

2017

TROPICAL STORM CINDY

Tropical Storm Cindy threatens the Texas Coast

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 2 days

30 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 4 Water Rescue Squads
- 2 Water Rescue Managers
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator
- 1 Liaison Officer

Type - **TROPICAL STORM**



During the week of June 18, 2017, a tropical system that originated in the Caribbean Sea began moved into the Gulf of Mexico, eventually upgrading to a Tropical Storm. Tropical Storm Cindy was projected to make landfall on the Texas/Louisiana border causing concern and risk of heavy rain and flash flooding throughout the impact area. Additionally, there was also a risk of tornadoes and severe weather conditions in the wind field of Tropical Storm Cindy. As part of preparations, a Type-I Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) Task Force was put on alert status on the afternoon of June 20. Additionally, on June 21, after requests for SAR resources to respond to the potential heavy rain and flash flooding were made by Jefferson, Orange, and Galveston Counties, 4 Water Rescue Squads and 2 Water Rescue Managers were activated. The teams staged throughout those 3 counties, ready to respond at a moment's notice. Additionally, 1 ESF-9 Coordinator and 1 ESF-9 Liaison was also activated to respond to the State Operations Center (SOC) to help with coordination efforts.

Tropical Storm Cindy made landfall a day later on Thursday, June 22, near the Texas/Louisiana border around 4 a.m., bringing heavy rain, minor sea surge, and sustained winds of 50 m.p.h. After landfall, it quickly became disorganized and lost much of its power, downgrading to a Tropical Depression by 10 a.m. and dropping much less rain on the Texas side of the Sabine River than forecasted.

By 2:30 p.m. Tropical Depression Cindy no longer posed a major threat, prompting TDEM's State Operations Center (SOC) to issue demobilization orders for TX-TF1, as well as stand down all units that were put on alert. Though TX-TF1 did not receive any calls for assistance, they stood ready had Tropical Depression Cindy stalled or dropped more rain and caused flooding throughout communities across Texas. Overall, the deployment was deemed a success, with all resources returning home safely by that evening.



June 21-22