

TEXAS TASK FORCE ONE STANDARD OPERATING GUIDELINES

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

VOLUME 1

REFERENCE NO. 1-03

1.00 PURPOSE

- 1.01 To identify the Task Force organizational structure to include responsibilities, direction, communications, and solving work-related problems.

2.00 OBJECTIVE

- 2.01 The Task Force chain of command provides direction in the assignment of duties.
- 2.02 All members of the Task Force chain of command know their specific duties.

3.00 DEFINITIONS

- 3.01 **Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA):** As part of the Department of Homeland Security (DHS), FEMA coordinates ESF9 (Urban Search and Rescue) at the federal level.
- 3.02 **Texas A&M Engineering Extension Service (TEEX):** As part of the Texas A&M University System, it is the primary sponsoring agency for Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1).
- 3.03 **Texas A&M University System:** A system of higher education which includes 11 universities, 7 state agencies, and 2 service units.
- 3.04 **Texas Department of Emergency Management (TDEM):** As part of the Texas Department of Public Safety, TDEM coordinates the state emergency management program. TDEM coordinates with TX-TF1 during state emergencies.
- 3.05 **Texas Task Force One (TX-TF1):** As the primary Urban Search and Rescue Team in the state of Texas, Texas Task Force One is made up of around 600 members trained to rescue in emergency situations in specialties ranging from logistics specialists to water rescue specialist.

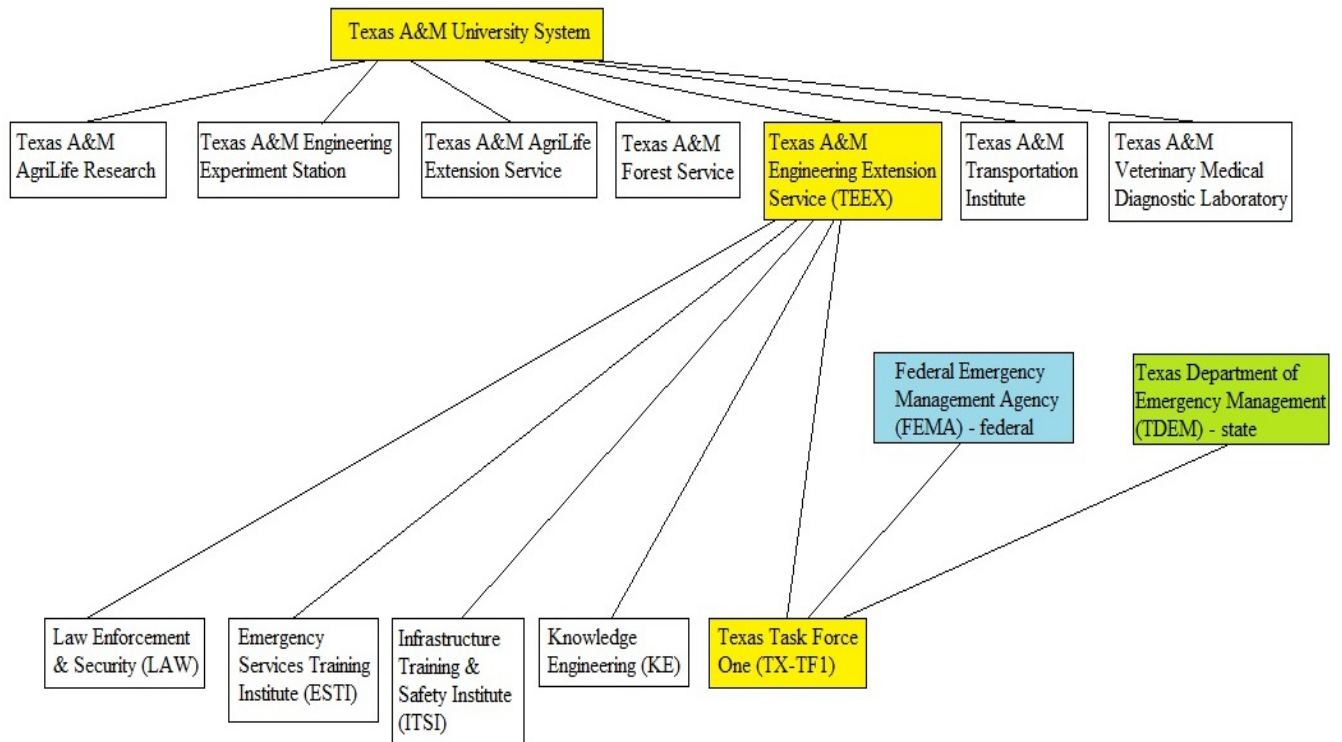
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Texas Task Force One Administration: The administration of TX-TF1 is responsible for the day to day operations of the Task Force. They assist TX-TF1 in their mission of coordinating and providing structural collapse, wide area, flood, and swiftwater search and rescue capabilities to help save lives and reduce suffering in the state of Texas and/or nationwide.

4.00 GENERAL GUIDELINES

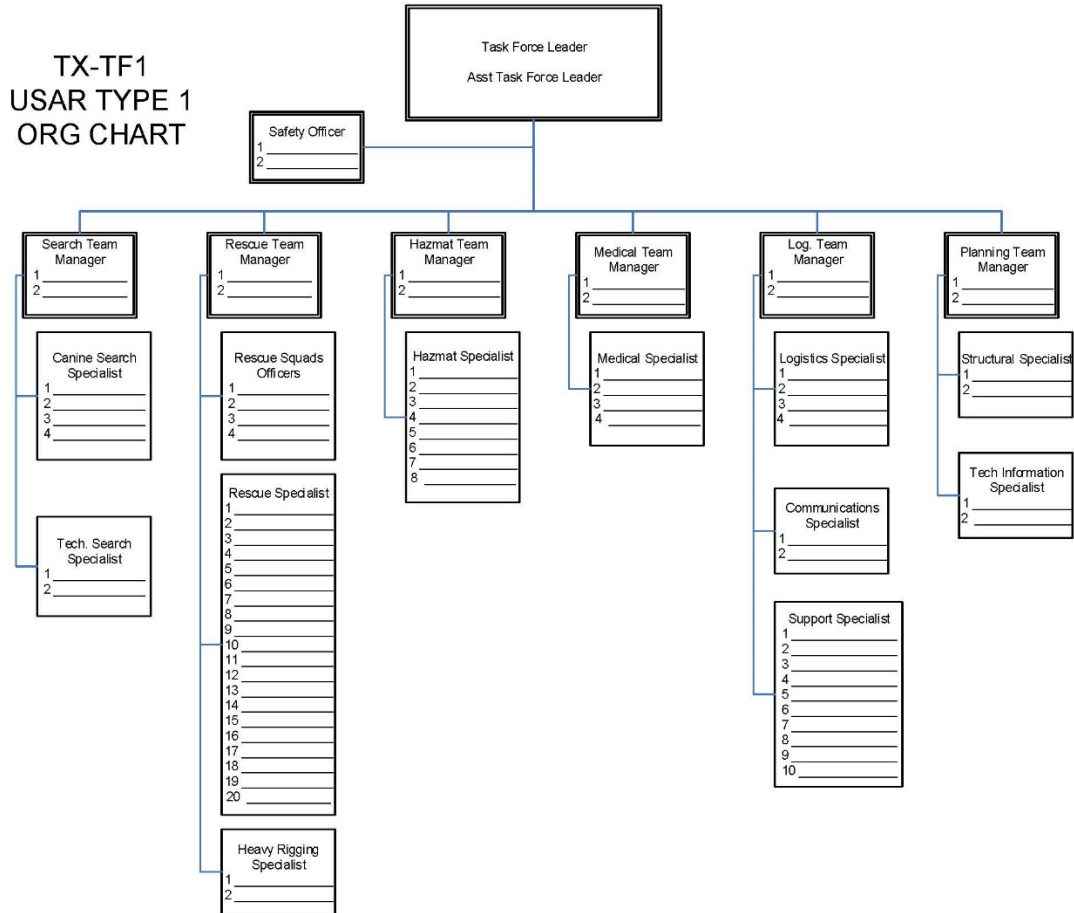
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The following graphic describes the organizational structure between the primary participating agencies with TX-TF1 as defined above in definitions.



