

# 2014

## PECOS RIVER FLOODING

### Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 4 days

20 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 2 Water Rescue Squads
- 4 Helicopter Search and Rescue Technician
- 1 Task Force Leader
- 1 Communications Specialist
- 2 Support Specialist

Type - **RAIN**

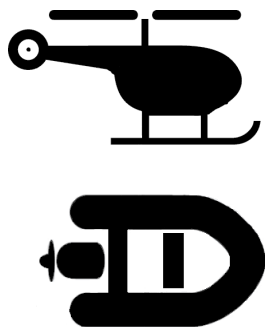


On September 19, 2014, the City of Pecos officially declared a disaster as a result of heavy rain that caused both localized and upstream flooding of the Pecos River. Mandatory evacuation orders were issued to anyone living near the Pecos River, with nearly 50 homes and a number of remote oilfield camps being affected.

On September 22, at 12:30 p.m., TDEM activated TX-TF1 to respond to the incident. As a result, TX-TF1 mobilized 2 Water Rescue Squads with personnel and support resources to support rescue operations along the flooded Pecos River in Reeves County. At 4:40 p.m., TX-TF1 received orders from TDEM requesting 4 HSARTs to staff 2 TXMF's UH-60 Blackhawk hoist equipped helicopters for possible rescue missions in the affected area.

The 2 Water Rescue Squads worked in close support of the local authorities responding to calls for assistance to maintain the safety of those residents affected by the cresting Pecos River. The HSARTs flew requested reconnaissance flights over the flooded river basin to both identify any residents or oilfield camps that may require assistance and to provide the local incident commander with better situational awareness about the size and scope of the flooding damage that was on going.

The Pecos River finally crested in the evening of September 24, allowing the Water Rescue Squads, Command and Support personnel, and HSARTs to demobilize the following morning at 8:00 a.m.



September 22-25

Heavy rainfall causes flooding along the Pecos River