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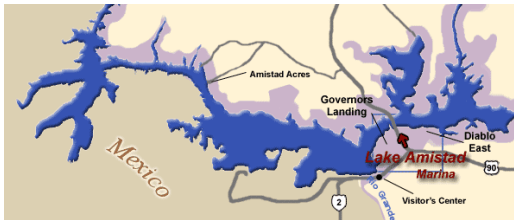
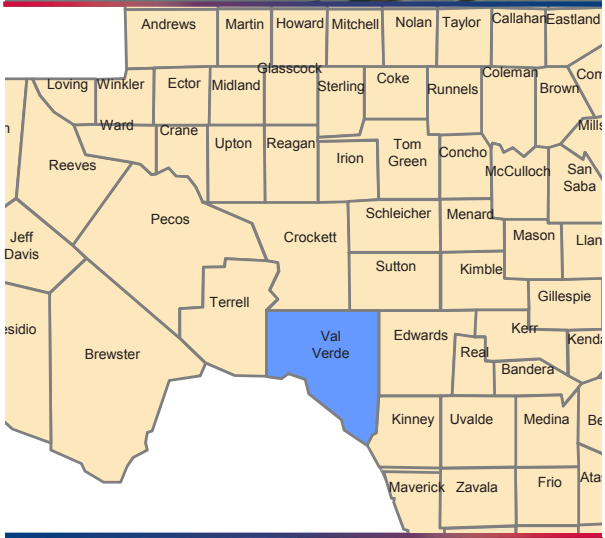
TEXAS ENGINEERING EXTENSION SERVICE'S TEXAS TASK FORCE 1 DEPLOYS BOAT TEAMS TO LAKE AMISTAD

January 22-29, 2007

TX-TF1 ASSISTS ALONG THE U.S BORDER





On January 22nd, 2007, the Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) requested Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) to assist along the Texas/Mexico Border. TX-TF1 was requested to provide water rescue capabilities, on-water visibility, and safety observation/reconnaissance at Lake Amistad, Amistad National Recreation Area, Del Rio. Operation Wrangler was a coordinated effort between Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TXPD), the Val Verde County Sheriff's Office (VVSO), and TX-TF1.

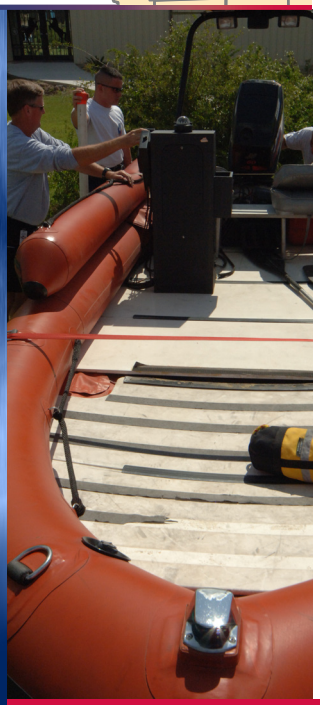
The task force was activated and travelled to Del Rio on January 22nd. Upon arrival in Lake Amistad, TX-TF1 command personnel met with TPWD personnel to develop an operational plan. TX-TF1 boat squads were stationed on Lake Amistad and provided support to the TPWD and the VVSO. While deployed to the Lake Amistad area, the task force conducted operations from 0600 hrs to 1800 hrs from January 22nd through January 29th. During the course of the deployment, TX-TF1 personnel logged over 800 miles using response vehicles and 102 hours of boat operations on the water. TX-TF1 was demobilized on January 29th and returned to College Station.

Deployment Statistics

- **Incident involved 6 personnel deployed for 8 days**

Water Task Force

- 2 water rescue squads (2 personnel on each squad)
- Command and logistics personnel with trailer and communications package were deployed with the Water Task Force



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