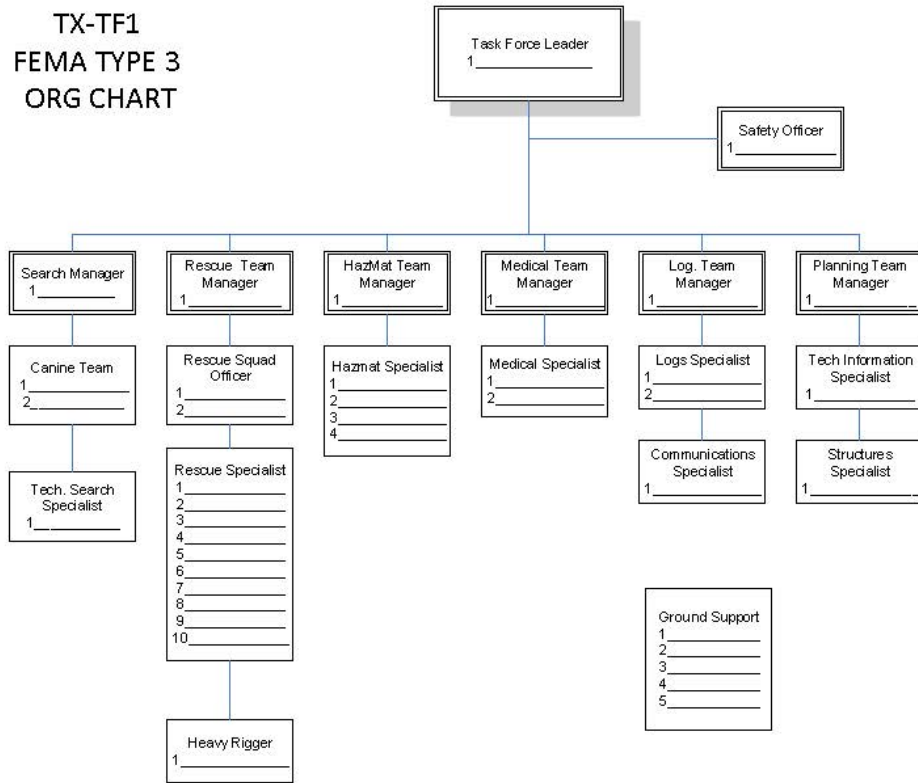
4.02 The following graphics describe the organizational structure for the different TX-TF1 Teams

