

TASK FORCE DEPLOYS TO RIO GRANDE VALLEY FOR ADDITIONAL FLOODING



On the morning of July 8, 2010, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) was activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to deploy to South Texas due to flooding associated with Hurricane Alex. The National Weather Service predicted that the Rio Grande River would flood over the next four days as additional rain was predicted in South Texas and along the Texas/Mexico border with the arrival of a new tropical depression.



In anticipation of the flooding potential, TX-TF1 deployed two liaison officers to South Texas to assist local elected officials and emergency managers. The Task Force also mobilized six water rescue teams to the Rio Grande Valley along with additional support personnel. Additionally, the Task Force mobilized and pre-staged two Helicopter Search and Rescue (SAR) Technicians in San Antonio. TX-TF1 also mobilized one Helicopter SAR manager who was staged in San Antonio to provide command and control. The SAR personnel and water rescue teams worked with local officials throughout the event to provide assistance to jurisdictions when requested.

On the afternoon of July 12, TDEM released all TX-TF1 personnel to return to College Station.



Deployment Statistics

• Incident involved 50 personnel deployed for 5 days

- 6 Water Rescue Teams staged in Rio Grande Valley
- 2 Rescue Managers
- 1 Logistics Manager
- 1 Logistics Specialist
- 1 Planning Team Manager
- 1 Technical Information Specialist
- 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters staged in San Antonio
- 2 TX-TF1 helicopter SAR technicians staged in San Antonio
- ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment

