

Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 3 days

6 Human and 2 Canine Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 1 Canine Search Team

Type - **SEARCH OPERATIONS (NON-WATER)**



In 2018, California had a record year for drought and some of the highest temperatures of the decade according to state officials, causing the vegetation to become extremely dry. The Camp Fire began on November 8th, 2018 and swept across Northern California due to the arid weather conditions and burned through approximately 153,000 acres of Butte County. The Camp Fire was the most destructive and deadly fire recorded in state history.

The State of California Governor's Office of Emergency Services (Cal OES) requested Canine Human Remains Detection Search Teams via National Emergency Management Assistance Compact (EMAC). The Texas Division of Emergency Management responded to this request for additional search resources and notified Texas A&M Task Force 1 (TX-TF1) of the pending deployment.

The California department of forestry and fire protection declared the Camp Fire to be fully contained on Sunday, November 25th. There were several missing persons that Cal OES and Butte County officials were actively searching for in the wake of this significant and expansive fire event. The TX-TF1 MRP, along with other EMAC Canine Search MRPs from across the country, assisted California State and County officials with the use of highly trained canines in the search and recovery of those people that perished in this event.

On November 26, TX-TF1 rostered and deployed a Canine Search Mission Ready Package (MRP) to fill the request. The 6-person and 2-canine MRP directly supported Law Enforcement of Butte County California in their search of the occupied areas that were devastated by the Camp Fire, to include the cities of Paradise, Magalia, and Concow, among many others. On November 29, TX-TF1 personnel were demobilized and returned to College Station, Texas.

