

1998

DEL RIO FLOODS

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 3 days

130 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 65 member US&R team that deployed to Del Rio
 - 4 Rescue Squads
 - 2 Canine Search Team
 - 2 Technical Search Teams
- 65 member US&R team that deployed to Eagle Pass
 - 4 Rescue Squads
 - 1 Canine Search Team
 - 2 Technical Search Teams

Type - **RAIN**



On August 22, 1998, the weakened Tropical Storm Charley stalled over the Del Rio, TX area, producing 15 inches of rain in a 12-hour period. During this storm, about 12 counties, comprising approximately 2,300 square miles received at least 12 inches of rain and about 19 counties comprising approximately 5,000 square miles received at least 8 inches of rain. All of this rainwater quickly flowed from the Texas Hill Country into the Del Rio area and emptied into the Rio Grande River.

During the floods, a total of 6 people were killed and 40 others were injured. In all, the floods damaged nearly 1,000 homes and businesses, of which 625 were completely destroyed.

On August 25, TX-TF1 deployed 2 Urban Search and Rescue (US&R) teams to the area and began conducting search operations for the local incident commander. The task force conducted search operations in both Del Rio and Eagle Pass working with 4 water search and rescue teams from Texas Parks and Wildlife Department (TPWD), National Parks Service (NPS), and U.S. Border Patrol (USBP). Texas Military Forces (TXMF) also assisted by providing 11 UH-60 helicopters during the incident. In total, this deployment lasted 3 days with TX-TF1 teams completing searches of over 500 residences, businesses, and vehicles.

