

TX-TF1 CONDUCTS WIDE AREA SEARCH OPERATIONS IN BASTROP COUNTY



At approximately 1100 pm on September 6, 2011, Texas Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) was activated by the Texas Division of Emergency Management (TDEM) to deploy to Bastrop County and assist the local jurisdictions with wide area search operations in areas recently affected by wildland fires.

At 600 am on September 7, TX-TF1 deployed a Type I US&R Task Force and additional search personnel to Bastrop County. The Task Force established a Base of Operations at Camp Swift and worked in conjunction with the Texas Forest Service to conduct wide area search operations in the affected areas. The task force searched over 2600 damaged, destroyed, or remaining structures over the next 6 days. In the process of conducting search operations, TX-TF1 encountered domestic animals and wildlife within the burned areas and worked in coordination with the Texas A&M Veterinary Emergency Team (VET) to provide care for and relocated the animals.

On the afternoon of September 12, all TX-TF1 personnel were demobilized and returned to College Station, TX.

Deployment Statistics

• Deployment involved 91 personnel deployed for 6 days

ESF-9 Overhead Command Team (consisting of 2 personnel)
- Command staff and support personnel

Type I US&R Task Force (consisting of 89 personnel)

- 4 Rescue squads
- 7 Canine search teams
- 2 Technical search specialists
- 2 Structural engineers
- Command personnel
- Communications personnel and equipment
- Medical personnel and equipment
- Hazardous materials specialists and equipment
- Logistics personnel and equipment

- ESF-9 Coordination Center in College Station was activated for this deployment

