

TASK FORCE DEPLOYS FOR A THIRD TIME TO THE RIO GRANDE VALLEY



On July 14, 2010, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) was activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to deploy to South Texas due to continued flooding along the Rio Grande River. The National Weather Service predicted that the Rio Grande River would continue to flood over the next week as more rain was predicted in South Texas and along the Texas/Mexico border with the arrival of a new tropical depression. This was the third deployment in thirty days due to flooding along the Rio Grande River and from rainfall associated with Hurricane Alex.



The Task Force mobilized three water rescue teams to the Rio Grande Valley along with additional support personnel. On the afternoon of July 15, TX-TF1 deployed an additional three water rescue teams and 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 evening of July 21, TDEM released all TX-TF1 personnel to return to College Station.

Deployment Statistics

- Incident involved 45 personnel deployed for 8 days
 - 6 Water Rescue Teams staged in Rio Grande Valley
 - 2 Rescue Managers
 - 1 Logistics Manager
 - 1 Planning Team Manager
 - 1 Technical Information Specialist
 - 2 UH-60 Blackhawk helicopters staged in San Antonio
 - State of Texas ESF-9 Unified Command Team (consisting of 9 personnel)
 - Command staff and support personnel
 - 1 ESF-9 Coordinator assigned to the State Operations Center
 - 2 ESF-9 Liaisons assigned to support local jurisdictions in South Texas
 - ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment

