

2011

HURRICANE IRENE

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 8 days

1 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- FEMA US&R IST
- ESF-9 Coordination Center

Type - **HURRICANE**



Hurricane Irene originated from a well-defined Atlantic tropical wave in late August, quickly gaining Hurricane status. As part of preparations for Hurricane Irene, on August 25, 2011, FEMA activated and forward deployed 6 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Forces. In order to support this deployment, FEMA also activated an IST and requested that TX-TF1 assist with staffing. One member from TX-TF1 was requested by FEMA to forward deploy with the FEMA US&R IST which was staged at the FEMA warehouse in Virginia. The IST established a base camp in Herndon, Virginia, and began planning operations for the 6 FEMA US&R Task Forces en route to the area.

Hurricane Irene made landfall on August 27, as a Category 1 Hurricane on the outer banks of North Carolina. This made it the first hurricane to make landfall in the United States since Hurricane Ike in 2008. After landfall, the storm re-emerged into the Atlantic, and remained a hurricane over water, eventually weakening into a tropical storm before making landfall in southeastern New Jersey on August 28. A few hours later, it made its final landfall in Brooklyn, New York City, early on August 29.

The IST personnel worked until September 1 supporting the FEMA US&R Task Forces operating in the affected areas along the New England coast. On September 1, IST personnel received demobilization orders from FEMA and the TX-TF1 member returned that evening to Texas.

Hurricane Irene caused widespread destruction and at least 56 deaths becoming the seventh costliest hurricane in United States history with damage estimates near \$15.6 billion.



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August 25-September 1