

2007

EAGLE PASS TORNADO

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 3 days

84 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- Rapid Assessment Team
- Type-I US&R Task Force

Type - **TORNADO**



On April 24, 2007, Governor Rick Perry activated a Type-I US&R Task Force from TX-TF1 at 12:00 p.m. in anticipation of severe weather conditions across Texas. TX-TF1 staged in College Station and began equipment checks in preparation for a possible deployment. Seven hours later, at 7:01 p.m., a tornado tore through the city of Eagle Pass, Texas.

The tornado was rated an EF-3 tornado on the enhanced Fujita intensity scale and wreaked destruction with sustained winds up to 150 miles per hour, killing 7 people and injuring 76 more. The tornado was 1/4 mile wide and tore a path 4 miles long. One elementary school, along with 59 manufactured homes, and 57 houses were destroyed.

A Rapid Assessment Team, which is a smaller component of the Type-I US&R Task Force meant to be "light and fast", departed for Eagle Pass at 12:00 a.m. on April 24. Once they arrived they completed a reconnaissance of the area and prepared a plan for the rest of the team for when they arrived. The rest of the Task Force departed College Station at 8:00 a.m. on April 25, and arrived in Eagle Pass at 12:00 p.m. They immediately set up a base of operations and began conducting technical and canine searches of 3 damaged schools and other destroyed structures.

Task Force Operations were completed at 7:00 p.m. on April 25 allowing all teams to demobilize the following day and returned back to College Station, TX.



April 24-26

EF-3 tornado rips through Eagle Pass, TX causing severe damage throughout the area