

# 2008

## HURRICANE DOLLY

### Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 7 days

155 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- Type-I US&R Task Force
- Water Task Force
  - 10 Water Rescue Squads
- 4 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technicians
- 3 Support staff for the ESF-9 Command Team
- 4 ESF-9 Coordinators
- 5 ESF-9 Liaison Officers
- FEMA US&R IST Cache
- ESF-9 Coordination Center

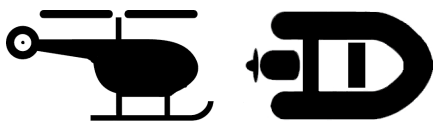
Type - **HURRICANE**



Tropical Storm Dolly formed on July 20, 2008, in the Atlantic and made landfall the following day in Guatemala. The storm then moved into the Gulf of Mexico and strengthened into a Category 1 Hurricane, prompting GDEM to activate a Type-I US&R Task Force, a Water Task Force composed of 10 Water Rescue Squads, and the ESF-9 Coordination Center from TX-TF1 and stage them in College Station, Texas. TX-TF1 also developed and directed an ESF-9 Unified Command in close cooperation with other state and federal response agencies. Additionally, FEMA activated the FEMA US&R IST with the FEMA US&R IST Cache with support personnel from TX-TF1, 1 Type-I US&R Task Force, and 2 Type-III US&R Task Forces, and staged them in San Antonio, TX.

On July 22, all search and rescue resources forward deployed to South Texas and began familiarizing themselves with the local area and establishing communications with local emergency responders.

On July 23, as Hurricane predictions intensified, GDEM activated a Type-III US&R Task Force from TX-TF2. Later that day, Hurricane Dolly made landfall as a Category 2 Hurricane near South Padre Island with 100 miles per hour winds. After landfall, Dolly continued moving westward and dropped 16 inches of rain in some areas, causing widespread flooding. The teams worked over the next 5 days conducting rescue operations in the impacted area. On the morning of July 27, after the threat of major flooding had subsided, GDEM released all deployed task forces to return from operations in south Texas.



July 21-27

Hurricane Dolly makes landfall near South Padre Island with 100 miles per hour winds