

## Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 3 days

83 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 1 Type-I US&R Task Force
- 2 Liaison Officers
- 1 ESF-9 Coordinator

Teams Completed:

- Primary, Secondary, and Target searches on 448 structures
- 750 Building damage assessments
- 450 shelter-in-place

Type - **TORNADO**



On the afternoon of April 29, 2017, a tornado formed near Grand Saline, Texas, just inside Van Zandt County. Over the next 3 hours a total of 7 tornadoes ranging from EF-0 to EF-4 intensity touched down in Van Zandt, Henderson, and Rains counties killing 4 people and causing significant damage throughout the region. The most powerful tornado touched down near the City of Canton and was estimated to have a path 1 mile wide and wreaked a 55 mile path of destruction, damaging numerous structures. As a result, at 7:30 p.m. TX-TF1 was put on alert by TDEM, and at 11:00 p.m., a Type-I US&R Task Force was activated to assist in Van Zandt and Rains Counties. Additionally, 2 ESF-9 Coordinators responded to the SOC and 1 Liaison Officer responded to DDC Tyler.

At 7:00 a.m. Sunday the task force arrived in Van Zandt County and began search operations. TX-TF1 worked closely with local response partners including the Dallas Regional US&R Team, which was later replaced by a Type-II US&R Task Force from TX-TF2.

In total TX-TF1 and TX-TF2 accomplished Hasty, Primary, Secondary, and Targeted searches on 448 structures, completed building damage assessments of nearly 750 structures and residences, and made contact with over 450 residents who were sheltering in place. TX-TF1 demobilized on the afternoon of May 1, safely returning to College Station. This deployment marked the 100th deployment for TX-TF1 in its 20 years of existence.

