

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 5 days

222 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

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

Type - **HURRICANE**



Hurricane Gustav formed on August 25, 2008, in the Atlantic and gained strength quickly. As it moved towards the Gulf of Mexico, the NWS predicted that the storm would make landfall between New Orleans and Corpus Christi as a Category 4 Hurricane. As a result, on August 30, GDEM directed TX-TF1 to activate all available search and rescue resources and deploy to Reliant Center in Houston, TX. Resources from TX-TF1 included a Type-I and Type-III US&R Task Force, Water Task Force, 8 HSARTS, 2 ESF-9 Coordinators, 3 ESF-9 Liaison Officers, support personnel for the ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station, and personnel to support the ESF-9 Unified Command Team. A Type-III US&R Task Force from TX-TF2 was also activated. Additionally, FEMA activated the FEMA US&R IST, FEMA US&R IST Cache with support personnel from TX-TF1, 2 Type-I US&R Task Forces, and 3 Type-III US&R Task Forces.

Hurricane Gustav made landfall on September 1, at 9:00 a.m. near Cocodrie, Louisiana, as a Category 2 Hurricane. After making landfall, Hurricane Gustav quickly weakened into a Tropical Storm and continued moving northwest into North Texas. On September 3, after the threat of tornados and flooding associated with Hurricane Gustav had subsided, GDEM released all Search and Rescue resources from duty.

