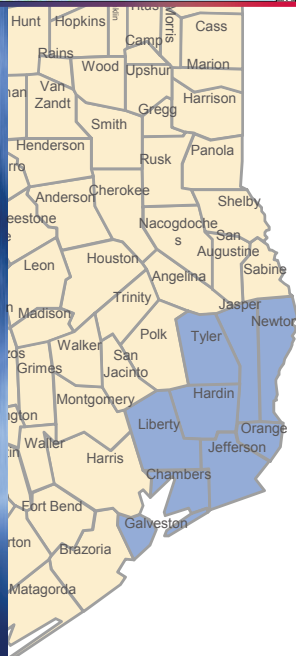
• Incident involved 48 personnel deployed for 2 days

• Water Task Force with 6 Water Rescue Teams (5 personnel per team)

- All 6 teams staged to Reliant Center in Houston
- 7-member SAR Rapid Needs Assessment Team deployed to Beaumont
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned to the State Operations Center
- 1 ESF-9 Air/Ground Coordination Liaison assigned to the Houston area
- 4 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopter were staged in San Antonio
 - 4 TX-TF1 helicopter rescue swimmers were co-located with these UH-60 helicopters
- 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters were staged in Austin
 - 2 TX-TF1 helicopter rescue swimmers were co-located with these UH-60 helicopters

- Water rescue command and logistics personnel with trailer and communications package were deployed with the Wide Area Task Force at the Reliant Center in Houston

- ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment



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