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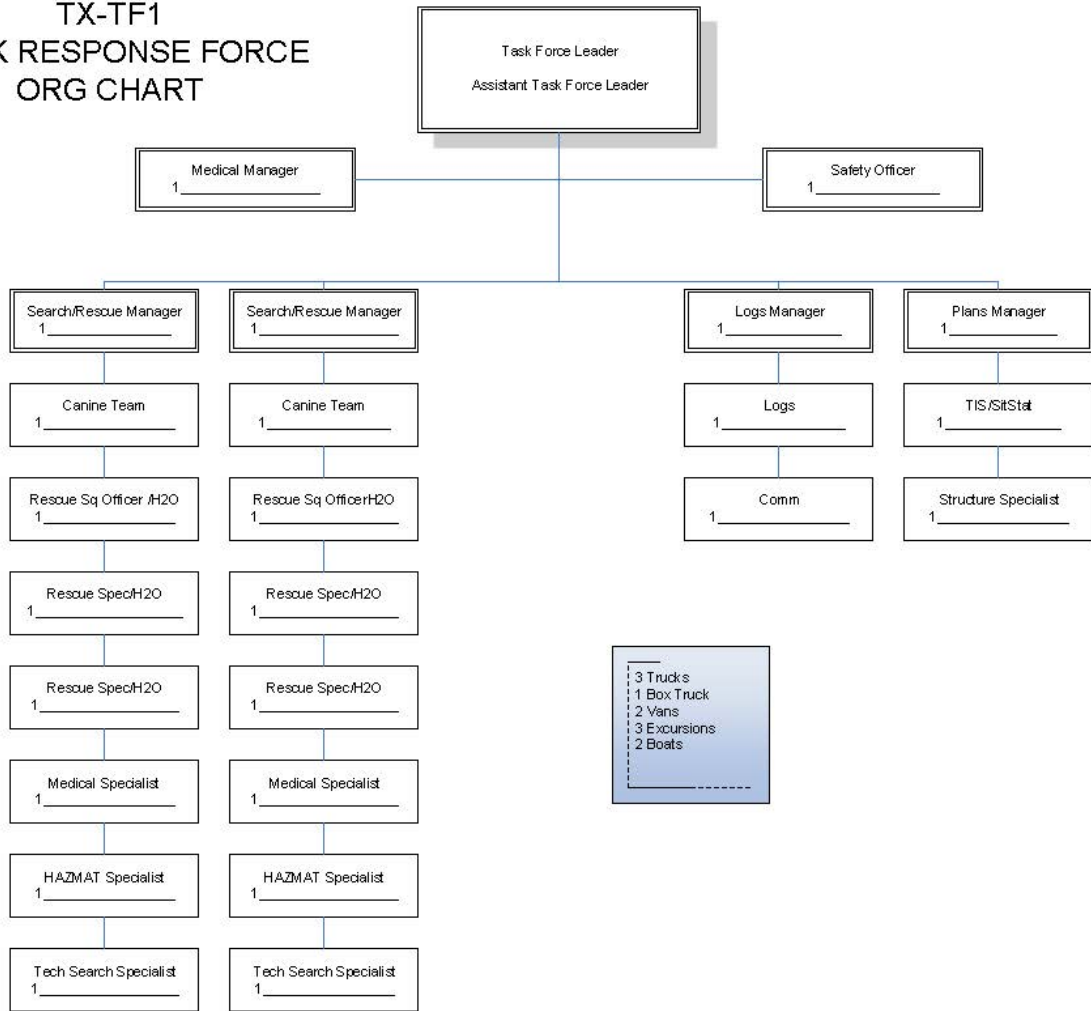
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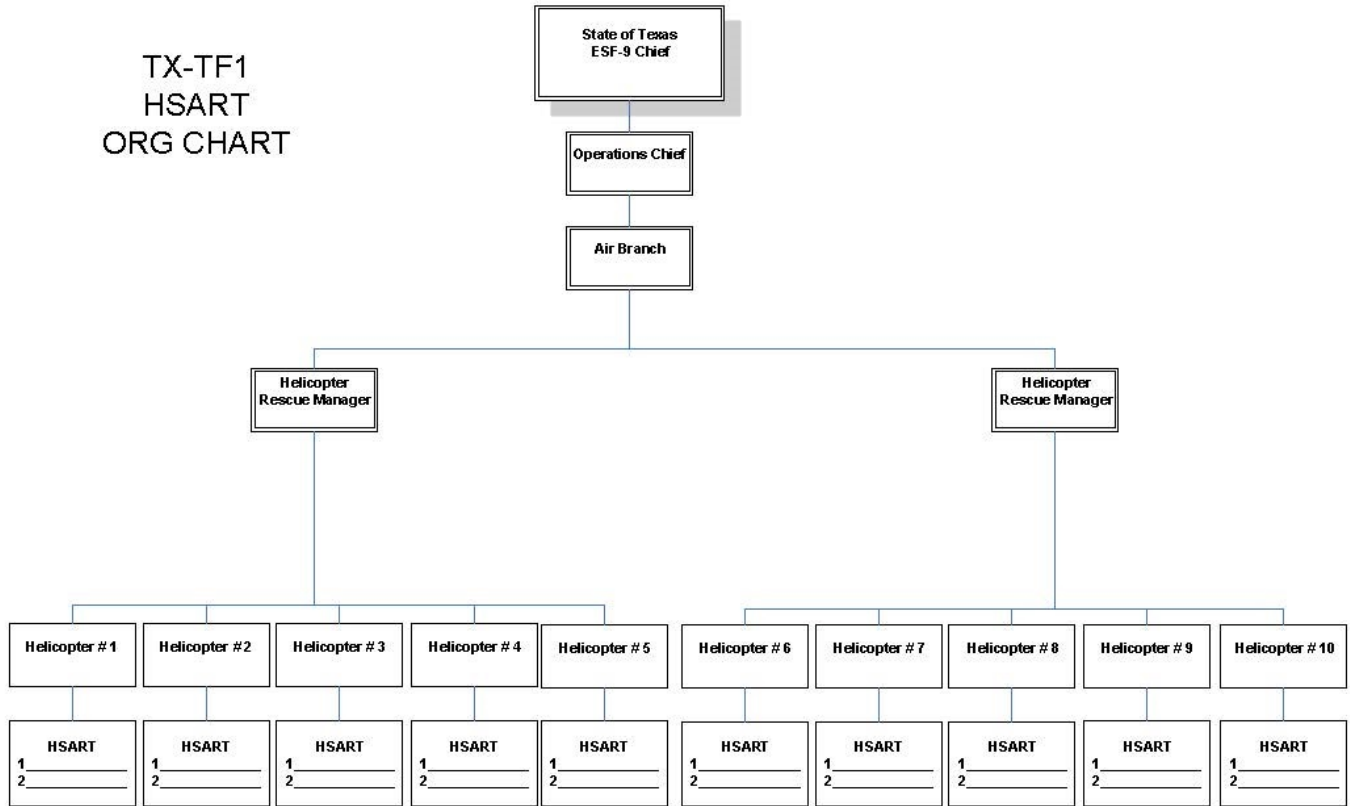


