

2019

TROPICAL STORM IMELDA

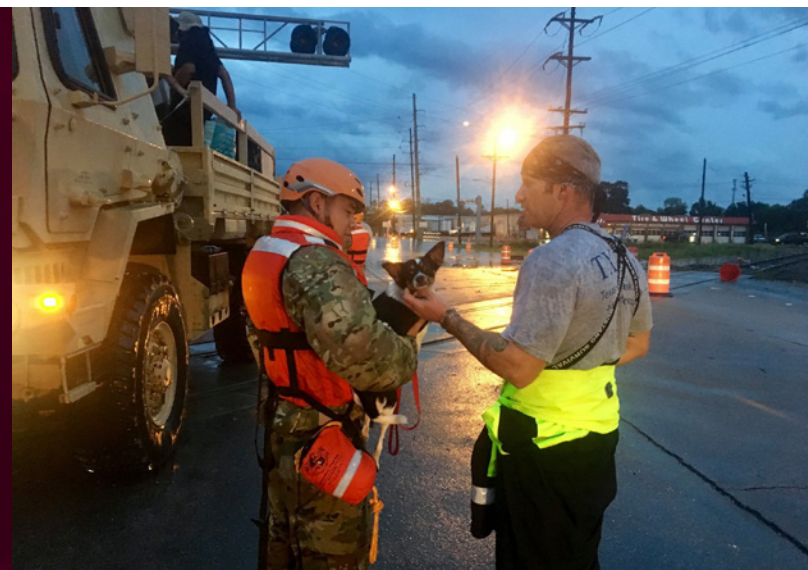
Deployment Statistics

Lasted a total of 3 days

96 Personnel activated supporting the following resources:

- 11 Water Rescue Squads
- 3 Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians

Type – **TROPICAL STORM**



On September 17, 2019, the Texas Division of Emergency Management activated Texas Task Force 1 resources including four Water Rescue Squads, one High Profile Vehicle Package, two Water Group Supervisors, and Support Specialists to prepare for possible flash flooding in Texas.

On September 18, 2019, additional resources were activated including two Water Rescue Squads, one Water Group Supervisor, and a Support Specialist. The water squads were staged in Huntsville, Liberty County, and Beaumont.

Early on September 19, 2019, Tropical Storm Imelda stalled over Beaumont and Winnie producing record rainfall in excess of 35 inches in less than 24 hours and a tornado. All available resources were pushed towards Beaumont to assist, and additional resources were deployed including five more Water Rescue Squads and three Helicopter Search & Rescue Technicians assisting Texas Military Department.

Search operations continued through September 20, 2019, in various staging locations including Jefferson County, Beaumont, Winnie, and their surrounding areas. On September 21, 2019, with the majority of rain subsiding, Water Rescue Squads assisted Local Agencies during the next few days with searches of neighborhoods and livestock welfare checks.

On September 24, 2019, after most water had receded from major roads and highways, Texas Task Force 1 resources were released back to their home stations.



September 17-24