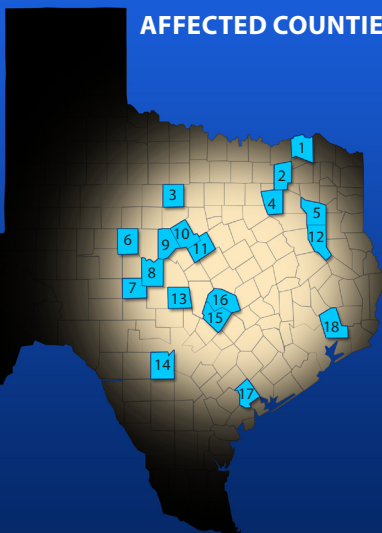


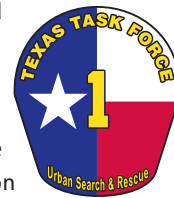
TX-TF1 DEPLOYS FOR SUSTAINED FLOODING IN CENTRAL TEXAS

- 1 Lamar
- 2 Hunt
- 3 Stephens
- 4 Kaufman
- 5 Smith
- 6 Runnels
- 7 Menard
- 8 McCulloch
- 9 Brown
- 10 Comanche
- 11 Hamilton
- 12 Cherokee
- 13 Llano
- 14 Medina
- 15 Travis
- 16 Williamson
- 17 Victoria
- 18 Liberty

AFFECTED COUNTIES



On July 25, 2007, the National Weather Service (NWS) issued the following warnings: Significant showers over much of the state over the next three days with multiple flood advisories issued for counties across Texas. The NWS also predicted major flooding on the Guadalupe River near Bloomington and the Nueces River near Three Rivers; moderate to major flooding on the Nueces River at Callalen; near Mathis and at Bluntzer; and moderate flooding on the San Antonio River at Goliad, the Guadalupe River at Victoria, the Frio River near Derby and at Tilden, and the Trinity River at Liberty. Significant river flooding was already occurring south of I-10, stretching from San Antonio to Houston.



The Governor's Division of Emergency Management (GDEM) requested the activation of Texas Task Force 1's eight swift water squads based on these NWS predictions. TX-TF1 forward-deployed two swift water rescue boat squads to the San Antonio / Bexar County region. Six additional Task Force swift water rescue boat squads were pre-staged in College Station and awaited forward deployment by GDEM. Each boat squad consists of 5 members plus a team leader and deploys with a swift water boat, floatation vests, rescue gear, and interoperable satellite & radio communications equipment. The six boat squads in College Station comprised a Water Task Force, organized in a Wide Area Flood Model.

A Task Force Liaison Officer also was assigned to the San Antonio Emergency Operations Center to coordinate requests for assistance. Additionally, a U.S. Coast Guard Search and Rescue Helicopter with a swimmer team and three Texas Military Forces helicopters with accompanying TX-TF1 rescue swimmers were deployed to the San Antonio area and worked in coordination with TX-TF1.

Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 63 personnel deployed for 4 days
 - 8 Swift Water Rescue Teams
 - 2 teams staged in San Antonio/Bexar County
 - 6 teams staged in College Station
 - 1 ESF-9 LNO assigned to San Antonio EOC
 - 3 HH-60s were located in San Antonio to provide search and rescue aviation assets.
 - 6 TX-TF1 helicopter rescue swimmers were co-located with the HH-60 helicopters
 - 1 ESF-9 Coordinators assigned at the State Operations Center



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