

2008

MARCH EAST TEXAS FLOODING

Heavy rains cause flooding throughout East Texas

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 2 days

3 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 3 ESF-9 Liaison Officers
- ESF-9 Coordination Center

Type - **RAIN**



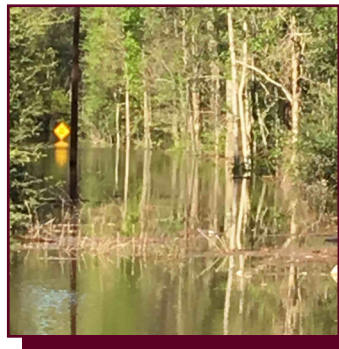
On March 30, 2008, TX-TF1 was in the process of demobilizing from a 3 day Operational Readiness Exercise (ORE) in Disaster City® when GDEM placed TX-TF1 on standby for possible deployment for severe weather across Texas. The NWS predicted that the convergence of a dry line and cold front would produce severe thunderstorms over East Texas, and could produce tornados from 6:00 p.m. to 2:00 a.m. the night of March 31.

TX-TF1 immediately began preparations to reconfigure the cache from a Heavy Rescue US&R Task Force to a Wide Area Flood Task Force. On March 31, GDEM activated 3 ESF-9 Liaison Officers from TX-TF1 and assigned 2 to TFS Head Quarters in Lufkin, TX, and 1 to the Sabine County Sheriff's Office.

Multiple roads were flooded in Sabine and San Augustine County, and 20 homes were flooded in the San Augustine area. The amount of rain also required an assessment of the Bland Lake Dam.

On the afternoon of April 1, after the threat of tornados and flooding in East Texas had subsided, GDEM released all 3 ESF-9 Liaisons to return to College Station.

This weather system continued to move north into the Midwest, where it was responsible for 16 deaths.



March 31-April 1