Quick Response Force

**TX-TF1
QUICK RESPONSE FORCE
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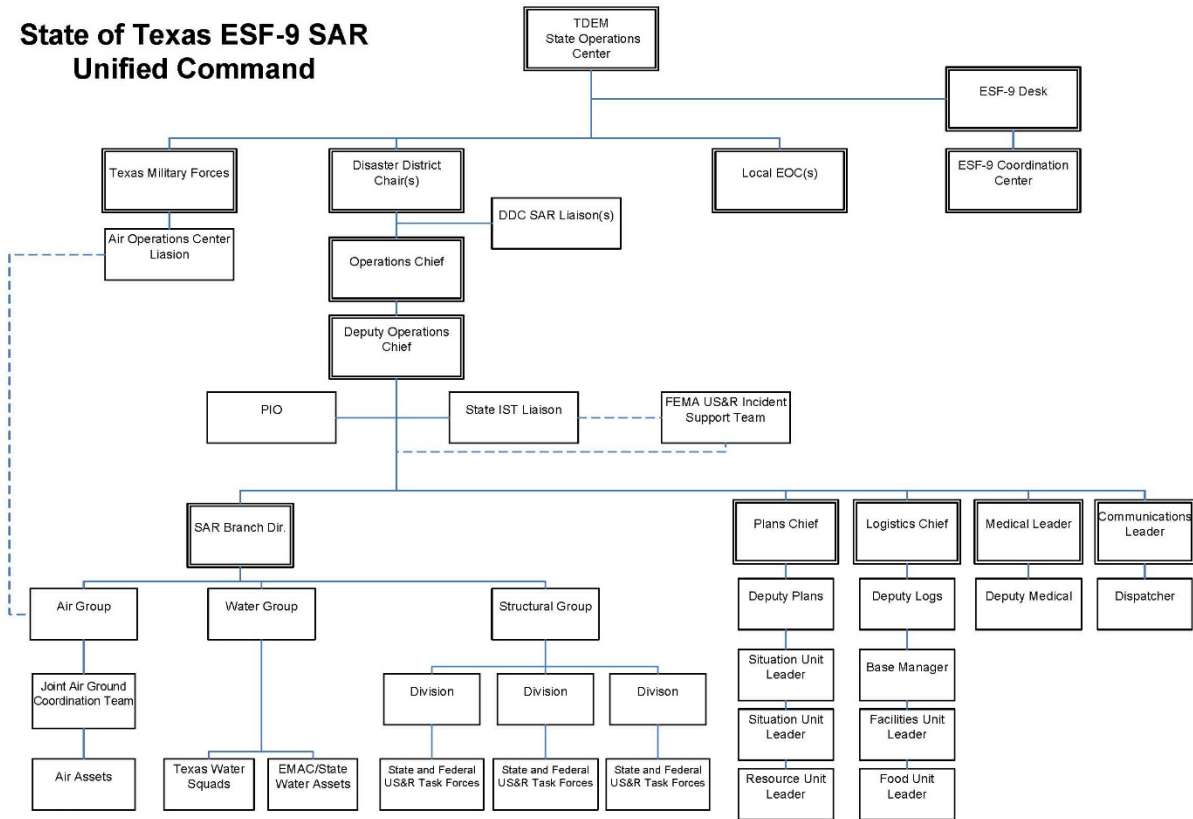


HSART Org Chart



Texas ESF-9 Command

**State of Texas ESF-9 SAR
Unified Command**



Water Squads

TX-TF1 WATER ORG CHART

